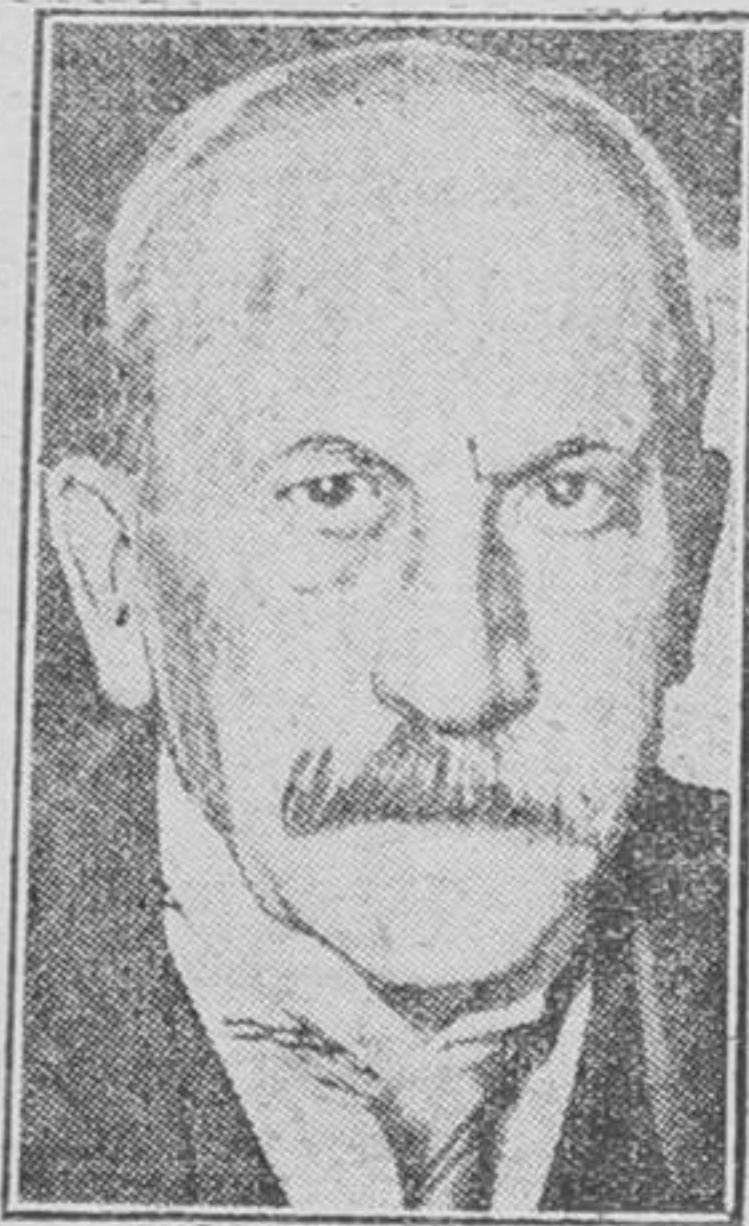


BUSH FIRES RAGE IN THUNDER BAY DISTRICT 5000 SQUARE MILES

A despatch from Fort William, Ont., says:—According to reports filtering in to the head of the lakes, an area of about five thousand square miles in the sparsely settled region to the east and west is menaced by forest fires. In the burned-out territories there are the smouldering ruins of numerous homes that belonged to hardy settlers. In the Wolf Mountain and Silver Mountain districts to the west numerous homes in the clearings have been consumed. One homesteader, John Crisp, more than sixty years old, is believed to have perished in a fire that swept that district Wednesday and he has not been seen since. It is believed that he must have been sleeping when the fire came toward his clearing and that he was unable to outrun the flames. While it is possible that he may have escaped, it is not considered that the chance is very bright. With the exception of Mr. Crisp, there is no definite report as to losses of life, although many settlers in the Silver Mountain area are said to have had narrow escapes, and many others are prepared to leave their homes as soon as the danger draws near. In several sections valuable areas of pulpwood timber have been destroyed or are in danger. Reports from Nipigon, one of the most beautiful spots in Northern Ontario, tell of a brave fight throughout Wednesday night to save the town.

More than one hundred men fought the encroaching flames with every conceivable weapon until they were ready to drop from exhaustion. At last report it was said that the fire was under control and the village safe. The airplane and seaplane forces of the Forestry Dept. are expected soon to take vigorous action in "spotting" fires so that they can be attacked before they spread to dangerous dimensions. The long spell of dry and sunny, though cold, weather has dried the forests to tinder. The coolness has kept the leaves from budding and the green grass from sprouting on the meadows, glades and swards. When the grass becomes green it acts as a natural deterrent to the progress of fires.

