. . . There will be plenty of vege-

table seeds like pean, beans, carrots,

#### SCHETTEING PROM HOME

In a dirty percel the mailman brought A pair of socks or a Christmas cake, Or those old-fashioned cookies She wast to make-It doesn't matter a bit, said he, It's just that she sent it from home

Something from home-why, even the And the old creased wrapper, and Is precious as gold, and seems some I can see them all as plain as can be Waving their hands in good-by to me. I can see the kitchen and mother In a kind of housedress that women Getting supper and watching Bustling around in her happy way.

That gets you down-if they don't them free. And a million other kids like me In the battered fields and the skies

## Twenty Years Ago

From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, February 14th, 1934

St. Valentine's Day. Buffalo meat has been on the menu in a number of homes during the Patterson, the meat man obtained a supply from Wainwright, to the supply department. Grubb has

Alberta. Mr. W. J. Akins has been chosen ease the life of the parachutist. One as Secretary-Treasurer for Acton Fall is a tension device used in packing

which started a factory here last year packing mamas of the R.C.A.F. (WD) is to be run by the Acton Machine once used to have to sling around a Co. The two companies have been 25 pound bag of lead shot in packing closely related for several years, both the yards of silk that go into a chute. handling the same products. Messrs. Blow and Harrison are at the head are: a clip for packing 'chutes; a of the amalgamated manufactory.

the Council requesting motor trans- er once carried by airborne troops; portation for the fire apparatus. George Hynds, J. P., for over fifty various prongs to hold shroud lines years a worthy citizen and closely in position in the packed parachute. associated with the administration and Sgt. Grubb's interest in the probdevelopment of the town, died last lems of parachutists dates from the time years ago when he was a pro-Thursday. fessional barnstorming jumper in

DAVIS-At the home, John Street, Acton, on Monday, February 11th, chutes in leaps from planes and sta-1924, Lydia Lodge, wife of William tionary balloons.

J. Davis, aged 54 years.

ORDEN-At the family residence. Sunflowers --- A Church Street, Acton, on Tuesday WORDEN-At the family residence, February 12th, 1924, Lottle Barberree, wife of William L. Worden. McLELLAN-At the residence of his son-in-law, John Leishman, Mill Street, Acton, on Sunday, February 1924, John Kemp McLellan, in his 80th year.

## **Origin of National** Committee on Weeds

concerning the seed trade is the rest the shortage of edible vegetable olls sponsibility of provincial governments, in Canada soon after the outbreak of and the preparation and distribution the present war, states Dr. T. M. of literature concerning weed indent- Stevenson, Dominion Agrostologist, lilication and control is imminent in Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa. the work of provincial departments. The enslage varieties which were and research work on weeds is carried not suited as a grain crop in most on at provincial institutions, such as areas. However, other types were including surveys, is administered by ing the sunflower as a grain crop the Dominion Department of Agricul- chiefly as a source of vegetable oil.

incial organizations, the Associate that such varieties must be semi-Committee on Weed Control was set dwarf in habit of growth and early up by the National Research Council maturing so that they could be harin 1929. Five years later, the Com- vested satisfactorily by ordinary farm mittee was organized with the Dom- machinery. Furthermore, the new inion Department of Agriculture. In varieties had to meet certain stand-1939 the Committee was absorbed by ards of perfection respecting oil conthe National Advisory Committee on tent and oil quality. Agricultural Services and named the National Committee on Weeds. From which resulted from that work are 1929 to 1942, Dr. Robert Newton, "Sunrise" and "Mennonite". Approx-

In June, 1942, Dr. K. W. Neatby, and the name of the Committee fin- oll meal suitable for stock feed. In ployee is a son or other relative of

tee is to serve the National Advisory in all matters pertaining to weeds; other worthwhile contribution from to act as a clearing house for exper- agriculture to the war effort. imental and observational informatlon compiled in the various provinces and make it available to all; to organize meetings to discuss and review work in progress in all the provinces; propriate medium.

ing oil during the entire nursing per- steps taken, along with a further 30, out delay, and a list of growers hav-

### **Inventions Aid** Men in Uniform

Easier Through Ingenuity of Winnipegers

WINNIPEG (CP) — They may not have got around to building a better mousetrap yet, but the inventive genluses in the Canadian forces have built a lot more useful things and in so doing have saved thousands of man hours to be devoted to other tasks.

