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GENERAL NEWS AND VIEWS

There are still persons driving horse vehicles without lanterns, although many have promptly obeyed the law. Do not run unnecessary risks.

Walkerton police were called by Formosa villagers who had twice been disturbed by motorists turning powerful flashlights into their windows.

Fire recently destroyed the barn and contents, the property of James J. Trainor, lot 16, con. 12, King, near Bell's Lake. The fire was first noticed about 6 a.m. and before sufficient help had arrived it made such rapid progress that all efforts were useless. Two horses, all grain and hay (around 70 tons) and all implements were lost. The estimated loss is placed at \$10,000 and is only partly covered with insurance.

Aylmer has been without a band for the past two years and the citizens are now quite jubilant over the fact that one is to be organized again. If there is one organization that every town needs more than another it is the town band, and the town that has to do without one for a short period soon realizes this fact and appreciates the worth of the band to community life.—Acton Free Press.

"A menace to the whole community" were the words used by George Baxter, Sanitary Inspector for Scarborough, in reference to a family of aliens father, mother and ten children living in the township and drawing relief. The father was recently prosecuted for neglecting to send the children to school, and the Inspector last week at a meeting of the Board of Health described them as being infected with vermin and living on dry bread and vegetables. The home they live in is unfit for habitation and the family were given 14 days to get out. But penniless and destitute they have no place to go.

Hon. Dr. King, Minister of Health says—Thousands of children were under-nourished, not by insufficiency of food, but by improper diet. Prepared pamphlets will be distributed to all the schools in the province on this subject.

No less than 16 fishermen were noticed lined up on the Beaverton wharf one morning recently, some coming from as far afield as Orillia. The herring and whitefish are said to be very plentiful this season.

Orillia Agricultural Society spent \$1646 for attractions at this year's fair and paid only \$715.00 in prizes to exhibitors. This does not seem a very fair proportion for a show the primary object of which is supposed to be encouragement of agriculture.

Prevalence of chicken thieving by gangs apparently specially trained and highly organized is causing Attorney-General W. H. Price and Hon. J. S. Martin, Minister of Agriculture, considerable alarm this fall. Mr. Martin recently suggested that another application be made to Ottawa asking that the Criminal Code be amended to provide higher penalties. Such an application was made a year ago, but no action was taken.

It is noted by officers of the Ont. Government that in New York State recently a chicken thief received a sentence of life imprisonment. In Ontario the approved method of "lifting a coop" is for one of the gang to enter with an atomizer full of chloroform and, after giving each bird a whiff, a man with a sack gathers them up. In scores of cases every bird in a chicken house is thus stolen. Col. Price would not comment upon the threat of farmers in the neighborhood of Tillsonburg that they will shoot apprehended thieves on their farms with shot guns.

"That is their look-out," he said, in some cases but it must be shown that guns are used in self-defence. The Government is keenly aware of the loss being occasioned by such midnight marauders but as it is a matter of criminal law we cannot make penalties more stringent here. We can only act through the police and the courts and this we are doing to best of our ability."

Autumn's Promise
Down the leaves come slipping, sliding
Twisting, twirling, glancing, gliding.
Yellow, scarlet, purple, brown,
So the leaves come floating down.
But behind each brown leaf dead
Tiny leafbuds lift the head.
On our lives go, swiftly winging,
Each new day new duties bringing;
Work is gathered into sheaves,
Old deeds pass like autumn leaves.
Let new strength, new promise lie
Close behind the deeds that die.

—Selected



GUILTY OF HIGH TREASON?
General Theodoros Pangalos, former Greek dictator, has been found guilty of high treason by a commission appointed by the Government to enquire into his activities.

Christie Street Hospital Acknowledges Shower.

Mrs. W. Mortson, president of the Richmond Hill W.C.T.U. received the following letter from the Matron of the Christie Street Hospital, acknowledging the shower given last week. The president also wishes to take this opportunity of thanking all who so kindly donated to the shower.

Christie St. Hospital
Toronto, Nov. 11th, 1927
President, W.C.T.U.
Richmond Hill, Ont.
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