

TWO CHURCHES

There was a church in our town Which thought 'twas wondrous wise...

TWENTY YEARS AGO

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There is an unusual depth of snow on the level now.

The band of the Boy Scouts made their first appearance in public last Wednesday when the patrol formed the guard of honor as Pte. Lantz was escorted to the reception.

J. B. Blashill & Co., of Alvinston, have opened a dry goods store in the Wallace Block, lately occupied by W. C. Deverell.

Pte. Wilfrid O'Reilly, of the 164th Battalion, lost his life and Pte. R. J. Small was seriously injured when a bomb exploded while practising in progress at the Bombing School.

Mr. Robert Allen, Swan River, Man., was renewing acquaintances at Crewe's Corners the past week. Mr. Allen went West ten years ago and has been very successful in farming there.

Sergt. W. Coles enlisted on Monday in the 255th Battalion at Toronto, and will don the khaki again. He expects to be drafted for home duty.

Messrs. Henderson & Co., of the Glasgow House, have sold their fine business to Messrs. Conway and McLean. Although there have been changes in the firm name, some members of the Henderson family have been associated with this business for forty-four years.

The brightest and most moderate weather on a Sunday in six weeks favored Knox Church anniversary last Sunday. Rev. Dr. R. P. McKay was the special speaker.

BORN

HANSEN—In Acton, on Sunday, January 28th, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. Carl M. Hansen, a son.

DIED

FRANK—In Niasagaweya, on Wednesday, January 24th, 1917, Christian Frank, in his 83rd year.

BOLES—In Niasagaweya, on Tuesday, January 31st, 1917, Sarah Jane Wilson, wife of David Boles, in her 59th year.

WORKMAN—At her father's home, Park Avenue, Acton, on Tuesday, January 30th, 1917, Annie Maud Dill, wife of Thomas Workman, Jr., of Kitchener.

INCREASE SHOWN

World trade appears to have definitely turned the corner and for the first nine months of 1936 was showing increases over the previous year.

Recovery in world trade, however, has not kept pace with recovery in individual countries. This fact indicates that many of the forces which have impeded International Trade in recent years are still far from being removed.

It is encouraging to Canadians to notice that the trade of both Great Britain and the United States has been increasing, as these two countries form the principal market for Canadian export sales.

The question of International Trade conditions is carefully analyzed in the fourth annual Agricultural Situation and Outlook, which has been published by the Dominion Department of Agriculture and Trade and Commerce.

Trade in agricultural foodstuffs has not recovered to the same extent as has been shown for some other products. This fact is attributed to the shift in production which has taken place in the countries normally considered as importers of agricultural produce.

These countries, chiefly in Western Europe, have for economic, political, military and social reasons, encouraged the production of more home grown foodstuffs. This has been accomplished by the erection of high tariff barriers and the use of many new barriers to trade.

In recent months there has been evidence of some relaxation of these trade barriers. This change of attitude gives a somewhat brighter outlook to the world trade picture. Another feature which is tending to relieve the situation is the trade agreement policy being effected, chiefly by the United States and Canada.

The uncertainty of currency exchange has been a factor impeding world trade in recent years and the decision of France to devalue the franc, in co-operation with Great Britain and the United States, has had a settling effect on foreign exchanges.

For the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1936, Canada exported agricultural products valued at \$200,000,000. This was an increase of 10.7 per cent. over the previous year.

Approximately 64 per cent. of the farm materials exported to Great Britain and 21 per cent. to the United States.

The Agricultural Situation and Outlook for 1937, dealing with all important agricultural commodities, is now available free on request from the Publicity and Extension Branch, Dominion Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

Chronicles of Ginger Farm

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Jig-saw puzzles are rather out of date—that is, the kind that come in boxes and are bought from the store.

But there is another kind of jig-saw that is never out of date, and that is the jig-saw of life.

When you go out—to visit your friends, or perhaps to attend a meeting or a church service—have you tried picking up a piece from one place and trying to fit it into a piece picked up from somewhere else?

