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A WINTER TO TALK ABOUT

The weather prophets that last fall predicted a mild winter will, no doubt, by this time, realize that one cannot always be a good guesser.

Even the old-timers, who, for years have been telling stories about the good old winters, admit that this winter will be one that will give the grandparents of tomorrow something to talk about.

Seldom has Ontario known a winter that the snow remained in such large quantities as long as it has this winter. While the weather has not been as severe as two years ago, it is many, many years since the roads have been drifted, traffic interrupted and trains delayed as they have been during the past few months on account of the vigorous storms.

While the imaginations of forecasters do not amount to a great deal, and are not now considered as they were in former instances, it has been proven that there is some truth in the old saying that when the land is blanketed with snow, it portends good crops.

Yes! This will be a winter to talk about for years to come, unless, of course, we have another like it again next year and this reminds us, forecasters are predicting longer and colder winters from now on.

GRASS MAY BE BETTER, BUT - ?

"What next?" was the exclamation of many when they read a news dispatch sent out last week from East Lansing, Michigan.

In one of his lectures, Dr. Kirk declared that the surface was only scratched in the search for new uses of farm products. He said he looked forward to the time when the housewife, preparing a salad, will clip fresh young grass, which has five hundred times more vitamins than fresh young lettuce.

Heretofore, we regarded grass as only fit food for animals, and while Dr. Kirk may look forward to the day when the housewife will be including it as a salad ingredient, we would much prefer to have the lettuce, even if we have to suffer the loss of a mere five hundred vitamins.

Some may say, well, we are just animals ourselves, so why not a nice grass salad. Animals or not, we still don't like the grass salad idea and we will, no doubt get some of our friends, at least, to join with us in voicing our objections to Mrs. Housewife, if she tries to pass off just plain cattle fodder on us for our meals.

Dr. Kirk, is also quoted as saying, "Alfalfa meal makes a nourishing cereal for children; turnip juice has more vitamins than tomato juice or orange juice, and soy beans are a good substitute for peanuts."

LEARN TO READ

The person who has not learned to sit down and take real enjoyment out of an afternoon's reading is to be pitied. For two reasons: First, he is missing a lot of fun and, secondly, it will not be long before he will be sympathizing with himself.

We don't know that it makes very much difference what kind of literature one reads, so long as it is decent. If you are a highbrow, then that's the kind you will want. Others like detective stories, others fiction, history, geography, poetry. Like eating, too much of one thing is not good for you, even in reading. Mix them up. If you like Mark Twain, then read his books, and if you feel that you want to walk along with Einstein, this is also your privilege.

There's nothing quite so lonesome as a man who has nothing to do and all day to do it. If he enjoys reading, then he can never get lonesome. A good book can transfer one from the troubles of this world to the new ones in the book, and when finished, there is a satisfaction in knowing one is not carting around all the worries of the universe.

Among the things which we can most easily dispense with are religious antagonism and racial jealousy. In fact, religion is a subject that even the best of friends had best leave alone. There are people who can discuss it safely, calmly, dispassionately and sometimes even intelligently, but more people know less about religion than any other topic in the world—and are more anxious to air their ignorance by arguing about it.

This country is young and has a lot of serious problems to worry about without getting all cluttered up with personal squabbles over opinions which most people hold as a heritage from the past. We can't afford to perpetuate quarrels which have already made much unpleasant history. It is a good idea to agree where possible and to tolerate where we can't agree.

Mr. Roosevelt may or may not be re-elected to the Presidency of the United States. Whatever happens, Mr. Roosevelt is one man who has tried very hard to handle his job well. Democracies are said to be ungrateful and likely the President has no more illusions about what fickle electorates may do. But he has attained the prominence that should go to a man who is a better name than talker. He lived up to the best traditions of his name.

CONSIDER THE TAXPAYER

According to The Windsor Daily Star, Mr. W. Donald McGregor, in the course of his remarks as retiring President of the Windsor Chamber of Commerce, gave the taxpayers of that city something to think about when he pointed out that almost every other group in the city was organized and making demands on the City Council, while those who paid the bills had little to say.

