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TORONTO MILK PRICES

Because the Ontario Milk Control Board has authorized an increase of one cent per quart in the price of milk to Toronto consumers there have been loud protests from that city. Some housewives are talking of organizing a boycott and certain members of the city council, with a view to getting votes in the approaching municipal elec-

tions, have joined in the outcry. The request for this price revision came from representatives of the 3500 milk producers who supply the Toronto market. It was pointed out that their operating expenses had increased and that they have to pay higher prices for what they buy, most of which goods are made in Toronto. A statement issued by the Milk Control Board shows that the change from 12c to 13c per quart yields a new revenue to the distributors of 23c to 25c per 100 lbs. and of this increase, 22c is passed directly to the producer by a raise in the price from \$2.10 per 100 lbs. to \$2.32 per 100 lbs. of base milk. Figures also are given to show that the total sales of the 22 dairies supplying Toronto, in the year ending Sept. 30, 1937, yielded an average profit of

an excessive profit. The trouble with the consumers who are raising all the fuss is that they can see only their own side of it. If these city women would exchange places with the women on these dairy farms and do the work the country women have to do they would soon see the matter in a different light. And if the dairy farmer were allowed city labor rates for the work that is entailed before the milk reaches the distributor and, in addition, a proper percentage for investment and other overhead costs, he would be getting a very much higher price than the Milk Control Board has sanctioned in Toronto.

only eleven hundredths of a cent per quart. Certainly not

"There comes a time when one must recognize the farmer's right to a decent scale of living commensurate with his investment and the hours of labor and toil he puts in," says the Milk Control Board statement. With this view, most reasonable people will agree.

A FOWL SUPPER CHAMPION

George James of the Bowmanville Statesman says that he has written scores of screeds on chicken pie suppers, but confesses sorrowfully that up to date he has never discussed them from the standpoint of the capacity of some people to endure them. He then proceeds to tell this

story: "We recall attending one of these events about a year ago and having to wait our turn to eat by standing behind a man, until he had completed his meal. The fashion is to hold on to the chair, or suffer a longer wait if someone should grab the seat before you get it. Our own insides were just about at the breaking point. The odour of delicious pies, and the sight of the heavily laden tables, was enough to provide an appetite for the worst type of dyspeptic. The man ahead was having the time of his life. He completed three helpings of chicken pie, and they were generous helpings, too. Ahead was a meringue topped lemon pie. He sampled two pieces. Someone passed along the pumpkin pie, and he tried that, too. By this time we were getting gaunt, and we felt reasonably sure that the pumpkin pie would be the end, but it wasn't. Our gentleman friend tried next some apple pie, and washed it down with a cup of tea. He then topped off the meal with two different kinds of cake. Another cup of tea completed the meal—but wait a minute—we forgot that he had generous helpings of the colorful salads on the table. We expected to follow him and beat his record when we sat down, but one generous helping of chicken, and a taste of a few of the delicacies sufficed for our appetite.

"Several times since that time we have wondered how this man stowed all that away. We have wondered whether he had fasted for two or three days, or was that his natural appetite. If it was, heaven help his wife. However it seems to be a curious but nevertheless true fact, that however fine a cook your wife or mother may be, you always seem to eat more on these occasions. But where do they put it all?"

UNANSWERED QUESTIONS

So many people have been discussing economic topics in the past few years that almost everybody has an opinion on almost every subject affecting the general welfare. We all realize now, what not all of us did before, that conditions which impair the incomes or depreciate the investments of any considerable proportion of the people affect the incomes and the investments of the rest of us. And, contrariwise, whatever improves the economic condition of large groups or numbers of people works out, in the long run, for the benefit of everybody.

So far almost everybody is in agreement. Where we disagree, often violently, is on the methods to be employed to equalize economic conditions and make everybody prosperous. If that can be done, all agree, that Canada will be in reality what we are all fond of saying that it is, the greatest country in the world. But how are we going to do it?