A despatch from Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., says:—With the district dry as tinder, a small number of bush fires in the Soo area are causing no little anxiety. At Massey the citizens of the town turned out and helped the rangers fight a fire near the cemetery. Fires are also causing trouble at Milford Haven, St. Joe Island and at Rydal Bank and Desbarats. In fact, more or less serious fires at many points are keeping the rangers on the jump. The rain on Tuesday was not of sufficient duration to give much aid and there is no immediate prospect of more. There have been but two small showers in two months.



Viscount Milner former secretary of war and secretary of state for the colonies, who died May 13, following a prolonged attack of sleeping sickness.

SIR H. RIDER HAGGARD PASSES IN LONDON

World-renowned as Writer of Tales of African Life and Adventure.

A despatch from London says:—Sir H. Rider Haggard, the author, died here on Thursday. Sir Rider had been ill for four months, and recently when his condition became serious he was taken to a private hospital in London, where he died.

Although he achieved a world reputation as a maker of fiction, it was known to but a few that the real life-work of Sir H. Rider Haggard was in the field of practical agriculture, in which he gained the highest reputation among experts.

Sir Henry Rider Haggard was born at Bradenham, Norfolk, June 22, 1856. He engaged in Government service in South Africa, and while a young man became celebrated as a writer of romances and tales of adventure with African backgrounds.

From 1882 to 1924 scarcely a year passed without the publication of a novel by him.

In his day H. Rider Haggard was one of the most widely read of popular novelists, the acme of his popular achievement being reached in his novels of the late 80's, "King Solomon's Mines" and "She."

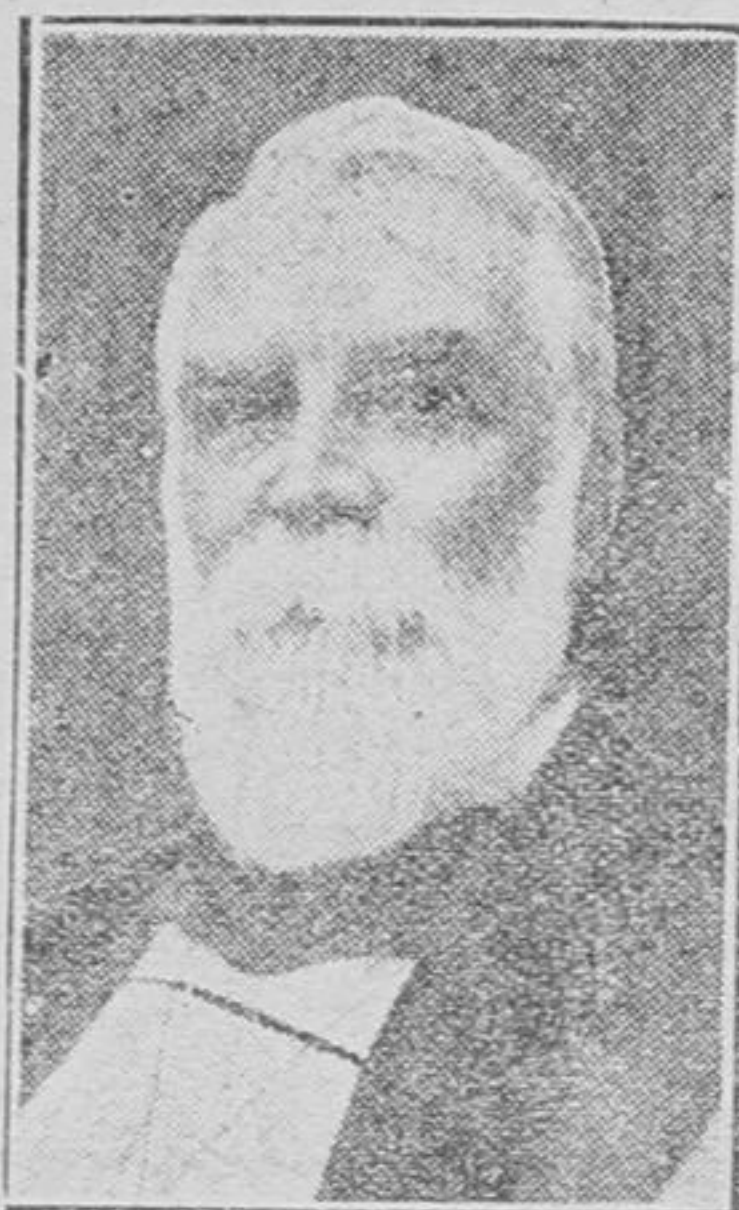
The scene of these, as of his other most successful works, was laid in South Africa, where Rider Haggard went in 1875 as Secretary to the Governor of Natal. He served later in the Transvaal, and was one of the officials who hoisted the British flag over that territory on Queen Victoria's birthday in 1877.

