

THE THINGS ETERNAL

If life be nothing but a fight
For food a place to sleep at night,
A fire, and robes to wear,
If growth be nothing more than size
And age be merely dimming eyes,
Then death's the end of care.

If men, like bugs and flies and worms,
But live their days on nature's terms,
And in her process die,
Then brute and beast who eat and drink
Are better off than men who think,
And often sit and sigh.

But age with joy a book can thumb,
And dream of ample years to come,
And under every care,
And back of hurt of every kind
The thoughtful man can solace find
Which softens his despair.

Long after nature's growth is done
A growth in wisdom still goes on,
With its attendant peace,
And something hints that worldly strife
Is but the gateway to a life
Where growth shall never cease.
—Edgar A. Guest

Lesson of the Backward Look

By Joseph Lister Rutledge

There is a lot of waste motion in looking backward, unless we are looking to see how far we have come. We're all inclined to think that conditions have been very tough for us and that we haven't made the gains to which we feel entitled. Labor, for instance, is quite sure that it hasn't had the break it should have had. Labor isn't the only one. We're all a bit given that way, labor, white collar workers, capitalists. Probably we all could make quite a case for ourselves. But we have moved forward. We are better off.

We are going to try to prove this of labor, because some figures recently made available provide the evidence. The figures are authoritative. They have the support of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Of course they are American figures, but as trade unionists of this country are ready to accept U.S. wage patterns as applicable here, we should be able to accept this parallel as close enough.

These statistics prove then that, all arguments to the contrary, labor was 68% better off in 1946 than it was in 1900. That's the lesson of the backward look. It won't do either to urge that unemployment and spiralling costs have wiped out this advantage. It won't do to urge it is due to mounting skill, or more work. There is nothing to support these contentions. But what about unemployment and high prices wiping out all the gain? That isn't true either, though these factors did have their effect.

In 1900, for instance, the average annual earnings of all workers in non-farm employment was \$563. In 1946 the same work brought the worker \$2,560 a little better than 4½ times as much. But there was unemployment to be considered: 7.5% in 1900, 5.3% in 1946. Deducting these percentages reduced both wage figures. They are now 1900 \$521; 1946, \$2,424.

Then, of course, there was the cost of living. Using the period 1910-1914 as a base the worker in 1900 had quite a break. His costs were only 81.8% of the base period costs, so the actual worth of his earnings in the thing he had to buy was not \$521, but \$637. That's what we mean when we talk of the good old days. But the present situation is very different indeed. In 1946 prices on the U.S. were 198.8% of the base period. So the worker's buying power, as he always claims, was away down. His wages weren't worth \$2,424. They would actually buy only \$1,129 worth of goods. But the point is that even so, paying double for his goods, he is almost twice as well off as he was 46 years ago. That's not to be despised.

No Serious Animal Disease in Canada

Thanks to the veterinarians of the Health of Animals Division, Dominion Department of Agriculture, and those in private practice, Canada is free of serious animal diseases such as foot and mouth disease, contagious pleuro-pneumonia, rinderpest, fowl pest and other destructive animal plagues. Since 1868, this Division has been on watch and guard protecting the health of Canada's animals.

The Report of the Veterinary General for 1946 contains gratifying news about other diseases which might be a menace to Canada's livestock. Anthrax is seldom found in Canada; no case of dourine has occurred since 1919; of sheep scab since 1927; and these diseases may be considered eradicated. Glanders has not appeared since 1937. Mange only affected one horse and 57 cattle in 1947 and official treatment prevented its spread. No case of rabies was reported in 1947 except among foxes and sled dogs in the Northwest and Yukon Territories, and control measures held this outbreak in check.

But Canada can only be kept free of animal diseases—and particularly from invasion from disease from abroad—by constant vigilance by all, in the interests of the whole livestock industry.