Swing Back to Horses Demand Exceeds Supply

For some time past there has been an idea that the horse in Canada and other countries living under modern civilization is rapidly going the way of the Dodo and the great Auk. As a matter of fact, this noble animal is returning to popularity. Mr. J. M. MacCallum, Chief of the Market Services, Live Stock Branch, Dominion Department of Agriculture, states that there is a striking revival of interest in the breeding of horses affecting every province in the Dominion.

A decided swing back to horses has been in evidence since 1932. Changing conditions impressed upon the farmer the fact that the horse is a most economical source of farm power in successful Canadian agriculture, and that the supply of fodder for producing and maintaining that power could be very cheaply produced on his own farm.

It takes at least five years to produce and raise a horse to the age of four years, and the annual wastage of horses in the Dominion, due to old age or other natural causes, is very considerable. While the number of horses on farms in June, 1935, showed an increase over that of June, 1934, it has taken the increased production of colts in 1933 and 1934 to reach the point where the annual increase exceeds the natural wastage of mature animals.

The similar condition of shortage of draft horses in the United States and in Great Britain and the demand from both countries for Canadian horses at attractive prices furnishes two important outlets. The total number of horses sent to the United Kingdom in 1935 was 211 as compared with 33 in the same period in 1934; to the United States, 3,935 in 1935, compared with 2,323 in 1934. Prices at the principal horse markets in Canada for 1934 showed an appreciation of 15 to 25 per cent over those of the previous year, and prices in 1935 showed another advance of 15 to 20 per cent.

The demand for horses from the United Kingdom is principally for sound, weighty draft geldings weighing upwards of seventeen hundred pounds and suitable for heavy transport work in either single or double lorries. For the best individuals in a shipment sent over last June, prices as high as \$360 per head were realized. There is also a demand there for good "vanners," upstanding, active, clean-legged, good-quality horses up to sixteen hundred pounds for work comparable to heavy express work here, and for suitable horses of which type high prices are paid. For the first time on record a Canadian-bred Percheron stallion was purchased in 1935 for shipment to Scotland for breeding purposes. This was the two-year-old stallion "Lagos of Weno," owned by Mr. F. M. Cary, Forest Lawn, Alberta, and was purchased by Mr. A. Stewart, Mill-hills, Scotland, for his stud of Percheron horses there.

Besides the many good commercial work horses purchased annually by American buyers, many sales have been made during the past two years of high-class geldings of show calibre for advertising purposes in the United States. Quoted prices of \$500 per head are not at all unusual in these transactions. In addition, a number

of shipments of pure-bred stallions and mares for breeding purposes have been made to United States buyers during the past year.

Coincident with the renewed interest in horse breeding by farmers in general, there has been a corresponding activity in pure-bred circles. Importations of registered mares and stallions of the draft breeds for breeding purposes numbered 202 in 1934 as compared with 53 in 1933, and present indications are that the number of importations for 1935 will compare favourably with those of the preceding year. Registrations of pure-bred horses of all breeds numbered 2,880 in 1934 as compared with 3,151 for 1935 up to November 30th last. From a breeding standpoint, the horse industry in Canada is experiencing a real scarcity of good, sound, high-class, producing sires of all breeds, a condition not conducive to rapid progress in horse improvement.

MacGregor and Macpherson decided to become teetotalers, but MacGregor thought it would be best if they had one bottle of whiskey to put in the cupboard in case of illness.

After three days Macpherson could bear it no longer, and he said, "MacGregor, I'm no vera weel." "Too late, Macpherson, I was verri sick mesel' all day yesterday!"

The new policy of nations is to keep the peace and hope the others will fight and cripple themselves.

NEWTONBROOK

The Young Men's Bible Class will conduct the service next Sunday evening at 7 o'clock in the United Church. The address will be given by Mr. Edgerton Young. Special music by a young men's choir.