After the Boer victory at Majuba Hill the convention with the Boers was signed in his home, and he shortly afterward abandoned South Africa. Returning to England, he began his career as a novelist while studying for the Bar, and published his first success, "Dawn," in 1884.

Man and Insect to be Combatants in Next Great War

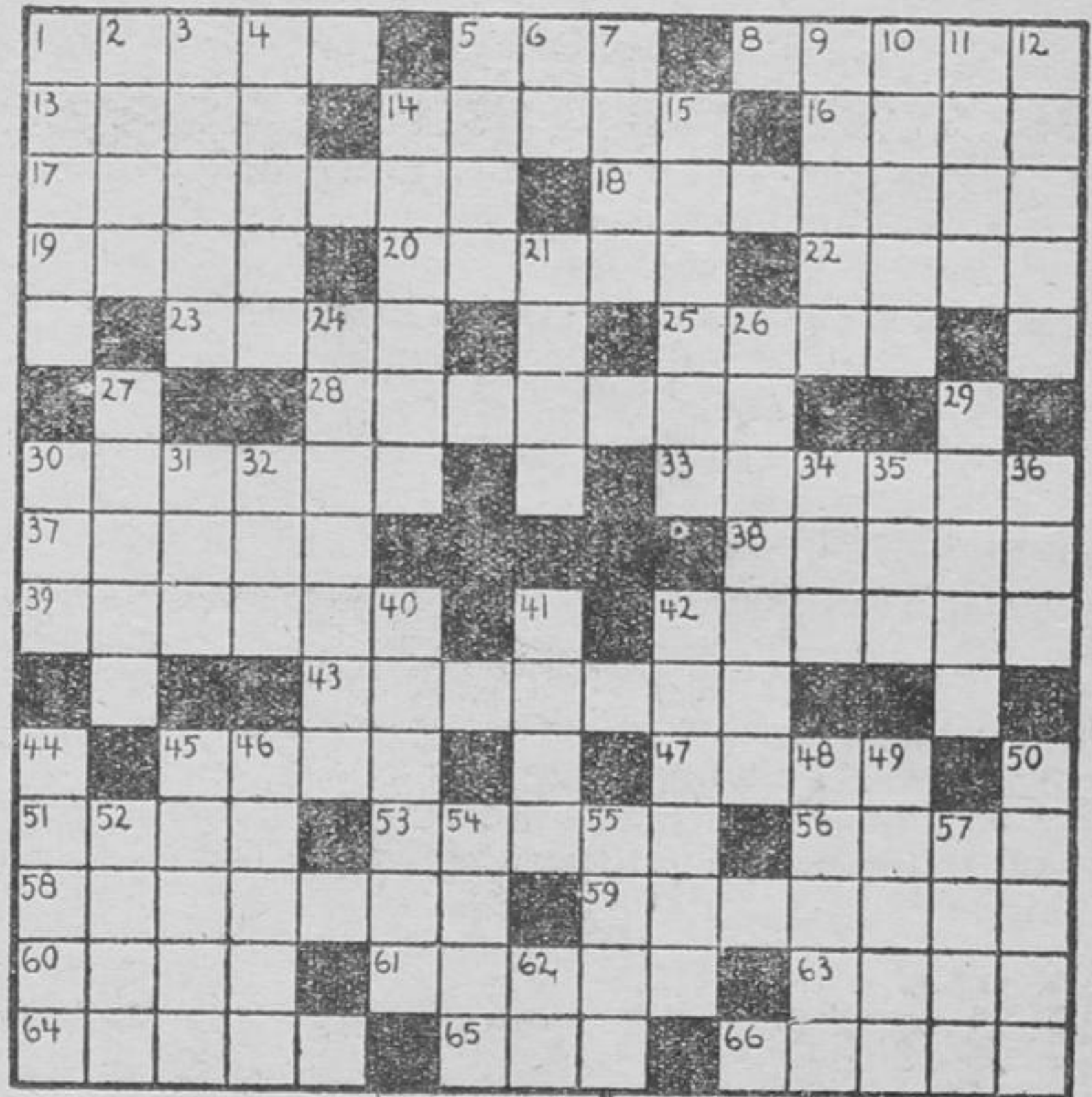
A despatch from Ottawa says:—A prediction as to the combatants in the next great war was made in the House of Commons on Friday evening, by Hon. W. R. Motherwell, Minister of Agriculture, when a vote for \$375,000, covering the cost of administration of the destructive insect and pest act and necessary buildings, was up for consideration. The item carried.

