

## To the Ratepayers of Richmond Hill

HELP THE COUNCIL HELP YOU, BY PROMPT PAYMENT OF TAXES

In maintaining the good financial standing of the Village of Richmond Hill a most important feature is the PROMPT PAYMENT OF TAXES by our ratepayers. During the year the members of council as your elected representatives have given diligent care and attention to the business of the municipality and consistently striven to conduct your affairs in a businesslike manner and balance the budget. These efforts, I am pleased to say, have been quite successful and as we near the end of the year our finances are in a very satisfactory position. However, if we are to continue to improve our financial standing, it is imperative that ratepayers make a serious effort to meet their tax obligations.

It has been the constant aim of your council to so administer your affairs as to be able to relieve in every possible way the burden of taxation. There are prospects that in the near future there will be a lightening of the burden on the ratepayers but to accomplish this end we must have the co-operation of the taxpayers in the payment of taxes.

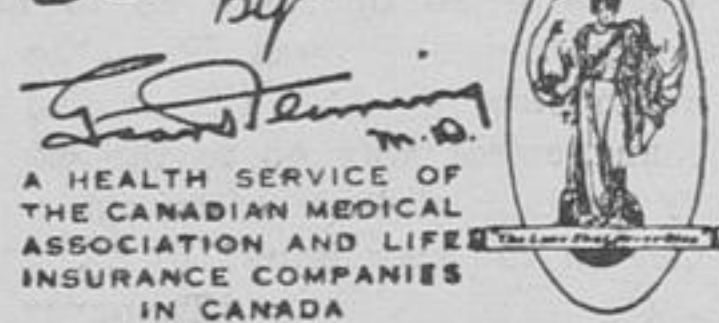
Therefore on behalf of the council I make this appeal as we near the end of the year for the payment of the current years levy and any arrears of taxes on your property. Will you make some payment before the end of the year? Our treasurer is authorized to accept and give full credit for any payment.

Thanking you in anticipation of your co-operation.

J. A. GREENE, Reeve.

December 11th, 1935.

## HEALTH



### POSTURE

The upright position has many advantages but, unfortunately, there are persons who, for one reason or another, have developed such poor posture as to be handicapped in life.

To a considerable extent, good posture reflects good health, and when conditions are such as to interfere with good posture, it is no exaggeration to say that such conditions are likely unhealthy.

The child who spends many hours each day at a school desk which is too low for him and which thus forces him to slouch down to use his desk is likely to have stooped shoulders.

We might say that while this situation can be dealt with by having at least two or three sizes of desks, in no case should the school child be kept sitting for long periods. Long periods of sitting lead to a weariness which is expressed in drooping shoulders.

The posture of women has improved since they have given up the garments which were used to constrict the figure. At the same time, women have relieved themselves of the burden of innumerable superfluous garments.

Poor posture is often the result of ill fitted shoes. Feet vary in size shape and position. That is why care should be taken to fit the shoe to the foot rather than to attempt to mould the foot to the shoe.

Good posture promotes good health because it allows for the organs of the body to function in their normal position, whereas poor posture may constrict and limit action while pressing organs out of their normal place in the body.

Good posture is a personal asset in that it gives to the person a sense of well-being and comfort, and a certain desirable assurance. Good posture will not solve the health problems of the world, but it will help to prevent some of the ills which afflict mankind.

Healthy muscles, well-built from proper food and kept strong through exercise are essential to hold the body in good position. Weak muscles cause slouching shoulders and protruding abdomens, with narrow chests.

Good food, a reasonable amount of exercise and sufficient rest, together with proper clothing, promote good posture and good health.

Questions concerning Health, addressed to the Canadian Medical Association, 184 College Street, Toronto, will be answered personally by letter.

## NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR THE BUSY FARMER

### Crops for Silage

For eleven years the Field Husbandry Division has been conducting experiments with the ensiling of various crops. Of the crops tested, corn is undoubtedly the best for ensiling. Sunflowers are recommended on heavy clay soils and in cool climates where corn does not do well. Mixtures of oats and peas, or oats, peas and vetches make very good silage. Red clover is an excellent silage crop but alfalfa is rather difficult to ensile and should be used for hay where possible. Buckwheat, cut in full bloom, yields 7 or 8 tons per acre of fairly good silage. Experiments are being continued with these and other crops.