Staff Sgt. W. L. Sweeney of Winnipeg, known as "Jock" to his fellows at No. 10 Supply Depot here; invented a ready "reckoner" which gives at a glance and a turn of the handle any one of the 72,000 calculations in providing daily rations for the three services in Military District No. 10.

Jock is responsible for checking. filing and dispatching daily food requirements for up to 16 units with total of more than 7,000 personnel Daily rations for each of these men and women include 72 individua

Computing the exact amounts required for these servicemen and women was a gigantic task every day until Jock invented his reckoner. EDNA JACQUES Weeks of mathematical headaches (In the Saskatchewan Farmer) resulted in the invention of a small cabinet with a glass panel in front of it through which two rolls of tightlyfigured paper can be seen. The turn of a handle in the side of the box gives the exact number of rations required for any given number of persons. Don't ask us how. It would take too long.

Ald Parachutists Fit. Sgt. Robert Grubb of Winnipeg is to the R.C.A.F. what Jock is invented a number of instruments to parachutes which replaces outward The Thomson Motor Supplies Ltd. process by which the parachute-Some of Grubb's other inventions parachutist's tool kit weighing about Fire Chief McDonald interviewed 21 pounds and replacing a 100-pounda harness-drop tester for 'chutes and

# New Grain Crop

Britain demonstrating the use

Until recently the production of the sunflower in Cahada was restricted chiefly to its use for enalinge in areas not suited to the production of corn. and to a lesser extent in the garden, where it served to provide seeds which were eaten much as peanuts

are, or as a border flower. Interest in the sunflower as a grain All weed legislation, except that crop came about largely because of

of agriculture. Some experimental tall growing and late maturing, were universities and agricultural schools. available. Canadian plant breeds had Most of the work in connection with some years prior to the outbreak of weed experimentation and research, war, recognized the possibility of usture through its experimental farm They set about to develop varieties suitable for grain production on a In response to requests from prov- large scale. They decided first of all

The two outstanding varieties ally changed to the National Weed addition there will be an abundance the farmer. of seed available to enable us to meet

Among the functions of the Commit- the 50,000 acre objective set for 1944. Committee on Agricultural Services sunflowers for grain constitutes an-

#### SHEET AND TOWELS SLATED FOR INCREASE

Under standardization and simplif- against the large number of checks to undertake critical discussions on ication orders announced by the Pri- that are issued, for one thing. Checks Dominion and Provincial weed legis- ces Board, a considerable increase in cashed against individual accounts aglation; to sponsor and finance re- the quantity of bed sheets, pillow slips, gregated \$53,797,000,000: during 1943, projects, and to undertake towels, wash cloths and bath looms a new high point in Canadian history, and promote aggressive educational in prospect. The comsumer may not too. Be sure to read that amount and publicity work through any ap- be able to obtain these articles in as correctly, because it sure is passing many sizes, qualities, designs and col- the busks and no fooling. ors as normally, but there will be more of them available. It is thou-It is important that sows be sup- ght that an additional 175,000 towels advises potato growers to order their plied with green forage or fed a feed- will be produced as a result of the 1944 seed potato requirements with-