The department, stated Mr. Motherwell, in reply to Robert Forke, progressive leader, was fighting the activities of the corn borer, and other insect maladies. "We have come to a time," he stated, "when it is a fight between man and insect light. That's the next great war."



Right Rev. William D. Reeve first bishop of Mackenzie River and for many years bishop assistant of the Anglican Diocese of Toronto, who died May 12, at his home, in Toronto.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE



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SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

HORIZONTAL

- 1—Sweetheart
- 5—Fishing implement
- 8—A crack
- 13—Land surface
- 14—A Jewish festival
- 18—Always
- 17—Incomplete
- 18—Assemble
- 19—Otherwise
- 20—Afflicted with grave disease
- 22—Reaches a finish
- 23—A street car
- 25—Sour
- 28—To move back
- 30—Explosive machine
- 33—Account book
- 37—A variegated waxy quartz
- 38—Not fastened
- 39—Hereditary
- 42—Colored
- 43—To replace
- 45—To throw
- 47—Weapons
- 51—To scorch
- 53—Subdued
- 56—Assistant to military officer
- 58—Small dog
- 59—Wishes
- 60—Therefore
- 61—Firm
- 63—Tidy
- 64—To inundate
- 65—A speck
- 66—Disease of caisson workers

VERTICAL

- 1—Part of a coat
- 2—Verbal
- 3—Russian measure of distance
- 4—Consumer
- 5—Govern
- 6—Correlative of "either"
- 7—Cubes of chance
- 9—Bar of metal
- 10—Happening
- 11—To ward off
- 12—A lock of hair
- 14—Concealed in the hand
- 15—Subject to death
- 21—To peel
- 24—Amount overdue (pl.)
- 26—A studio
- 27—To commence
- 29—To besiege
- 30—A chum
- 31—A color
- 32—Consumed
- 34—To put on
- 35—Obtained
- 36—A color
- 40—A communication
- 41—Newspaper paragraph
- 42—Exchanged
- 44—Performed
- 45—A ship's freight
- 46—A missile
- 48—An eastern State of U. S.
- 49—A fabulous nymph
- 50—Jokes
- 52—A form of address (Ger.)
- 54—Dry
- 55—To prepare for publication
- 57—Deceased
- 62—Proceed

SNOW CHECKS FIRES AT FORT WILLIAM

Lake Steamers Arrive at Soo Covered With Foot of Ice.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., May 17.—One of the worst storms for the month of May was experienced Saturday night by boats on Lake Superior. The high northeast winds, accompanied with rain and snow, drove traffic to hug the north shore route. Down-bound steamers reached the Soo today covered with a foot of ice and snow. Some of the old-time sailors had never experienced anything like it for this season of the year.

Fort William, May 17.—This district was visited by falls of snow last night and this morning, which put a damper on the forest fires and placed them under control. Three aeroplanes will be here on Monday from the East to form an aeroplane lookout base for forest fires, which will be established at Sioux Lookout.

Sarnia, May 17.—Sarnia shivered in almost a wintry temperature today, in marked contrast to the summer thunderstorm which passed over the district Saturday evening. To-day the wind blowing from the lakes was the coolest for some weeks. Farmers, however, were rejoicing at the helpful rain of Saturday, and are now looking for sunshine, the lack of which is proving a detriment to the field and garden crops.

PEMBROKE YOUTH SAVES YOUNG GIRL

Gallant Rescue from Under Wheels of Locomotive at Risk of His Life.

A despatch from Pembroke says:—The residents of Pembroke are acclaiming 19-year-old Howard Riley a hero as a result of a daring rescue which he performed when he snatched the unconscious form of Muriel Switzer, aged 23, from in front of a fast freight train here.

