LOWER WORK STOPPAGES

The number of work stoppages arising from industrial disputes in Canada during 1952 was considerably lower than the figure for 1951 although total time loss was much higher. Hon. Milton F. Gregg, Minister of Labour pointed out that while total time loss was higher than in 1951, it still represented only 0.26 per cent. of the total estimated working time of non-agricultural wage and salary workers in Canada.

HALF SAFE

Motorist—Hey, there, why's only one half of this crossing gate down?

Gatekeeper—We're half expecting a train.

THE GREEKS HAVE A WORD FOR IT

. . . We mean the magic word that tells a mule to get going. It probably worked better than usual, recently, when Greek mule-drivers had to transport into the isolated interior, roofing materials needed for the construction of refugee shelters. The government purchased 2,000 tons of aluminum for the purpose — and incidentally licked the transportation problem.

Another nice thing about aluminum's lightness is that a given poundage goes two to three times as far as with other metals. It often means that aluminum, with all its advantages, actually costs less, too. Aluminum Company of Canada, Ltd. (Alcan).

Makes Windbreak Mulching Trees

Comparative results of three years' investigations at the Forest Nursery Station, Indian Head, Sask., indicated that proper mulching of trees may be a satisfactory method of establishing windbreaks, spaced 4 x 4 feet, under certain prairie conditions.

Data obtained during the growing seasons of 1949, 1950 and 1951 indicated that mulching of trees grown since 1942 at the Station, in belts 4 x 4 feet, tended to increase the water content of twigs. This would increase their possibility of escaping drought injury. The effect of mulches appeared to be more pronounced during seasons with subnormal amount of precipitation.

During the relatively dry periods of each growing season a greater amount of available moisture, and a lower temperature, were found in the surface soil of the root areas of trees under mulch as compared with those not mulched. This would suggest that the increased water content of twigs taken from trees that were mulched, could to a considerable extent, be due to the insulating effect of mulch and its preventive influence from excessive losses of moisture by evaporation. The possibility is not overlooked that mulches may also moderate excessive absorption of water by root systems because of possible poorer aeration of soil.

Results of these investigations have also indicated that the effects of mulching appeared to be more pronounced following more prolonged and lighter application of artificial mulch as compared to heavier application but of shorter duration.

It is of considerable importance to note that no evidence was found to indicate that the various mulch treatments delayed the maturity of the [illegible] during the growing season.

Proper control of rodents is essential, however, if mulching is to be used successfully.

TYPICAL

It was Parents' Day at a small country school. Mrs Smith was sitting with her eyes glued on the curtain when it suddenly rose on little Harry Jones attired in a toga.

"Friends, Romans, countrymen", he declared, "lend me your ears."

Leaning over her neighbor's shoulder, Mrs. Smith was heard to comment in an iron whisper, "Wouldn't be Matty Jones' boy if he wasn't borrowing something."

Ninety per cent of Canadian milk production moves to market by truck.

FASHION HINT

The new slim, narrow look is beautifully interpreted in this rayon crepe dress with its figure glorifying lines. The trouble is, you need a figure that's worth glorifying before you try buying any of these extremely slim dresses! Spring and summer are the best times of year to inaugurate a reducing scheme though, for fresh fruits are coming into the market and it's a pleasure to give up fattening desserts for fruit and meat and potatoes for a fresh salad.

Added interest for this dress is provided by the neat Peter Pan collar, bracelet length sleeves and pocket detail. It would be especially attractive in navy, with accessories a spring tint of lemon yellow, soft pink or ever-popular white.

CURIOUS HEN

He: What are all our chickens hanging around the front of the [illegible]

She: Just curious. They heard you were going to lay a sidewalk.

CLEARING

AUCTION SALE

of Reg. and Grade Shorthorn Cattle, Horses, Poultry, Ford Tractor, Farm Implements and Furniture

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SATURDAY, APRIL 4

Commencing at 1.30 o'clock, sharp the following:

HORSES and HARNESS—Brown Gelding, aged; Bay Gelding, aged; Set of Heavy Breeching Harness; Odd Collars, Horse Blankets; Robes Sleigh Bells.

REGISTERED SHORTHORN CATTLE—1 Red Reg. Shorthorn Cow, due time of sale, 4 years old; 1 Grey Reg. Shorthorn Cow, calf at side, 5 years old; 1 Red Reg. Shorthorn Heifer, calf at side; 1 Reg. Shorthorn Heifer 16 mos. old, open; 1 Red Reg. Shorthorn Bull, 2 years old.