Rev. A. H. Halbert is preaching Lenten sermons each Sunday.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed on Easter Sunday, April 12 at 11 a.m. in Newtonbrook United Church. In view of this Communion service the pastor is conducting a preparatory class for church membership for young people.

The 12th Annual Union Good Friday service will be held at 11 a.m. April 10th in Newtonbrook United Church. The special speaker will be Rev. T. Albert Moore, D.D., L.L.D., ex-Moderator of the United Church of Canada. Special music by the Ministerial Quartet.

Mr. and Mrs. MacCallum of Montreal returned to their home last Monday after visiting their daughter Mrs. McFarlane, Drewry Ave.

Miss M. Kirby of Thornhill visited at the parsonage last Sunday and attended evening service.

Mr. George Lockerbie, manager of the Sterling Store, returned home last week from the Toronto General Hospital. He is making a fine recovery after his recent operation.

A Y.P.S. Rally of the Suburban area of Toronto Centre Presbytery will be held in Newtonbrook United Church on Monday, April 13th at 8 p.m. An Easter pageant will be presented by the Young People. Plans are being made for a splendid program.

The Woman's Association of Lansing United Church will present a play "The Strike of The Ladies' Aid," in the S. S. hall of the United Church on Thursday evening, April 2nd at 8 o'clock.

The local Y.P.S. entertained the Carrville and Edgeley Y. P. Societies last Monday evening with eighty in attendance. Miss Margaret Shaw, Literary Convenor, presided. Miss Beatrice Johnson assisted in the devotional exercises. A duet by Mrs. Allan Wiltshire and Mrs. Glen Shaw was appreciated by all, also a selection by the Young People's Choir. Mr. W. T. New introduced the speaker of the evening, Rev. E. E. Pugsley of Thornhill, who gave a very forceful address on the background and results of the Great War and policy.

the work of the League of Nations. A hearty vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Pugsley for his splendid address. Dainty refreshments were served and all enjoyed a happy social hour together.

The Earl Haig Collegiate Institute will hold an athletic and novelty night on Friday, March 27 at 8 p.m. in the gymnasium. Three plays are being sponsored by the students.

The Y.P.S. will hold a social evening next Monday at their regular meeting. Miss Mary Carbon of the Young People's Council of Toronto Centre Presbytery is expected to be present and will conduct the recreational period.

The W.M.S. held its March meeting last Tuesday afternoon at the Parsonage with a large attendance present. Mrs. Halbert presided and opened the meeting with a call to worship, a Lenten hymn, and prayer.

Mrs. James Murray conducted the worship service. She centred her remarks on the Parable of the Good Samaritan and what it means to be a good neighbor. A solo "I know I shall not pass again this way," was sung by Mrs. Bartlett and made a very beautiful conclusion to the devotional service. This was followed by a Temperance program. Mrs. W. G. Bartlett, Temperance sec'y. of Toronto Centre Presbytery was guest speaker and gave a very interesting and instructive address on "The evils of the liquor traffic," and urged every member to do her part to rid our country of this great evil. We can ask God's blessing but the liquor interests dare not. She expressed grave concern regarding the effect of the increased sale of liquor in Ontario in being responsible for increased motor accidents and fatalities.

Mrs. Halbert gave a concise report of the Ontario Temperance Federation Convention which was held in Cooke's Church, Toronto, the latter part of February. Mrs. Roger Self, President of the Toronto Centre Presbytery and Mrs. Snarr, sec'y. of Mission Circles accompanied Mrs. Bartlett and brought greetings. They expressed their pleasure in attending the meeting. The sixth chapter of the Study Book was very ably reviewed by Mrs. Herbert James. Mrs. Self offered the closing prayer.

Luncheon was served by the hostesses and a social half hour spent.

So the poor will vote for the party that offers them something? Well, the rich always found that a good and results of the Great War and policy.

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