### Paris Wins Society Class Guelph Winter Fair

With a total score of 458 points the Paris Agricultural Society was awarded first place in the keenly contested Agricultural Society Class for grain at the Winter Fair. Esqueping Society of Georgetown was a close second with 455½ points. As the possible was 500, these are considered very high scores.

This Class has aroused very wide interest as the members of each competing Agricultural Society must cooperate, in this venture. Each exhibit included 5 lots of grain and seed and no member contributed more than one lot. As twelve Societies competed, the display included samples from 60 of the best Seed Growers in Western Ontario.

Other winning Societies are given in order—Peel County (Brampton) 448½; Carrick (Mildmay) 447; Teeswater 439; Scott (Uxbridge) 437; Richmond Hill 434½; Markham 426; South Huron (Seaford) 424.

### Livestock Figures

In Ontario the horse population shows a reduction of 800. Mares and geldings are 2,700 less, due, it is believed, to the reduced fodder supplies available last winter, but colts and fillies are up 1,900 reflecting the stronger demand and higher prices prevailing for horses. Cattle have dropped 25,300 head, decreases occurring in bulls, milk yearlings, calves, and steers over 2 years. Milk cows are down 1,075 head in Eastern Ontario but up 5,000 in the aggregate for the province. Beef cows have increased 2,000 head and beef yearlings 1,400. For the fifth successive year sheep and lambs record a decrease, being placed at 945,700 on June 1st, 1935, as compared with 962,300 on June 1st, 1934. Brood sows are up considerably in each section except Southern Ontario, but other pigs over six months showed a heavy falling off in numbers, with the result that the total swine population over 6 months old decreased by 3,000 head. Swine under 6 months are on the upward trend again and are 50,400 higher than a year ago. The number of sows intended to farrow in the next 6 months is well above last year. Hens and chickens show a rise of 164,200, being 21,731,200 this June and 21,567,000 in June, 1934.

### Dressed Poultry for the Christmas Trade

Thousands of birds are destined for the Christmas market as dressed poultry, but to obtain the highest prices, most of them should be well finished by the pen or crate method, since the quieter the birds are kept the better the quality of finish. The length of the finishing period, may vary from two to three weeks, depending on the condition, age and feeding of the bird.

For the finishing work, the selection and grading of the birds according to vigour, condition, size, age and sex are extremely important. It is usually advisable to discard the non-vigorous birds and invest extra capital and labour only in those that will return profit.

Before the birds are placed in the crates for feeding, they should be treated for lice and starved for at least twenty-four hours. It is advisable to administer a dose of laxative, to clean them out, in the form of Epsom salts dissolved in water at the rate of one pound to 100 birds. The solution is used for mixing the first feed.

The importance of proper dressing cannot be over-emphasized. In killing and preparing poultry for market the birds should be starved for at least 24 hours before being killed, have access to clean drinking water, be properly bled so that no blood remains in the extremities, be undrawn with the head and feet left on, be dry plucked although a few feathers may be left around the head, be dry cooled, with feet and vent clean, all blood removed from the mouth, and the crop empty. It is preferable that the heads should be wrapped. All the body heat should be out of the

bird before packing, and every care should be taken to keep poultry from freezing before it is delivered.

### Cutting the Fuelwood

Farmers who are fortunate enough to own a woodlot soon will be cutting fuelwood for next year. Late fall and early winter is the ideal season for working in the bush as the ground is frozen and there is usually very little snow.

Before starting the work it would be advisable to look over the woodlot and decide the location of the season's operations. The future should always be considered in woodlot management, as the cutting done now will determine the composition and value of the woods 10, 50 and 100 years hence.

Owners who have not fenced part of their bush from stock should consider the advisability of doing so, as the value and often the preservation of the woodlot depends on whether stock are shut out, as small seedlings and saplings of deciduous trees (maple, ash, beech, etc.) will be browsed and the evergreens will be broken by stock. The fence might be constructed in the winter by utilizing the trees as posts. The wire should be fastened to strips that are nailed to the trees.