Has any better way been found yet than to remove every obstacle that tends to impair any persons' opportunity to make the most of his own life, within the limits of his own ability? Or is it the duty of the social order, the Government or anybody else, to give preference to one class or group over another? Should we make it easier for the less able, harder for the able, to enjoy the comforts of life? Or should we spur the lazy members of the social organization by withholding benefits which they are willing to accept rather than to earn them?

THE STRICKEN SISTER

In 1928 wheat production in Canada exceeded 566 million bushels. The total for the past season was less than half that amount. And the loss represented by the figures for the present year fell wholly on the Prairie Provinces, Ontario's wheat production being fully up to normal. .

Of the three Western Provinces Saskatchewan was the principal sufferer, production in that Province being down to 35 million bushels, only about a fourth that of 1935; and even in 1935 the yield was only a little over ten bushels per acre, or six bushels per acre below normal.

These figures are sufficient of themselves to show how hard Canada's chief wheat producing Province in normal years has been hit and furnish abundant reason for the help that all Canada is sending to Saskatchewan.

BOOKS THAT MATTER

Outstanding Fall Novels

Reviewed by Pelham Edgar Turning Wheels: By Stuart Cloete: ister of these, and partly by the \$2.50.

Saunders). Price, \$2.00.

Roberts: (Toronto, Doubleday coherent whole. Doran). Price, \$2.75.

The Citadel: By A. J. Cronin: (To-

human nature that the readers of your direction. his second book will still be rereading his first.

ing it.

It is epic writing such as we do his wife is dead. not often encounter in these sophisticated times. He tells the story of Cronin's pen, and sustains his reputhe Boer trek from Cape Colony into tation as an author of books that the Transvaal one hundred years ago. His description of conditions is convincing, his presentation of characters extraordinarily vital, and his a- President of the Peel Memorial Hosbility to organize scenes of vivid pital for another year. dramatic power is surpassed by no writer of today.

The outstanding characters are four. Hendrik van der Berg, the stinacy and fanaticism that we assoleader of the trek, has all the obciate with the typical Boer. Variations of his type we may find in Hardy's Mayor of Casterbridge or Sheila Kaye Smith's Reuben Bachfield, but Henchard's redeeming tenderness is left out of the picture. The biggest figure both in bulk and value is Tante Anna. She escapes the final disaster that engulfs the colony, and the book closes with her colloquy with Rinkals, the Kaffir medicine man and magician, another astonishingly vivid creation of observation and fancy. Fourth in the group of memorable delineations we should rank Zwart Piete whose wooing and winning of Sannie leaves Lochinvar's exploit far in the rear. These are the major figures, but great as they are they leave the minors light and space to exhibit themselves. We are not likely to forget Zwart's sister Sara, nor the nightmare horror of her death.

The general narrative is vigorous enough to bear the story in its current, but here and there scenes appear which are indelibly etched in memory. All the fights, human and animal are good, but the final one is the best in its slow-moving agony, and Rinkal's fantastic journey through the Zulu lines is a fine piece of romantic invention.

A singularly quiet but beautiful book is John Drinkwater's posthumous Robinson of England. Its appeal is to lovers of England, and when you are momentarily weary of plot and counterplot and high tension excitement you will find a refreshment in its pages that will repay you.

All the zest of adventurous endeavour will be found in the early pages of Robert's Northwest Passage. Langdon Towne and the Harvard authorities have had a disagreement, so he solves his difficulties by enlisting in Rogers' Rangers. His purpose is rather to paint Indians than to fight, but before he gets through with it he learns what bush warfare is in its harshest conditions. It is the last year of the war, and the redoubtable Rogers has been ordered to wipe out the Indian town of St. Francis. Half the book deals with the incredible hardships of the advance and retreat, and unquestionably this portion of the narrative is vigorous and exciting in the highest degree.