Miss Switzer had tripped across the Canadian Pacific Railway tracks at Moffatt's Crossing at the west end of the town, and had fallen unconscious. Riley, who was some distance behind her, saw the fast freight thundering down the track toward her prostrate body, and, running as fast as he could, was just in time to jump the track and at the same time drag the girl literally from under the wheels of the locomotive.

Had he been a second later both he and the girl would have met with a horrible death.

League to be Subject of Instruction in British Schools

A despatch from Geneva says:—The British Government will suggest officially to school authorities in England and Wales that the League of Nations be made a general educational requirement and also that managers of reformatories and industrial schools be asked to accept educational facilities offered by the British League of Nations Union for enlightenment of the inmates. Foreign Secretary Chamberlain has informed the League. In Scotland the question of including the League in subjects in the curriculum is left to the teachers.

New German stamps are to bear the portraits of noted Germans.

ONTARIO NURSE AMPUTATES ARM

London Girl's Heroic Conduct at Mission Station in China.

London, Ont., May 17.—Reports have been received here concerning the heroic conduct under the most trying circumstances of a former London nurse, Miss Bessie Baty, R.N., daughter of Thomas Baty of this city. Miss Baty, since her designation services at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church more than four years ago, has been Superintendent of Nurses at the Canadian Presbyterian Mission at Kei Kwong Hospital, Keung Shan, Kwangtung, China.

Recently Dr. George C. Wannop of Winnipeg, the Medical Superintendent of the hospital, was compelled to undertake a journey that kept him away from the institution for several days. While absent a native worker in a sugar cane factory had his arm caught in a crusher and it was terribly mangled. An effort was made to get Dr. McDonald, at Kong Moon, to amputate the injured arm, but bandits blocked the road and it was impossible to get word to him. When danger of blood-poisoning manifested itself Miss Baty got a native doctor to administer an anaesthetic and she herself completed the amputation. The operation proved successful and the worker is now recovering.

Crew of Cattle Boat Drowned Near Cornwall

A despatch from Cornwall, Ont., says:—Three lives were lost by drowning in the St. Lawrence River at Barnhart's Island Friday afternoon, when a scow engaged in ferrying livestock from the Canadian side to Barnhart's Island, on the United States side, turned turtle at a very swift point in the river.

Several sheep and young cattle were also lost in the disaster, which was the worst drowning accident to occur in this locality for a number of years. The victims of the accident comprised the crew of the scow. They were Donald McMillan, Abel Vice and Clarence Cowell. None of the bodies has so far been recovered.

An unique fact in connection with the tragedy is that a little more than three years ago Lorne McMillan, a brother of one of the victims, was drowned in almost the same spot.

Man Swept to Death in Current at Peterboro Lock

Peterboro, May 17.—James E. Heron, 44 years of age, was drowned at 8 o'clock to-night when he slipped from a stone at Peterboro lock and was whirled downstream in the swift current from the sluice. He was a good swimmer, and several attempts were made to save him, but his overcoat and the cold water weakened his efforts and the current prevented help. He leaves his wife and seven children, the eldest of whom is 15.

Abolish War Duty Stamps on Cheques of \$5 or Less

A despatch from Montreal says:—The Canadian Manufacturers' Association received information from Ottawa that the new regulations introduced in the House of Commons providing for the abolition of war duty excise stamps on cheques of \$5 or less will become effective on July 1.

THE MARKETS

TORONTO.