GRADE SHORTHORN CATTLE—1 Red Cow, calf at side, 4 years old; 1 Red Cow, calf at side, 5 years old, 1 Blue Cow, calf at side; 1 Red Heifer, due June 15; 1 Roan Heifer, due May 5, 1 Holstein Heifer, due May 5; 1 Holstein Cow, milking, bred Feb. 11; 1 Red Cow, milking, bred Feb. 27; 1 Red Heifer, 18 months old; 1 Fat Steer, 2 years old; 1 Baby Beef.

This is an exceptionally breedy herd of cattle and anyone requiring breeding stock would do well to attend this sale.

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200 White Sussex Hens, laying 80 per cent., blood tested, Fisher's breed; 19 Breeding Roosters, same breed; Electric Brooder; 2 Coal Brooders, Brooder House, 10x12, wired for hydro; Brooder House 8x8; Water Fountains; 2 small Brooder Houses; Feeders, Etc; Building, 12x20, frame, suitable for garage; 250 bales mixed Hay; several bus Red Clover Seed recleaned.

FARM IMPLEMENTS TRACTOR, Etc.—Ford Tractor, with lights and tires loaded, 3 years old; M.D. Hay Loader; Deerborn Plow, 2-furrow, Cockshutt Double Disc; M.D. 3 section Drag Cultivator; Cockshutt Manure Spreader; Cockshutt Dump Rake; Bain Wagon; M.H. Grain Binder, 6 ft.; M.H. Mower, 5 ft.; Flat Hay Rack; M.H. Hay Tedder; Slush Scraper; M.H. Seed Drill, 11 hoe; Root Pulper; M.H. Land Roller, steel; Bag Truck; Team Disc, 14 plate; 3 section Harrow; 4 section Harrow; Hay Fork; M.H. Wheel Cultivator; 2 Fleury Plows, No. 21; Wheelbarrow; 2 wheel Trailer for car; Extension Ladder; 2 Single Scufflers; Fanning Mill; Car. Ropes and Pulleys; Hog Troughs; Steel Water Trough; Hog Crates; Wood Water Trough; Fence Stretchers; Hand Power Clippers; Grain Bags; a no. of Cedar Fence Posts; Post Hole Spoon and Bar; Oil Drums; Electric Fencer; Cyclone Seeder; Quantity of heavy Poultry Fence; Quantity of Lumber; Cross Cut Saw; M.H. Cream Separator with motor; Electric Pail Heater; Milk Pails; Plank for Gravel Box; Forks; Shovels; Chains; Doubletree; Neckyokes; etc.

FURNITURE — Mendelssohn Piano; Extension Table and 6 chairs to match; Kitchen Cupboard with high glass top; Moffat Electric Stove, 4 burner, high oven; Findlay Circulator Heater, coal or wood; McLary's white enamel Escort Cook Stove, coal or wood; Steel Bed; Wood Bedroom [illegible] with Dresser and [illegible] Couches; Beatty [illegible] Machine [illegible] Chest of Dr[illegible] Glass Cheese [illegible] Ladle; A [illegible] erous [illegible]

TERMS: Cash [illegible] Clerk [illegible] Re[illegible] and [illegible] int[illegible]

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Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Written Specially for the Acton Free Press by
Gwendoline P. Clarke

My column this week, will, I hope, be of special interest to W.I. members everywhere. You see I am all enthused about the big event that is coming up this summer when rural Canada entertains the A.C.W.W. And the more enthused I get the more amazed I am when some one comes up with the question—"And who, or what, is the A.C.W.W.?" So now, just in case there are a few women reading this column who still don't know, and would like an answer to that same question, I will give it to you right here and now.

The A.C.W.W. given its full title, is "The Associated Country Women of the World." Its purpose is to promote peace, good fellowship and a better understanding between rural women of all nations, and includes all rural organizations of the world. The Association was organized in 1933 at Stockholm, Sweden. Its first president was Mrs. Alfred Watt, a name familiar to all W.I. members. Its present president is Mrs. Raymond Sayre, a friendly little woman as easy to talk to as your next door neighbour.

So that members of the Association may become better acquainted with peoples from other countries and their way of living conferences are held in a different country each time. In 1936 the A.C.W.W. met in Washington and, while visiting members crossed the Peace Bridge into Canada and were given an official welcome by the Hon. T. B. McQuesten.