Perhaps I had better give you an instance to explain what I mean.

Piece No. 1. I was invited to a meeting a few miles from home. There was a gap in the program and to fill in one member read a poem from a magazine, entitled "The Woman Trustee."

Now that's an idea. I thought: Why should there not be a woman Trustee on every school board, and who is better qualified to know what is best for children's welfare than a woman?

Then, I began to wonder how many communities were sufficiently progressive to appoint a woman Trustee and how many women there were brave enough to sit in on the school board.

Lo and behold, I afterwards discovered I was at that minute visiting in just such a community and was even talking to a woman who had had the courage to take office as a woman Trustee.

Piece No. 2. I was writing to the editor of the magazine from which the Trustee poem was taken. She was so glad to hear a poem from her magazine had been read at this meeting.

And I am quite sure she was glad, because editors very often have to do a lot of guessing in regard to whether what they publish is pleasing to the readers of their paper or magazine.

Piece No. 3. A preacher I heard just recently said in his sermon, "We all have forces within us—forces waiting to be used in so many ways and all we need is the power to release them."

The "power to release"—what grand words and how pregnant with meaning! Think of the unused talent in this world, think of the wasted opportunities, all because so many people have not yet discovered the power which releases dormant talent or unexplored traits of character.

Piece No. 4. I was speaking to the wife of a retired minister and she told me that for many years she had cut out and saved the scripture columns in a certain magazine, because she thought it so well written and the ideas so well expressed.

I happened to know the person who wrote this column and told her what the minister's wife had said, but of course without mentioning any names. And was the writer pleased?

There you have two perfectly fitting pieces in the jig-saw picture of life—the writer and the reader.

To go on with the puzzle. Piece No. 5 can be fitted to piece No. 1—the community with the woman Trustee. There you have a live-wire community who decided they wanted a woman on the School Board. And what did they do?

They discovered that, to "release their power" as ratepayers, all they had to do was to attend the Board meeting and use their voice. They did—and it worked. The woman Trustee was appointed. Thus two more jig-saw pieces are fitted together.

Of course, carrying out my illustration—Piece No. 2 fits the other side of piece No. 1.

MATERNAL MORALITY

A full half of the irreparable loss from death and disablement in motherhood might be saved, Dr. W. W. Chipman, noted Montreal obstetrician and gynecologist, recently told a large meeting in Toronto, held under the auspices of the Health League of Canada.

In maternal mortality Canada ranks from the 5th to the 12th highest among the 29 countries from which statistics are available, Dr. Chipman told the audience.

Lately and the medical profession were blamed alike by Dr. Chipman for the high maternal mortality rate. He charged that "mistakes in technique and in judgment on the part of the physician or the nurse" caused 36 per cent. of the deaths and disablement.

While the carelessness or ignorance of the patient caused 18 per cent. Poor ante-natal care and want of proper facilities were the other causes of the high death and disablement rate.

In Canada, in an average year, 230,000 babies were born, Dr. Chipman informed his audience. "In the process, 1,200 mothers died, and 23,000 were more or less permanently disabled, and again some 15,000 of their babies died."

"The price of our motherhood is indeed cruelly high," the speaker declared. "I say that the time is ripe to mend this trouble."

Sepsis, hemorrhage and the toxæmia are the deadly enemies within our gates, Dr. Chipman said.

He pointed out that in the past five years the Maternity Centres of New York had reduced their maternal death rate from 3 to 2.5 per 1,000 births. In Great Britain the rates vary from 3.87 to 4.51 per thousand births, he said.

"For further encouragement I add that the maternal death rate in Holland is 2.98 per 1,000; in Denmark it is 2.74, and in Sweden 3.12."

"Thorough medical examination in the early stages of motherhood was recommended by Dr. Chipman. A careful note should be made, he said, of general nutrition, condition of the blood stream, heart, lungs and blood pressure.

Advice should be given the patient as to diet, medication, clothing, exercise and the care of the teeth. Special care should be taken during the last three months. The patient should be guarded against sepsis or zymotic disease.

