

Business Generally Good

We clip the following from the April Business Summary issued by the Bank of Montreal. Ontario - Wholesale houses are enjoying a slightly improved volume of trade compared with last year. Retail sales of reasonable goods, however, were retarded by inclement weather. Collections are being satisfactorily met. Work on the hand will commence at fortnight later than a year ago. There is an abundance of moisture, fall wheat has wintered well, and conditions from the agricultural viewpoint are propitious. Farmers' dispersal sales are marked by good attendance and good prices, and milch cows are in special demand. Industry as a whole is more active. Pulp and paper companies continue to produce at capacity. Agricultural implement manufacturers are busy and finished steel companies are well employed. Recent reductions in the tariff on motor cars make it necessary for manufacturers to submit the changes embodied in the Budget to an intensive study before they are able to quote the full effects. With the advent of a good weather, activity in the Northern mining camps is increasing.

Contributions to Hospital

- Toronto, April 29th, 1926. The Treasurer of the Muskoka Hospital for Consumptives desires gratefully to acknowledge the following contributions received in Georgetown by the Field Secretary of the National Sanitarium Association: Conted Paper Company.....\$10.00 J. H. Bingham.....5.00 J. E. Fleck.....5.00 Geo. Floral Company.....5.00 Dayfoot Company.....5.00 R. Ross B.A.....2.00 Miss James.....2.00 Miss E. Penson.....2.00 Harley Kay.....2.00 Geo. Dobson.....2.00 A. Norrington.....2.00 Geo. Lumber Co.....2.00 D. J. Matthews.....1.00 A. M. Grandy.....1.00 LeRoy Dale.....1.00 Rev. H. Caldwell.....1.00 W. C. Beesley.....1.00 R. J. Creelman.....1.00 Dr. F. Watson.....1.00 J. N. O'Neill.....1.00 C. Graham.....1.00 H. Dohrel.....1.00 A. Simpson.....1.00 J. McDermaid.....1.00 A friend.....1.00 Sundry Subscriptions.....3.75 \$68.76

And a Bargain at That. A little boy got into the habit of saying "darn," of which his mother naturally did not approve. One day she said to the little boy, "here is ten cents; it is yours if you will promise me not to say 'darn' again." "All right, mother," he said as he took the money. "I promise." As he lovingly fingered the money a hopeful look came into his eyes and he said, "Say, mother, I know a word that's worth fifty cents."

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MILTON

The committee has completed arrangements with the Thomson Monument Co. of Toronto for the purchase of a monument to commemorate the memory of our boys who paid the supreme sacrifice in the Great War of 1914-18. The monument is solid Canadian granite, standing on a pedestal, consisting of three blocks of granite, eight, eight, and five feet square respectively. The tablet, on which will be inscribed the dedication and names of four feet square, slightly tapering to a height of six feet. Surrounding this is the figure of a Canadian soldier in uniform, eight feet tall, the total height being 18 feet from the ground. The figure is a magnificent piece of work, an exact reproduction from an original photograph, the face and figure carrying a sentiment, the knowledge of which unconsciously increases, and it must be seen to be appreciated. Work on the foundation will begin almost immediately in Victoria Park, which has been decided on as the most suitable site. The approximate cost of the completed monument will be \$5,000, and the committee confidently expect that the citizens of the town and surrounding communities will contribute generously to raise the balance required to make up the above amount.—Champion.