Man. wheat—No. 1 North., \$1.81¼; No. 2 North., \$1.78¼; No. 3 North., \$1.73¼; No. 4 wheat, not quoted. Man. oats—No. 2 CW, not quoted; No. 3 CW, 60c; extra No. 1 feed, 60c; No. 1 feed, 55c; No. 2 feed, 52½c. All the above c.i.f. bay ports. American corn, track, Toronto—No. 2 yellow, \$1.25. Millfeed—Del., Montreal freights, bags included. Bran, per ton, \$28; shorts, per ton, \$30; middlings, \$36; good feed flour, per bag, \$2.05. Ontario oats—Nominal, f.o.b. shipping points. Ont. wheat—No. 2 winter, nominal; No. 3 winter, not quoted; No. 1 commercial, not quoted, f.o.b., shipping points, according to freights. Barley—Malting, not quoted. Buckwheat—No. 2, nominal. Rye—No. 2, nominal. Man. flour, first pat., \$9.80, Toronto; do, second pat., \$9.30, Toronto. Pastry flour, bags, \$7.50. Straw—Carlots, per ton, \$8.00 to \$8.50. Screenings—Standard, re-cleaned, f.o.b. bay ports, per ton, \$24.00. Hay—No. 2, per ton, \$13.00 to \$14.00; No. 3, per ton, \$11.00 to \$12.00; mixed, per ton, \$9.00 to \$11.00; lower grades, \$6.00 to \$9.00. Cheese—New, large, 20 to 20¼c; twins, 21 to 22c; triplets, 22 to 23c; Stiltons, 23 to 24c. Old, large, 27 to 28c; twins, 28 to 29c; triplets, 28 to 30c. Butter—Finest creamery prints, 37 to 38c; No. 1 creamery, 36 to 37c; No. 2, 35 to 36c; Dairy prints, 29 to 30c. Eggs—Fresh extras, in cartons, 35 to 36c; loose, 33c; fresh firsts, 31c; seconds, 27c. Live poultry—Chickens, spring, lb., 55c; hens, over 4 to 5 lbs., 20c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 18c; spring chickens, 4 lbs. and over, M.F., 24c; do, corn fed, 22c; roosters, 15c; ducklings, 5 lbs. and up, 22c. Dressed poultry—Chickens, spring, lb., 65c; hens, over 4 to 5 lbs., 28c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 22c; spring chickens, 4 lbs. and over, M.F., 35c; do, corn fed, 32c; roosters, 20c; ducklings, 5 lbs. and up, 27c. Beans—Canadian, handpicked, lb., 6¼c; primes, 6c. Honey—60-lb. tins, 13¼c per lb.; 10-lb. tins, 13¼c; 5-lb. tins, 14c; 2½-lb. tins, 15¼c to 16c. Smoked meats—Hams, med., 30c; cooked hams, 46c; smoked rolls, 22c; cottage, 24c; breakfast bacon, 28 to 32c; special brand breakfast bacon, 35c; backs, boneless, 35 to 42c. Cured meats—Long clear bacon, 50 to 70 lbs., \$22; 70 to 90 lbs., \$20.50; 20 lbs. and up, \$19.50; lightweight rolls, in barrels, \$39.50; heavy-weight rolls, \$34.50 per bbl. Lard—Pure tierces, 18c; tubs, 18¼c; pails, 19c; prints, 20c; shortening tierces, 14c; tubs, 14½c; pails, 15c; blocks, 16c. Heavy steers, choice, \$7.75 to \$8.10; do, good, \$7.25 to \$7.75; butcher steers, choice, \$7 to \$7.50; do, good, \$6.25 to \$6.75; do, med., \$6 to \$6.50; do, com., \$5.50 to \$6; butcher heifers, choice, \$7 to \$7.50; do, med., \$6 to \$6.50; do, com., \$5.50 to \$6; butcher cows, choice, \$6 to \$6.50; do, fair to good, \$4.50 to \$5.50; canners and cutters, \$2.50 to \$2.75; butcher bulls, good, \$4.50 to \$5.50; do, fair, \$3.75 to \$4; bologna, \$2.50 to \$3.25; feeding steers, good, \$6.50 to \$7; do, fair, \$5 to \$6.25; stockers, good, \$5.50 to \$6; do, fair, \$5 to \$5.50; calves, choice, \$10 to \$11; do, med., \$7 to \$9; do, common, \$4.50 to \$6.00; milch cows, choice, \$7 to \$8; do, fair, \$4 to \$5; springers, choice, \$75 to \$90; good light sheep, \$8.50 to \$10; heavies and bucks, \$5.50 to \$7.50; good ewe lambs, \$14 to \$15.50; do, med., \$10 to \$12; do, culls, \$8.00 to \$9.00; spring lambs, each, \$8 to \$14.50; hogs, thick smooths, fed and watered, \$11.35; do, f.o.b., \$11.75; do, country points, \$11.50; do, off cars, \$12.85; select premium, \$2.42.

MONTREAL.

Oats, Can. west., No. 2, 70c; do, No. 3, 63c; extra No. 1 feed, 60¼c. Flour, Man. spring wheat pats., firsts, \$9.80; seconds, \$9.30; strong bakers', \$9.10. Flour, winter pats., choice, \$7.60 to \$7.70. Rolled oats, bag 90 lbs., \$3.45. Bran, \$26.25 to \$27.25. Shorts, \$28.25 to \$29.25. Middlings, \$34.25 to \$35.25. Hay, No. 2, per ton, car lots, \$14 to \$15.

Solution of last week's puzzle.