In 1939 the Triennial Conference was in London, England. Delegates from 32 rural organizations were present, many of them in native costume. During the war world conferences were naturally impossible although the organization was still active. In 1947 the A.C.W.W. met again, this time in Holland. There were 21 delegates from Canada, including Mrs. Hugh Summers and Miss Anna P. Lewis. All told, there were representatives from 22 nations.

Now it is Canada's turn to do the entertaining. From August 12-23 the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada (F.W.I.C.) and their sister organization, Les Cercles de Fermieres, of Quebec, will be the official hostess groups at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto. Delegates from at least 25 countries are expected even from Pakistan, Egypt and Lebanon, and possibly from Japan and Jamaica.

So you see big things are shaping up for the W.I. in Canada. Naturally preparations are already underway, and have been for some time. One of the big events will be the Canada Day program to be held at the Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto. It is hoped the Prime Minister of Canada, the Rt. Hon. Louis St. Laurent, will officially open the ceremonies.

This will be on Friday, August 21. There will be a musical cavalcade of the story of Canada "Dominion of Destiny" presented by the F.W.I.C. This calvacade will have continuous action, full orchestra, chorus of mixed voices, soloists, a large cast of actors, units of the armed forces, members of "the Mounties" together with various animals, vehicles and other special features. Production managers, O. W. Fonger and Larry McCance, music directed by Samuel Hersenhorn. Singing star will be Ernest Adams. On Saturday, August 22, the performance will be repeated and will be open to the public.

So there you have it ladies something to look forward to that is truly Canadian, from which you may learn many things about the early history of Canada. If you saw the marvellous pageant that was put on in Guelph in June, 1947 —"Let there be Light" then you will not want to miss this pageant either—"Dominion of Destiny."

Now about plans for you to attend. To every W.I. branch in Canada tickets for Canada Day celebrations will be sent. The number of tickets will depend upon the size of the branch. To whom the tickets will be given each branch will decide for itself. Think this over carefully, W.I. friends—keep August 21 free if you can, and then, if you are one of the lucky ones chosen to represent our branch, be ready to accept the invitation. The opportunity may not come your way again.

Don't think of attending the A.C.W.W. Conference as one more duty —it is more than that—it is a privilege. Last week I was at a press conference with the F.W.I.C. Planning Board, and a more capable and friendly group of women it would be hard to find. They are hard at work, trying to make this A.C.W.W. Conference second to none. It is our job, as W.I. members, to get behind them and help make this big event a success—for the W.I. in particular and for the honor of Canada as a whole. How about it, folks?

Poet's Corner

GOOD FRIDAY 1953

If we should harbor malice in our hearts,
How could we kneel, commune with God in prayer,
Asking forgiveness for shortcomings of our own,
His tender mercy share?

If we should hold forgiveness from a friend,
Who came to us, with sorrow in his eyes,
How can we ever hope to gain
The peace of paradise?

Lord, teach these wayward hearts of ours
That earthly gain so often means loss,
The only way to reach our goal
Is by Thy rugged cross.

—Bertram E. Nightingale

GUNNY SACK COMEBACK

The lowly gunny sack is on the comeback trail, reports the Financial Post. But Canada's kraft manufacturers nurturing an ambitious $10-$12 million a year competitive bag industry are far from happy about the trend.

When India's burlap went on its wild price rampage in 1950 and 1951 paper bag makers had things pretty much their own way. They cut into market after market traditionally supplied by the jute bag maker. Cattle feeds, flour, potatoes, sugar were just a few of the big volume products that fell into the paper bag makers lap. The problem was only one of keeping pace with demand. In the process sales zoomed up 500-700%.

But now things are different. The burlap price picture has cracked wide open with a more than 50% price cut in the last year and the jute bag is back on the bargain counter again.

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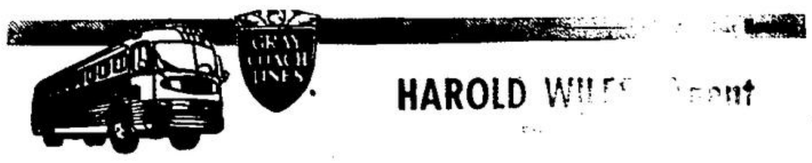

HAROLD WILE[illegible] Agent

"where's your glass of [illegible] grandpa?"

"Well, [illegible] kitchen, and I'll get it [illegible] Folks my age [illegible] much as you [illegible] who knows a lot [illegible] bones strong and [illegible] helping yours to grow."

[illegible]RY FOODS SERVICE BUREAU

From the original oil painting by the well-known Canadian artist J. S. Hanson, R.C.A., O.S.A.

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