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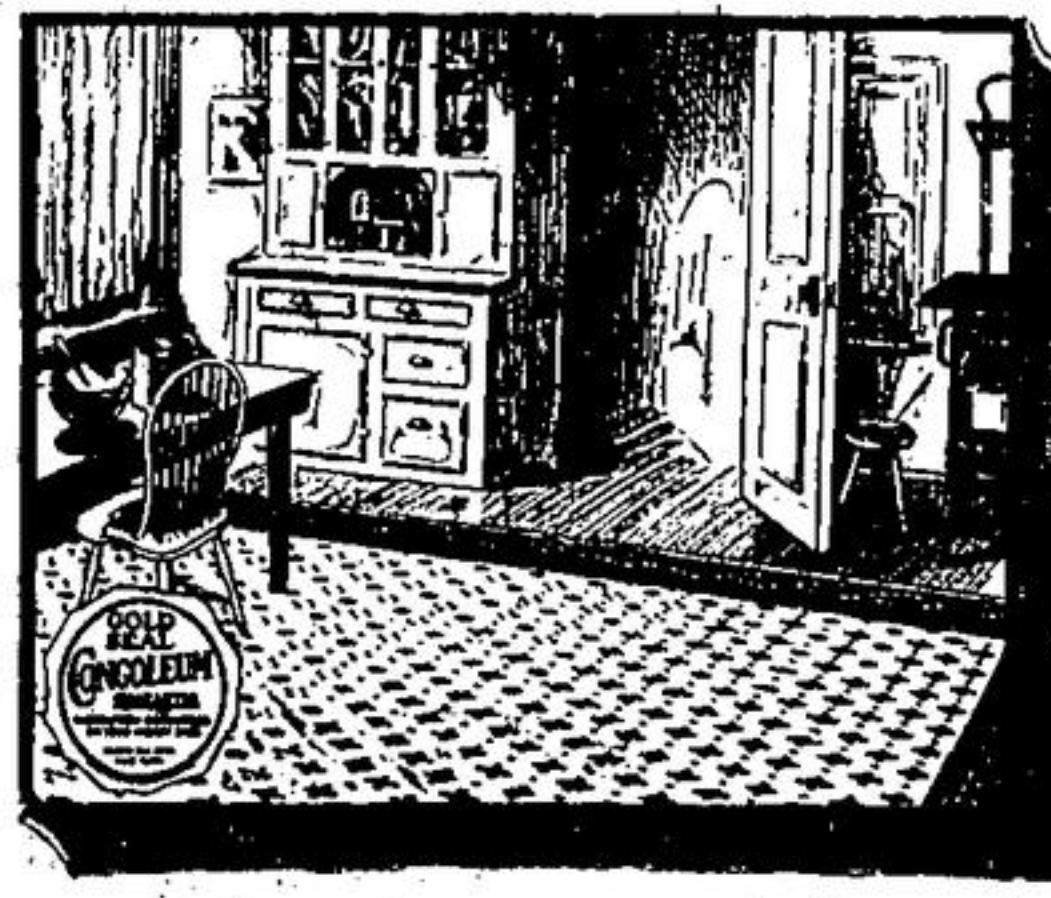
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ON GROWING POTATOES

IMPORTANT CROP IN ONTARIO AS IN ALL THE WORLD. Although Universally Grown Not Every One Uses the Best Methods of Cultivation. (Contributed by Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)

The potato is one of the four principal crops of the civilized world. More land is devoted to the potato in countries where it is grown than to any other vegetable crop used for human food. Important in Ontario. In Ontario the potato crop is one of great importance. There are certain well defined areas where it is grown almost exclusively as either an early crop or as a late crop. Other districts grow a proportion of both crops. The real early districts are located in Peel, Wentworth, Lincoln, Norfolk, Elgin, Kent, Essex and Lambton counties. The late crops and seed crops are grown generally throughout the other counties and districts of the Province.

Soil. The market gardener and truck grower aim to grow an early crop and desire a well-drained soil of a sandy or sandy loam nature. Such a soil must be supplied with plant food, and be in such a mechanical condition as to retain the necessary moisture. For the late or main crop a good loam, well drained, friable and rich will give a good crop. Thorough soil preparation is essential in all cases. Manures, Fertilizers and Their Place in Crop Rotation. Crop rotations play an important part in fitting soil for potatoes and it is generally considered that potatoes following clover sod, preferably manured and ploughed under during the previous autumn for the early crop, is a good practice. The soil should be kept rich and open, avoid the use of fresh manure, as such is liable to create conditions favorable to potato scab. Commercial fertilizers can be used to supplement manure. Under the conditions generally experienced in this province phosphorus and potash are elements most needed. Clover and manure are the best manures, but are not considered necessary to use commercial nitrogen excepting in particularly cases with the early crop. On light soils, where manure and clover are used an 0-10-14-4 applied at the rate of from 800 to 1,200 pounds per acre should give good results. On heavier soils, under the same treatment, the potash can be reduced. Where chemical fertilizers alone are used as the source of plant food, a 2 to 4-(10-12)-4 to 6 mixture applied up to one ton per acre may be used.