"Too many of our babies are turned out to grass, with their kind foster-mother, the cow," asserted Dr. Chipman.

Adequate training for our doctors and nurses must be provided, Dr. Chipman said. "We must demand this, from our medical schools," he said.

"We must have adequate instruction, a higher standard of practical training, and provision for refresher courses for our doctors and nurses."

"The need is not so much for more babies, as for better ones," Dr. Chipman said. "The stork deserves we shall not encourage."

Dr. Chipman's lecture was one of five lectures on health topics planned by the Health League of Canada as part of its educational campaign for a healthier Canada.

BUSINESS OF CHAIN STORES

Statistics recently issued regarding the business of chain stores in Canada show a remarkable development in recent years. The sales in 1935 amounted to \$364,129,800, or 17.9 per cent. of the total retail trade of the Dominion.

It has been quite apparent that for many years chain organizations operating in the Dominion, with a total of 8,022 individual stores. These companies employ 30,449 male employees, and 14,020 females, and pay \$96,382,000 in salaries and wages.

The stocks on hand at the end of the year totalled \$58,062,100. It has been quite apparent that for many years chain stores have been steadily increasing in various lines of business, but it requires definite figures such as these to reveal the extent of their activities.

It is not many years since there was scarcely a chain store in Brantford. Now there are many of them, and they occupy some of the best sites in the city. What is true of Brantford is true of other cities and towns.

It is sometimes said that they are a disadvantage to the community, inasmuch as they send large amounts of money out of the city. On the other hand, they must be fulfilling a needed service to consumers, or they would not prosper as they do.

It is certainly the day of business organization and enterprise, and these chain stores are the outcome. They have greatly increased, not lessened, competition in the various lines of trade, and the fact that they are equipped with large stocks, are well managed, and provide good service to their customers has enabled them to become firmly established.

The figures show that they constitute nearly one-fifth of the retail business of the country already, with prospects of steady expansion in the future.—Brantford Express.

THE DEVIL HAD NO CHANCE

A negro preacher called on a white minister and found the latter writing. "What you doin'?" asked the colored parson.

"I'm preparing my notes for next Sunday's sermon," the white minister said. "I suttinly nevah would do that. Don't you know the debil is looking right ovah your shouldah an' knows everything you gwine t' say? Now, I don't make no notes, and when I gets up to talk, neither me nor th' debil himself knows what I'm kwine t' say."

CANADA IN THE SOUTH

South Africa has recently put into effect regulations requiring the use of sealed containers for the delivery of milk and this would seem to provide a greater opening for the sale of Canadian milk bottles.

Canada already supplies South Africa with milk bottles also medicine or prescription bottles but only to a limited extent, according to the Industrial Department of the Canadian National Railways.

mail-I received a letter from a relative with a terrible downward slope. But I don't really consider that a coincidence. I would say that was a typical instance resulting from continuity of thought—two more pieces of a jig-saw puzzle with myself connecting them.

There now, I think I'll go and put some ice on my head. Jig-saw puzzles always did give me a headache!

BADLY PUT

Farmer (speaking to Pat): "Now, Pat, I'm very pleased the way you have been working lately, and so I'm going to make you a present of that pig."

Pat (smiling with pleasure): "Ah, sure and 'tis just like you, nor."

THREE O'CLOCK

Pat was in the habit of keeping very late hours. On getting home one morning, his wife had presented him with triplets. Pat took a look at them and then looked up at the clock and it was exactly three o'clock. Pat said: "Sure, and I'm glad I didn't come home at twelve."

THOUGHT THEY DID

Sandy: "Dae ye ken that yer hens come over into ma garden?" "Jock: "I thoct they must be daein' that."

Sandy: "Whit mak's ye think sae?" "Jock: "Because they never come back."

THOSE TUNES

First Painter, sitting on scaffolding: "Hey, mate, what's that tune you're whistling?" Second Painter: "That tune is called 'Painting the Clouds with Sunshine.'" First Painter: "Well, if you don't keep still you will be in hospital painting your limbs with iodine."

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