The fuelwood could be cut from the part that is left in with the pasture. Often the fuelwood may be cut and the woodlot left in better growing condition, if care in selecting trees is taken. Large trees that are interfering and holding back promising young might wisely be removed. Defective trees should be utilized as often their value is decreasing. The less valuable species (weeds) such as ironwood, blue beech, poplar, pin cherry should be largely eliminated from the woodlot as they will if left continue to seed up the bush and take up space that might be growing valuable white ash, sugar maple, pine, spruce, etc.

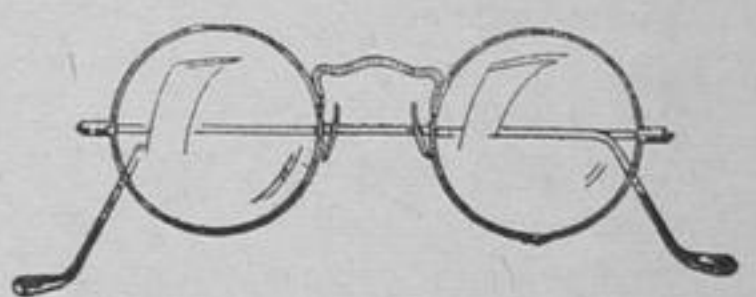
The trees are generally too crowded in a second growth stand. A thinning that removes defective, crooked, weed trees and trees that are shaded by their more vigorous neighbors would result in a marked improvement of the woods. These polewood stands are often clean-cut for fuelwood when a judicious thinning would yield fuelwood and increase the value of the woods.

If the owner is not doing the cutting himself he should mark the trees that are to be cut by blazing or daubing them with paint. Care in felling is very necessary, as the small trees have a high potential value.

A bulletin on The Woodlot will be sent on application to The Forests Branch, Parliament Buildings, Toronto, or it may be obtained from the county Agricultural Representative.

### A Worth While Work

The problem of caring for the many unfortunate sufferers from tuberculosis is a task which for some 39 years has been occupying the attention of the National Sanitarium Association, operating the Muskoka Hospital for Consumptives, the Toronto Hospital for Consumptives and the Queen Mary Hospital for Consumptive Children. At present these up-to-date hospitals, with an accommodation of over 1,000 beds, are taxed to the utmost to care for the needy consumptives, whose only hope of future health lies in proper treatment and care. It is in order that these institutions may be enabled to carry on this worth while work that it is necessary to annually make an appeal for funds, for the statutory allowances received fall far short of the actual cost of maintenance. With a deficit of many thousands of dollars to make up this year on operating account, we ask that you give as generously as you can. Please send your gift to the National Sanitarium Association, 223 College Street, Toronto 2.