Planting. Sets containing two eyes and of at least two ounces in weight should be used. These are planted from nine to fifteen inches apart in rows from thirty to thirty-six inches apart. The late crop should be planted thirty-six inches between the rows. Cultivation. Frequent and thorough cultivation early in the season assists with quick response. Deep cultivation early in the season gradually becoming shallower as the root system develops should be the practice. Some growers make it a rule to cultivate during the early season after every rain. While others will start the harrow over the potato field as soon as planting is completed and continue the method of shallow tillage until the plants are two or three inches high. The practice of hilling is only recommended when necessary to smother weeds or prevent sunburn. Harvesting. The early crop is often harvested before it is fully mature, in fact the size of the potatoes and the market demand influences the date of the harvest. With the late crop, however, where the season allows for maturity, harvesting is not advised until fully ripened. For small lots the digging fork is commonly used, while for greater areas the plough or potato digger can be used to advantage. Care must be exercised during harvest to prevent damage to the tubers that may reduce the market value. Storing. Potatoes may be successfully stored in cellars or pits. When cellars are used the question of air circulation is very important. The storage temperature range should be between 38° F. and the atmosphere should be just medium moist. Bins should have a false, or slatted bottom, and if the quantities of potatoes are large, air shafts should connect the air space beneath the potatoes with the ventilators. Pits should be made in a well-drained location, twelve to sixteen inches deep and four or five feet wide. Ventilators should be put in, and covering provided as the weather grows colder.—Dept. of Horticulture, O. A. College.

How to Kill "Mustard." A system that will do away with mustard in ten years is a three-year rotation of fall rye, seeded down and followed by Red Clover, which is ploughed and the third year planted with beans in rows 30 inches apart and cultivated. Fields very bad with mustard are reduced so that it can be hand pulled. Buckwheat will not kill out mustard, but it is agree as help as it grows very thickly and shades many of the weak sickly plants so that they do not amount to very much. Canadian Apple Exports. In the Imperial apple show in England, during years 1922 to 1924, Canadian apples won 64 first prizes, 73 seconds, 24 thirds and 33 special prizes. In 1925 the British Columbia Jonathan was judged to be the best dessert apple in the British Empire, and the premier ranking appraised the Ontario Rhode Island Greening. In 1924 and 1925 Canadian-grown McIntosh apple was judged to be the best dessert apple in the Empire.

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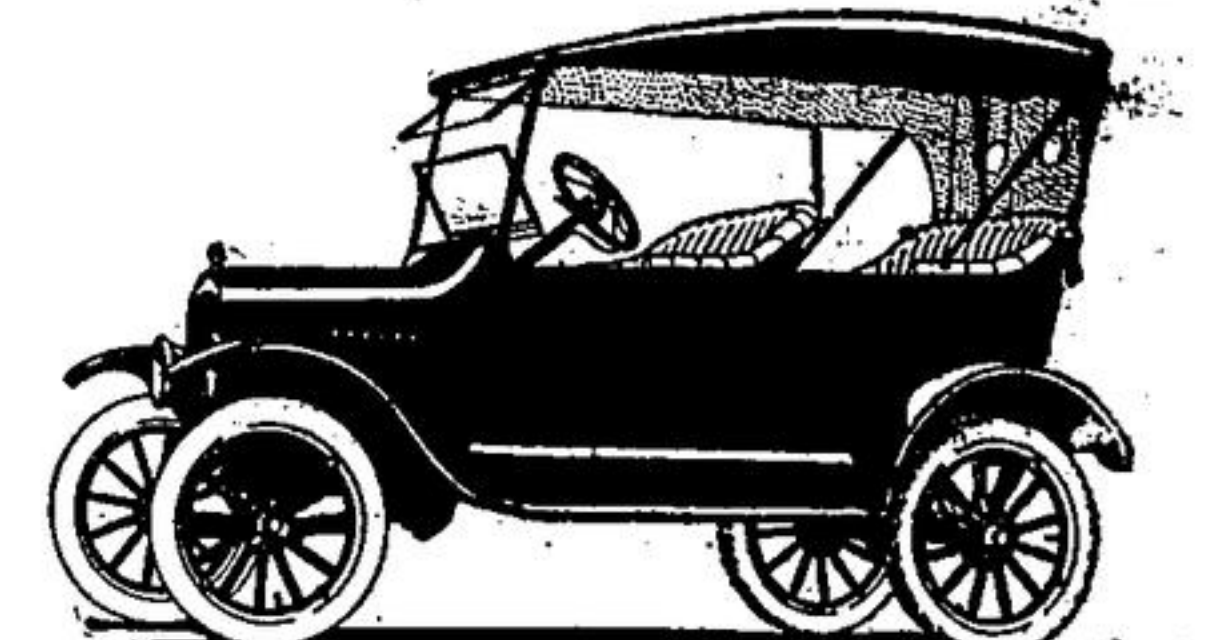
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