

GENERAL NEWS AND VIEWS

P. P. Stephenson is reported by the Bradford Witness, as catching a 12-pound lunge in the Holland river, near the lake recently.

In the last four years the number of blacksmiths in Ontario has fallen from 2,400 to 1,899. That seems to indicate the rate at which the horses is being eliminated in this province and to a large extent throughout the Dominion.

For the second time within a short period an incendiary has attempted to burn down the Elora town hall, and the council has offered a reward of \$100 for his capture.

Political promises are made with the same reckless abandon as New Year's resolutions, remarks the Meaford Mirror. Yes, and have just about as much value.

Mosquitoes prefer blondes, says Herman Horning a Philadelphia entomologist and an authority on mosquitoes and their habits. He says they will pass up a brunette nine times out of ten when there is a blonde in sight.

The best way to make the highways safe is for every driver to use the same care he would expect others to exercise.

Here's a poser from the Glasgow Herald that will apply in any place: "Would your town be a better or poorer town if every one in it was like you?"

Three barns in Vespra township were damaged, one house in Barrie was struck by lightning, though no serious damage resulted, and a number of trees in the district were blown down during a recent severe electrical storm.

NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR THE BUSY FARMER

Sheep Owners Sign Contracts
More than 6,000 Canadian sheep owners have signed contracts in which they agree to market all wool in future through the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers, and signatures are still pouring in. The original objective of three million pounds, which was set as the minimum amount necessary to ensure the success of the new marketing policy has already been passed.

Lice and Mites
No matter how carefully the hen-house has been cleaned and disinfected, lice and mites will put in their appearance.

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ance before the summer is over. They are a source of great annoyance to the birds and may become so bad as to practically drive the flock out of the building. A good dust bath for the hens or dusting sodium fluoride into their feathers will help get rid of the vermin from the bodies, but there are always some cracks around the walls and roosts where the vermin hide during the day and come out to feed on the birds during the night. Coal oil has been used effectively in destroying the pests on the roosts and a nicotine preparation painted on the roost in the evening will destroy the vermin on both roosts and birds. The fumes permeating through the feathers do their work.

Fruit Prospects Excellent
Lincoln County, the leading tender fruit section of Ontario, reports one of the best crops of all kinds of fruit in recent years. Sweet and sour cherries are excellent, but prices have been somewhat low. There was also a good showing of early vegetables. From the apple sections reports indicate that the crop will be considerably smaller than a year ago. Orchards which have taken advantage of the spray service are coming on exceptionally well, but in other orchards scab is making its appearance. There will be a considerable increase in the size of apples this year. Potato sections report an outlook for more than the average yield of potatoes this year and early potatoes are now finding their way to market.

Canadian Hens Prominent
Canadian entries in the overseas section of the British national egg-laying contest are holding their own with the world's best egg producers according to reports recently received, which show that Canadian hens hold third and fourth positions in the international contest.

Pastures are good practically all over the province and livestock is benefiting accordingly. There will be an average alfalfa crop and a very good hay crop of all kinds throughout Ontario. The stand of fall wheat is looking excellent, likewise the various spring grain crops.

Haying operations have been general with the quality of hay below average, due to the catchy weather. Alfalfa seed producing sections report an unusually large acreage being left for seed. Seed is setting well and there will likely be a large crop of alfalfa seed this year.

Growers of canning factory peas have been busy harvesting their crop. Reports indicate that the yield of canning peas is above normal, and vining stations and canning factories have been working to capacity.

Northern Ontario Progresses
There are many people who think of Northern Ontario as a large area producing a wealth of minerals and not a little pulpwood. It is good to know that gratifying progress is being made along the lines of dairy production all through that district known as the "Clay Belt," which runs through Ontario north of the Great Lakes and over into Quebec. In 1917 a creamery was established in New Liskeard, which made 40,000 lbs. of butter that year. In 1929 the 17 creameries in that district produced over 1,000,000 pounds of butter and the market milk trade among the many towns and villages seems to be well organized. There is a steady demand for good dairy cows and in 1928 fifty pure bred bulls were placed in Temiskaming alone. Prospects point to an excellent dairy development for Northern Ontario.



Check and Double Check

THE PLEDGE

From the moment the United States Congress first began its revision of the tariff, the Mackenzie King Government has been fully alive to the situation, and has made it clear both in Parliament and throughout the country that at the proper time it would take such measures in reply to the American tariff as would effectively safeguard the interests of Canada.

On June 19th, 1929, Hon. Ernest Lapointe made this declaration: "We will continue to shape our financial policies on a national basis, in the interests of all sections in Canada. We will legislate not for one class but for all classes and groups of the Canadian People."

In the Budget debate of the session of 1929, the Prime Minister (Mackenzie King) spoke as follows:—

"But I repeat—and I do not think this can be made too clear—that so far as the United States tariff is concerned, that is a matter which the Government of that country must settle for itself in accordance with its own interest. And the United States will be the first to recognize, if in any action they take our trade is adversely affected, that it is our duty and our right, and should be and will be our policy to see to it that we make such arrangements with respect to our tariff as will further our interests in our own way."

The Performances

On May 1st, 1930, the Hon. Chas. Dunning delivered his Budget speech in the House of Commons and announced the most far-reaching revision of the Canadian tariff which has been made in many years.

Conservative speakers have tried in vain to minimize the effect of the Budget of 1930 on American imports to this country.

Here is a statement from the official report of the Commercial Attache of the United States Legation in Ottawa: "The budget speech to the Canadian Parliament on May 1st, 1930, included tariff proposals by the Minister of Finance which represent the most extensive revision of the tariff since 1907. American trade aggregating between \$175,000,000 and \$225,000,000 is affected, adversely in most instances."

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