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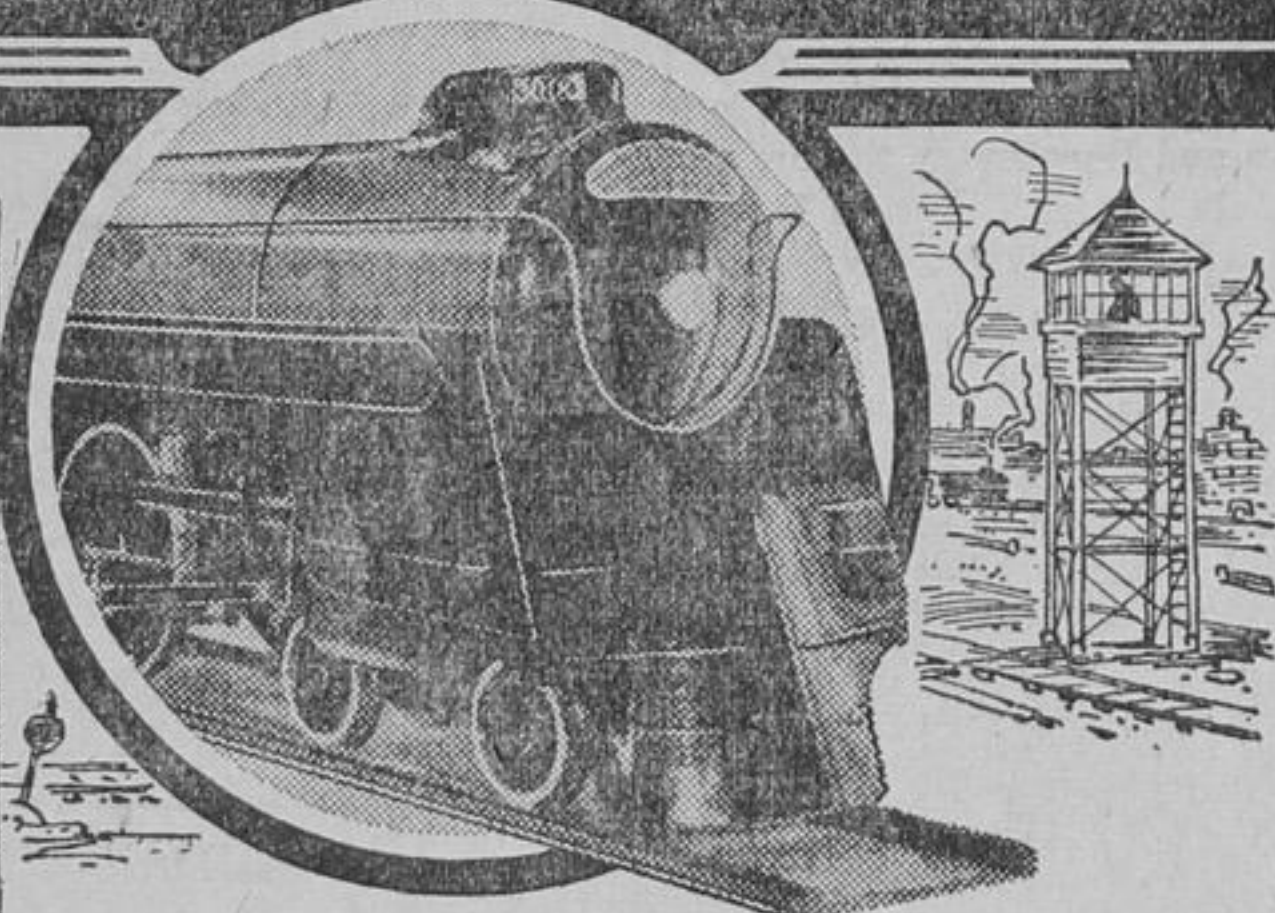
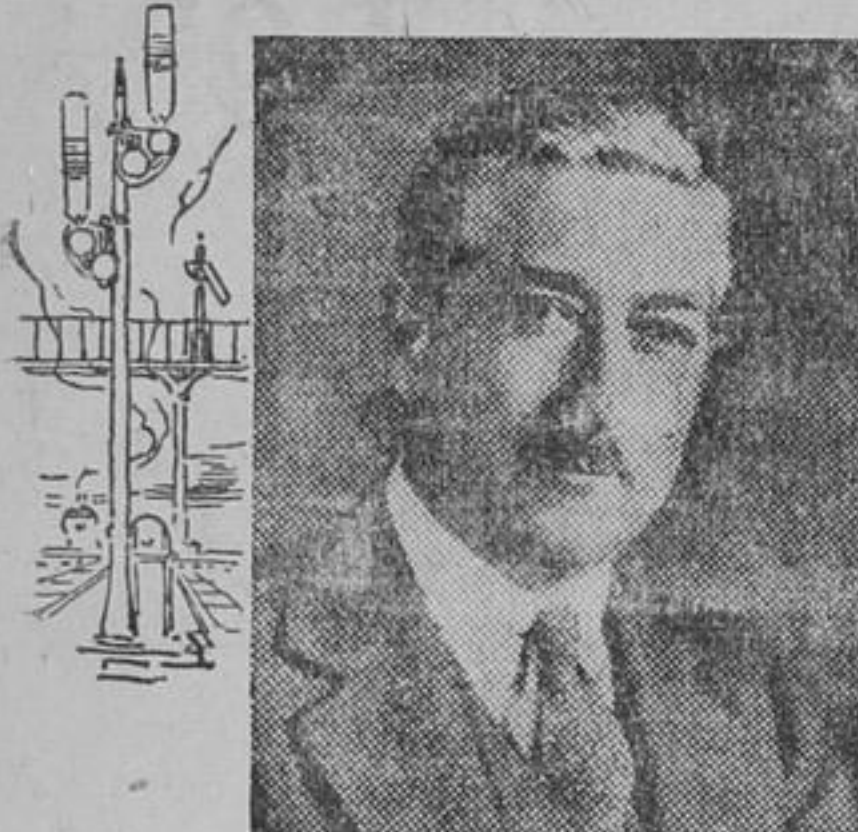
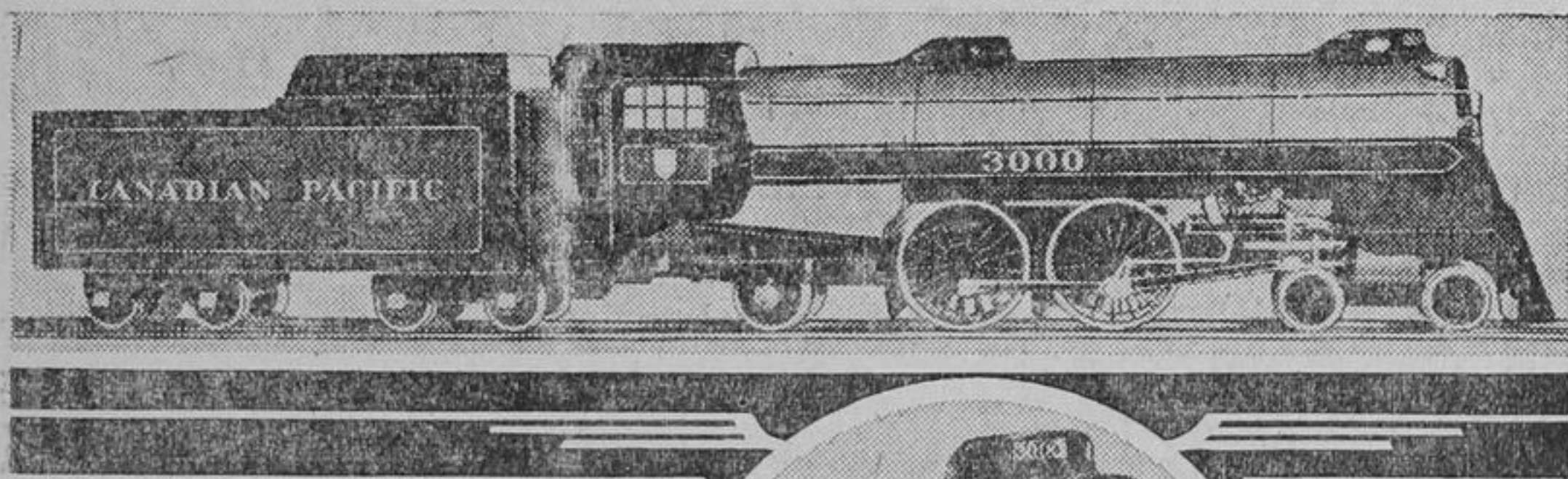
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## Canada To Have Streamline Locomotives



