

**FARMER IN AUTUMN**

Long, long before the flashing knives laid low  
The golden wheat, he used to stand and stare,  
Harvesting with his eyes the ebb and flow  
Of silky sheaths under the sultry air.  
He had broken stubborn ground and sown the seed  
And watched the sky's dark doom that threatened all,  
Seen the sun climb to fill the ancient need.  
Of soil for thrusting crops up straight and tall,  
His hands were shaped to wooden handle, bent  
As though to guide a plowshare to the line.  
Now he leaned weary, but with deep content,  
No longer imploring heaven for a sign;  
And with his feet firm planted on the ground,  
Wanted the sharp steel and the inevitable sound.  
—Eleanor Alletta Chaffee.

**Twenty Years Ago**

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The teachers go to Toronto to-day for their annual convention.

Mrs. Robert Agnew sent THE FREE PRESS a dozen apples, which weighed ten pounds.

There are complaints from some quarters here that a considerable number of potatoes are found during digging to be rotting badly.

The removal of Mr. and Mrs. Talman and family to Waterloo is much regretted at Speyside. For six years they have been esteemed residents. Mr. Talman sold his property here to Col. Beattie, who will add it to his farm.

Dr. T. Gray, who has been feeling somewhat indisposed for some time, is taking a well-earned rest in Guelph General Hospital. He hopes to return to his practice in a few days.

A commodious new skating and hockey rink is under construction on the Beardmore property, in rear of Beverly House. It will be 90x190, having dressing rooms and a grand stand. It will be an open rink for the coming season.

**DIED**

TOVELL—At his home, Lot 12, First Concession, Erin, on Friday October 8th, 1920, Horace Tovell, in his 71st year.

**Record Mineral Output**

Mineral production in Canada during 1939 reached the record value of \$474,602,069 as against \$441,823,237 in 1938, an increase of 7.4 per cent. Marked increases were recorded by all major divisions of the industry, reflecting general expansion in production and the greatest advances in new development experienced in recent years. The value of metals and metallic ore amounted to \$343,500,123 as compared with \$323,075,154 in 1938. Coal, crude petroleum and other fuels totalled \$70,671,328 against \$64,803,294; asbestos, gypsum and other industrial minerals were valued at \$25,061,849, an increase of \$4,996,726, while clay products, cement, stone and other structural materials totalled \$35,362,759 compared with \$33,878,666 in 1938.

Ontario was the leading mineral producer in 1939 with an output valued at \$232,519,948, and was followed by Quebec with \$77,334,996, and British Columbia with \$65,216,745. Production in Nova Scotia totalled \$30,746,200, Alberta \$30,691,617, Manitoba \$17,137,930, Saskatchewan \$8,794,090, Yukon \$4,961,321, New Brunswick \$3,929,433, and Northwest Territories \$3,248,777.

The outstanding contribution of mineral wealth in Canada during 1939 were the gold mines and base metal mines. Gold production reached the all-time peak of 5,694,379 fine ounces valued at \$184,115,951. The rapid increase in gold production and its relatively great economic importance both to the mining industry as a whole and to the nation is emphasized by comparing the value of the 1939 gold output with the value of Canada's entire mineral production in 1922, which totalled \$184,297,242.

New output records in base metals were established in 1939 for copper, nickel and zinc, the combined values of which aggregated \$111,856,164. Lead production totalled 386,569,550 pounds valued at \$12,313,768. For the first time in several years the commercial production of iron ore was reported, this coming from the New Helen mine in the Michipicoten district of Ontario. Other interesting developments in metal mining included the production of tungsten concentrates in British Columbia and the opening up of an important mercury deposit at Pinchi Lake in the same province.

The fuel industries were featured in 1939 by a notable increase over the previous year in the production of crude petroleum amounting to 7,826,301 barrels, compared with 6,968,084 barrels. Coal production totalled 15,537,443 tons, an increase of 8.7 per cent., with gains recorded in all coal producing provinces except Saskatchewan and Manitoba. The output of natural gas reached a record total of 35,185,146,000 cubic feet.

**ALWAYS AN EXCEPTION**

Sitting for long periods almost invariably causes loss of figure, says a writer. Tell that to the hens.

There is no other tobacco JUST LIKE OLD CHUM

# Red Cross Appeal for Acton and District

The Annual Appeal for funds to carry on the work of the Red Cross started in Acton this week. Local canvassers are at work in Town and Country. Meet them cheerfully when they make their visit to you. They are presenting the Opportunity for you to Share in the Great Task which confronts us all. Give as Generously as you can. Every Dollar will be Carefully Administered.

**A CHALLENGE TO CANADIANS**



**Acton and District Require \$3000**

THE MOST WE CAN GIVE WILL NEVER EQUAL Their Gift to us

Share with Others who Suffer

Give until It Hurts



Emergency Call for \$5,000,000

OUR MEN GIVE ALL... fireside, family, friends, careers. They hold nothing back. Unasked, but stirred within by the urge of manhood and pride of race, they go forth bravely to face hardship, loneliness and danger, to risk life itself, in a great cause.

It is your cause for which they fight. You are not asked to give your own life—but you can help to save one.

The Red Cross, of glorious tradition, unchallenged in purpose, needs your help so that it can answer tanks with ambulances, bombs with beds, horrors with hospitals, cruelty with mercy.

Those of us at home will not be less loyal, less generous than our fighting men. We can remind them daily of our gratitude and our devotion, through the Red Cross.

**CANADIAN RED CROSS**  
*Give to the utmost...now!*

Last Year the Acton and District Branch made the following:

Pneumonia Jackets	258	Surgeon's Gowns	59
T Binders	201	Surgeon's Caps	65
Abdominal Binders	145	Wash Cloths	20
Pyjamas	267	Seaman's Stockings, pair	3
Hospital Bedgowns	195	Socks, pair	999
Pillow Cases	640	Wristlets, pair	145
Face Masks	382	Mitts, pair	12
Bed Pan Covers	168	Helmets	11
Sheets	292	Scarves	158
Gauze Handkerchiefs	864	Sweaters	188
Khaki Handkerchiefs	279	Knee Caps, pair	4
Triangular Bandages	313	Quilts made	22
Hampton Pads	120	Blankets donated	68
Bed Pads	80	Refugee Clothing made, articles	32
Ice Bag Covers	91		

This List is up to September 23rd, 1940

**The Financial Statement**

RECEIPTS	
Cash, Receipts	\$3,089.16
Pledges Unpaid	232.45
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$3,301.61</b>
EXPENDITURES	
Canadian Red Cross	\$ 750.00
Supplies Bought Locally	283.55
Dominion Woollens	29.01
Blankets	42.27
Red Cross Supplies	1,713.45
Printing	27.71
Postage	39.85
	<b>2,885.84</b>
Unpaid Pledges	232.45
Cash on hand	183.32
	<b>\$3,301.61</b>

**Don't Fail Those Who Give Their Lives**

**— WE MUST CARRY ON —**

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