Parliament Hill is somnolent-looking no more as the House is in session again; there is a fresh lift to the walk of most folks coming up Wellington swedes, etc., available for 1944 spring Street and entering in at the big or planting because the Agricultural nate gates leading to the Peace Tower Supplies Board arranged a producclicking again. . . . Ottawa storemen vegetables and field root seeds were were given a jolt the other day when grown in British Columbia last seaa brisk salesman was around offering son. flags and bunting for sale, to be used for Armistice Day. No, he wasn't a bit early, he explained, this was the armistice when this war ends. The will now be devising new plans for man and others thinking the same produced) restrictions for which have landmark, the 140,000 gallon water Munitions and Supply. Apparently which will respond to timely vaccinlower which reared above the Ex- we've got plenty for war require- ation. perimental Farm auditorium, crashed ments. . . . In the same ontegory the building recently.

know that the Army goes in for it bow and Niobe. . . . Only soldiers ing the remainder of the animals lars annually. A recent National De- are entitled to the new scale cloth- less losses. Efficient beef production fence report showed that 826,000 pairs ing allowance, upped to \$65. . . . is more important to the nation this of boots and shoes were repaired and A new medical treatment of healing year than it has ever been before. restored to service. They operate a techniques; they follow the wounded Live-stock diseases are the greatest boot repairing plant which can from the front line to the hospit- threat to beef production at this time. produce 1,500 pairs each week, using al, checking all the way. . ..... Only by constant vigilance can disuppers stripped from condemned Our war expenditure for the first case losses be kept down, and prodboots. Articles scrapped and resold nine months of the fiscal year to uction kept up. realized \$410,351. Reconditioned by contract, we noted, were damaged enamelware and galvanized utensils including more than a thousand boilers and twenty thousand jugs, bowls, mugs and plates. Clothing repair and tailor shops made over three million repairs to garments of all kinds.

One of the interesting people at the national meeting in Ottawa of the 14 Regional Consumer Branch chairmen of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board was Mrs. Cameron Dow, lately appointed rural advisor to the branch. She is national president of the Federation of Women's Institutes. Mrs. Dow in plain language said: "If inflation is ever allowed to get hold in this country, we're sunk. I remember what happened in the last war, and after. Even though we sold some of our stuff at a high price the things we had to buy were higher and in the long run we were worse off than before. That must not happen again." Mrs. Dow proves her faith in the value of checking prices by keeping accurate account of her purchases in her "Little Blue Book."

National income is supposed to give a pretty good indication of the nutional welfare. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics points out that for eleven months of 1943 it showed in increase of 18.4 per cent-a total of \$8,072,000,000-over the similar period a year before. Production and transport of munitions and war supplies were the main generators for the highest level in Canadian history. Coincident figures are interesting, too. The index of mineral production upped a little but gold receipts and coal production declined. Manufacturing production index showed an increase of 21.5 per cent. There were advances in operations of flour milling, meat packing and in the tobacco industries, with a recession in newsprint output and of iron and steel. And Canada's domestic and foreign exports flit the astounding figure of \$3,001 million, three times that of the pre-war year 1938.

The Minister of Labor is issuing an President of the University of Alberta imately 30,000 acres of these varieties order which will put the onus on emwas chairman of the Committees. were grown for grain in the prairie players to check male employees of During that time six volumes of re- provinces in 1943. It is estimated that military call-up age to see if they ports and proceedings were compiled this crop will yield over 184 million have compiled with mobilization reguand distributed to members and lib- pounds of seed. This crop is capable lations. An employer will include the of providing 41 million pounds of Dominion, provincial and municipal high quality edible oil and more than governments as well as private busi-2,250 tons of excellent, high protein ness or farmers, even where the em-

> Americans are really big investors in Canada. A United States Treas-The development and production of ury census reveals that American owned property in foreign countries reaches over the nine billion dollar mark, 34 per cent, of this being in

> > If you sometimes wonder why banks have increased staffs, put it

Agricultural Notes: The department ing Certified, Foundation A.or Found-

ation seed can be got from Plant Pro- December 31, 1943, totalled \$2,782. tection Division, Dept. of Agriculture, 749,515. That's why we need to buy Ottawa. As for potato acreage a Bonds.