Marking the peak of engine development in the fifty years since the driving of the last spike at Craigellachie, the Canadian Pacific Railway has under construction five light-weight locomotives, which are being built to attain a speed of 110 miles per hour. Stream-lining and an increased ratio of power to weight and fuel consumption are their outstanding characteristics. Many of the ideas incorporated in these engines are quite new, having been originated by Canadian Pacific engineers under the supervision of H. B. Bowen, Chief of Motive Power and Rolling Stock. In addition, the Company's engineers closely watched experi-

ments made by leading railways of other countries, and have adapted and developed the best features brought out. The new Canadian Pacific engines mark a long step forward in locomotive construction.

The first five engines will be used to improve the Company's passenger service between Montreal and Quebec, and will haul at high speeds trains of new light-weight coaches now being built for the service. They are of 4-4-4 type, with a total engine and tender weight of 430,000 lbs., or about 33 per cent. lighter than engines now running, and designed to do the same relative work. This means a consequent

important saving in fuel, water and maintenance. The boilers are of nickel steel designed to stand a pressure of 300 lbs. per square inch, and fittings and appliances are all of the latest type, including super-heaters, feed water heaters, mechanical stokers, roller bearings and tandem connecting rods. They are coal burning, the tenders having a capacity of twelve tons. The tractive effort will be 25,000 lbs.; cylinders 16½ by 28 inches; with the drivers having a diameter of 80 inches. Photographs of a model give a comprehensive idea of the new engines. Inset is H. B. Bowen, Chief of Motive Power, Canadian Pacific Railway.