Halton Junior Farmers held their annual Judging Competition in grain, small seeds, potatoes, hog carcasses and identification of weeds and forage plants at the annual Seed Fair and Bacon Show. In all 27 young men participated in the competition, which included eight classes in all. The official judges were Prof. Jas. Laughland of the Department of Field Husbandry, Guelph; Bruce Beer, Agricultural Representative for Peel; W. E. Breckon, of Freeman; and Wm. Lawrie of the Federal Grading Service, Toronto; with Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitelock in charge.

The Grand Champion of the day was Wm. Brain of Norval, with Jno. Currie of Georgetown, the high junior. The latter won the Halton Seed Trophy, emblematic of the high contestant of the day, in grain judging, while Wm. Brain had the high score in the judging of potatoes and hog carcasses, and therefore won the Halton Cream and Butter Trophy. The Strathcona Orchards Trophy for the high man in Small Seeds and the identification of Weeds and Forage Plants, was won by Fraser McNabb of Georgetown.

Other awards not announced in last week's column are as follows: T. Eaton Co. Trophy for the champion exhibit in the seed and grain show won by W. E. Breckon, Freeman, on a bushel of Red Clover.

Class 9—10 Bushels of Oats (12 entries)—S. E. Griffen & Son, of Acton; Fred Nurse, Georgetown 2nd and 3rd; J. Bruce Bridgen, Georgetown; Gordon Leslie, Acton; J. E. Pearen, Acton.

In the auction sale of ten bushel lots the top lot of barley exhibited by T. J. Brownridge brought \$2.05 per bushel while Griffen and Sons top lot of Beaver Oats was knocked down by Auctioneer J. A. Elliott, at \$1.80 per bushel.

Class 17—Late Potatoes—S. E. Griffen and Sons, Acton; J. E. Pearen, Acton.

Class 18—Early Potatoes—S. E. Griffen and Son had 1st on their bushel of Irish cobbler and 3rd on Warbas with J. E. Pearen, 2nd on Irish Cobbler.

ous and attentive hearing they apparently were not swayed by his charges. Kenneth Betzner, Vice-President of the Toronto Milk Producers' Association, and J. E. Houck, Secretary-Manager of the Toronto Distributors' Organization, also spoke briefly. All three speakers received a courteous reception and there was little or no heckling such as has been reported at other County meetings.

At the conclusion of the address, the following resolution was carried unanimously:

"Whereas we in this County are a Branch of the Toronto Milk Producers' Association, a democratic organization with directors and officers duly elected by those members who have expressed their democratic rights within the organization. And whereas this organization although not always accomplishing all that we feel it should, has been a great asset to the milk producers in past years.

Therefore be it resolved that we the Milk Producers of Halton pledge anew our support to the Toronto Milk Producers to exercise our democratic rights under the constitution, making any changes in the directorate or officers as we deem wise from time to time."

David Bowman was re-elected President of Branch 120, Canadian Legion at the annual meeting in the clubrooms on Sunday afternoon.

A native of Ireland who came to live in Georgetown in 1920, Patrick J. Cullen, died suddenly in St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, on Thursday, March 24th. Mr. Cullen had been in ill health since last November, and had been unable to work since that time.—Herald.

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GEORGETOWN

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How Many Cars Stolen?

About two years ago, a former car thief, writing in The Financial Post how simple the mechanics and paper-work of his racket were said: "There's no central clearing house in Canada for car registrations; there's practically no interprovincial checking and hardly any between municipalities in a given province. Surely that's one thing that can be fixed."

That's what you would think, says The Financial Post editorially. But it hasn't been, and there's little if anything to indicate that any steps are being taken to eliminate this simple obstruction in the major problem of car thievery.

In the United States, car stealing now ranks as the third most prevalent major crime—184,000 thefts in 1947.

How many cars are stolen (and recovered) in Canada each year? There's no answer to that question; no way of getting on short of collecting figures not from each province, but from every police chief in the Dominion.

A car stolen in one province can be sold in the next province — illegally, of course—with comparative ease by even a novice at car thieving, without having to go through the rudiments of filing down the engine numbers or doing a repaint job.

Surely authorities don't need to go on fumbling this important matter any longer. Car stealing now is too easy—scandalously easy.

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