five per cent. increase is wanted for this year. Ontario, Manitoba and B.C. The dental health of Canadians have each agreed to 10 per cent, more ranks among the best in the world acreage; Quebec and Alberta will aim but it will be given a fillip after the for 5 per cent, the Maritimes with war by the way the Dental Corps is Mussert, the day before, at a Nazi and sugar crushers now are operating 1943 plantings greater than long- looking after the men and women of time average will maintain level pro- the Armed forces. Over 1200 Canadduction, as will Saskatchewan. . . . An ian dentists are now serving with the land. increase of nearly one-third over the Navy, Army and Air Force. Every 1943 output in maple syrup and pro- sailor, soldier and airman is made ducts is being asked, representing dentally fit before going overseas or about three million gallons on a on active operations. And then syrup basis. .. . Marketing of lambs dental officer with his portable clinic and sheep off Canadian farms and goes with them wherever they go, ranches in 1943 is expected to be up Since the outbreak of the war over 5% over 1943. . . Corn however, looks ten and half million: dental operafor a jump of 53 per cent. over 1943 tions have been completed. acreage-nearly 400,000 acres-which

#### was the estimate quoted at the joint agricultural conference in Ottawa. ... Greatest Threat to **Beef Production**

entrance; the members, from town tion program in the spring of 1943. first upon the selection of strong, city, farm, mine and fishing village are We are informed that about 65 per healthy breeding stock; second, the back on the job-democracy starts cent. of the Canadian production of proper feeding with a better underparticularly as to minerals and vithmins in a balanced diet. Fat-producing feeds are not necessarily sufficient to produce a healthy state unless judi-Pot-Pourri: Canadian metalurgists cially supplemented by these essential nids. Third, proper sanitation and next jolt may be coming to the sales civilian use of magnesium (Canadian hygiene through the life of the animal. Fourth, the prevention of all way . . . . That well known dttawa been removed by the Department of contagious or infectious diseases

Owners should be vigilant at all to the ground when fire destroyed scrap rubber. . . . Anchors a-weigh! times to recognize any disease condi-Canada's navy now totals 80,000 per- tions that might suddenly or gradusonnel, including 4,500 Wrens; with ally enter the herd, so that prompt We think of salvage as a civilian 250 fighting ships and 400 auxiliary measures can be taken to check the job, but it might interest you to craft. Once we laughed at the Rain- spread of these diseases, thus protectin a big way, saving millions of dol- discharged after November 1st, 1943 from infection, and preventing need-

#### A TRUE WORD SPOKEN IN EARNEST

Included in a BBC round-up of ceremony to mark the tenth anniver- in seven provinces. sary of the spread of Nazism in Hol-

opposition of the Dutch people."

#### SUGAR INDUSTRY GROWS

LAGOS (CP)-A sugar Industry is being developed in Nigeria. tract, striking in its frankness, from province, Zaria, shortly after the outa speech made by the Dutch quisling break of war, increased very rapidly

LEEDS (CP)-The Yorkshire West He said: "Germany had to take Riding Farmer's Union passed a resharsh measures to permit the con- olution urging that smoking during tinuation of the war. Before Hitler threshing and stacking operations be invaded Holland the Dutch Nazis had made illegal. Members said it was a hard struggle to exist against the as dangerous as smoking in a munitions factory.



A common sight in Italy in the late summer of 1943 was the British Tommy helping Italian farmers with the harvest. Three London men, all R.A.S.C. drivers, acted as temporary farm workers on one Italian farm. D. Garwood of Mitcham, N. A. Jenkins of Battersen and F. Rowell of Shoreditch, are all 8th Army men who have been in the fight from El Alamein onwards. The farmer they are helping is Fratelli Sessa, a released prisoner-of-war who also fought at El Alamein on the side of the Axis, where he was wounded and taken prisoner. Picture shows: Jenkins (left) and Rowell at the ulfter.

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