The second half is of a totally different character. Its purpose is two-fold. Langdon Towne's development as a painter and his love romance furnish some of the interest, but the main value of the book does not lie in this direction. The chief concern of the author is to follow the declining fortunes of Major Rogers. His downfall is tragic, and is

explained partly by the machinations of his enemies, Sir William Johnson, the most powerful and sin-Toronto: William Collins). Price, degeneration of his own character. Its vehemence led him to the heights, Robinson of England : By John but the violence of his nature car-Drinkwater: Illustrated by John ries with it the seeds of its decay. Dowd; (Toronto: S. J. Reginald The study does not lack subtlety, but the author has not succeeded in North-West Passage : By Kenneth weaving these varied strands into a

The last book to be noted is Dr. ronto: Ryerson Press). Price, \$2.50. Cronin's The Citadel. It is a highly effective story, and holds the read-Stuart Cloete has written a sav- er's interest from cover to cover. age and magnificent book. This seems | The book is propagandist fiction, and to be an age of great first novels. the medical profession will have some Two years ago we had Margaret reason to think its statement of the Mitchell. Today we have Cloete. It case unfair. They will feel that the is not difficult for a reviewer to pre- author has made the particular indict almost as large a harvest of stance stand for the general rule, readers for the newcomer in the and that the public at large will confield. A million or so more or less clude that the standards of medical does not seem much to matter. A practice are regrettably low, and the vast immediate audience can be se- etiquette of the profession overdue cured for a book that happens to hit for a thorough house-cleaning. It the contemporary taste. What really would be unfair to the author to counts is enduring value, and Mr. charge him with this intention, but Cloete has brought to bear on his if you start down the propaganda theme so much skill, intelligence and trail you are not always master of

There is no space here to tell the story. A newly fledged doctor, An-Mr. Cloete disclaims all knowledge drew Manson, is the central charof the literary art. He is one of acter. Through his early struggles those refreshing people who never he keeps up his ambitions unsullied, self-consciously have striven to be and he has a splendid wife, Chriswriters. His Dutch ancestry, and tine, to support him. With prosperhis twenty years of life on the veldt ity comes the change and he is sucksince the war gave him his theme. ed into the current of a lucrative By the divination of genius he has London practice. The book ends as realised the effective way of treat- we had expected with his victory over this temptation, but Christine

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COMMON COLD

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compared with the rather rare, but before food is touched. more startling because unusual, dis-

vented, or its severity lessened. So at all times. far, no great success has attended these efforts, and we are left to rely precautions will serve to lessen the upon what we have learned from number of common colds and other past experience.

Those who suffer from repeated colds should make sure that their dressed to the Canadian Medical Asnose and throat are in good condi- sociation, 184 College Street, Torontion. Faults in structure may lie at to, will be answered personally by the root of repeated or continued letter. head colds.

Clothing suited to the temperature, both in and out of doors, prevents sults.

chilling of the body from either too little clothing or the chilling which follows upon excessive perspiration due to overclothing while indeors. Cold wet feet predispose to head colds. By keeping the feet dry, or by drying them promptly if they do become wet, much trouble may be

There may be argument as to whether or not all colds are due to in-The common cold is much more fections, but we have all seen colds than an affliction of the individual run through the family and the workwho has it; it is a social nuisance. place. It is not practical to isolate Just because it is "common" and be- everyone who has a cold, although cause, in most cases, it is not fatal, such a person would be more comit is looked upon as a necessary evil; fortable and better off in bed. We we accept rather than shun those can however, do something to prewho are sneezing, coughing and vent them from passing on their colds to others.

This wide-spread disease is an ex- | Coughs and sneezes should be dipensive trouble-maker. It causes more rected into a handkerchief and, in lost time from work and school than all cases, at the floor rather than does any other disease. It inter- into people's faces. The person who feres with education and costs mill- has a cold should not prepare food, ions of dollars in loss of production but if he or she must, then there and wages. While it is annoying, must be a very thorough scrubbing it receives but little attention as of the hands with soap and water

There should be no common drinking-cups in the home or elsewhere. Considerable research has been Dishes should be washed and then carried on with the hope of clearing rinsed in boiling water. The hands the way to an understanding of the should be washed before touching common cold and how it may be pre- food, and kept away from the face

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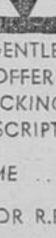
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