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Porcupine Agricultural Fair to be Better Than Ever

Attractive Prize Lists This Year. Special Attention to the Children, Both in the Prize List, and in the Sports, Races and Novelties. Large List of Specialties.

The prize list for the annual Porcupine Agricultural Fair, to be held this year at Porcupine, (Golden City), on Wednesday, September 12th, has been issued and shows that the fair this year promises to be bigger and better than ever. The Porcupine Fair has always been an interesting and beneficial event and the 1928 fair is going to keep up the good work and do even better.

Prize lists may be obtained from the secretary, Mr. C. H. Richardson, Porcupine, Ont., or from members of the committees. The following is the board of directors for 1928:—President, W. G. Skinner; first vice-president, E. E. Davis; second vice-president, W. P. Campsall; secretary-treasurer, C. H. Richardson, Porcupine P.O.; auditors, W. McMillan and James Lowden. The directors are:—

Z. Hart, P. Rotondo, N. King, B. Waite, F. F. Gervais, I. P. Wilson, H. Hatton, G. Bannerman, J. H. Skelly, A. D. Pearce, H. Sullivan, P. J. Mitchell and C. J. Hill.

The committeemen in charge of the various departments are:—
Heavy horses, light horses, cattle, sheep, team drawing contest—Z. Hart and T. Ryan.

Poultry and pet stock—A. D. Pearce, R. Skelly and J. H. Skelly.
Plants and flowers—P. Rotondo and W. G. Skinner.

Fine arts, ladies' work, children's department, domestic science—Mrs. A. Walker and Mrs. N. King.

Sports—V. Andrew and J. Davis.
It is interesting to note that a watchman will be provided to look after all exhibits delivered to the fair grounds on the night previous to the fair.

The prize list shows good prizes offered for exhibits of horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, dairy and other products, domestic science, poultry and pet stock, fruits, field grain, field roots, garden vegetables, hand-decorated china, miscellaneous art, domestic work, fancy work, flowers, plants, etc.

Special departments, with good prizes, are provided for girls under sixteen and for boys under sixteen. There is an unusually large and attractive list of specials for the various departments.

The poultry and pet stock section for 1928 is an unusually strong one, this department covering as much ground and offering as many prizes as the ordinary exclusive poultry and pet stock show. The poultry section this year is especially interesting.

The team drawing contest is always a special feature at the fair. The entry fee is \$5.00, and there are first and second prizes of \$25.00 and \$15.00 respectively for two classes—teams weighing 3,000 lbs. or over, and teams weighing under 3,000 lbs.

At least three entries must be made in each contest before the second prize will be paid, and five entries before all prizes will be paid. This applies to all entries under the heading of "horses."

The baby show, an interesting feature of past shows, will be continued this year. There is the one prize of \$5.00 for the best baby 15 months and under.

In the sports and races there is a nice list of prizes and events. These include Boy Scout classes and Girl Guide classes. Also the following races and specialties:—obstacle race; running broad jump; girls and boys, 6 and under; running hop, step and jump; boys 7 to 10 years; girls, 7 to 10; boys, 11 to 14; 220 yds. boys, 15 and over; water boiling contest, Boy Scouts; friction fire demonstration; knotting contest, Boy Scouts; Lariat spinning, by Boy Scouts; archery contest, by Boy Scouts; bridge building demonstration, by Boy Scouts.

She was only a backtender's daughter
But she sure could stack 'em up.
—Exchange

JACK MINER SPENDS MUCH MONEY TO CARE FOR BIRDS

Corn Alone Costs From \$3,000 to \$4,000. From 10,000 to 15,000 Wild Geese at Sanctuary This Spring.

Mr. Manley Miner, son of Mr. Jack Miner, the noted nature lover, gives the following particulars regarding his father's bird sanctuary at his farm at Kingsville, Ont.:—

From 10,000 to 15,000 wild geese have spent several weeks this spring on the Jack Miner Sanctuary, near Kingsville, Ont., waiting warm weather before proceeding to their nesting grounds in the North. This number constitutes a record, being 25 per cent. larger than that of any previous spring. The geese ranged between the sanctuary and Lake Erie, where they rested in dense masses on the open water, flanked by a sprinkling of whistling swans and ducks. Often the big birds floated securely within a hundred yards of shore and not a half mile from Kingsville's business section.

With a hoarse gabbling, the geese would rise by hundreds from the lake for the sanctuary in wedges that spanned the whole sweep of the sky. Their return was just as spectacular. Invariably they left their snug berth behind Miner's home in the morning returning in the afternoon with raucous cries that could be heard for great distances. A dinner of corn always awaited them.

So large were the hosts of geese this year that they overflowed into the surrounding fields. A corn field near the sanctuary often contained several thousand, whose plumage blended so well with the drab tones of the earth they could scarcely be distinguished. Others circled over the territory almost continually, sailing down to join their comrades sleeping among the stubble, or pecking at the ground for whatever they might glean of the crop.

In the sanctuary proper the geese sometimes darken the water. Their food this year has cost Jack Miner from \$3,000 to \$4,000, the corn having been served to them by the wagonload. It was shoveled into the five-acre pool by a crew of men. Jack Miner attributes the increase of the geese to their concentration rather than to any augmentation of their numbers.

FAMOUS PICTURE, "WINGS" AT GOLDFIELDS, AUG. 21st

No picture has ever created such a sensation as "WINGS," the thrilling aviation film. The picture is most opportune when the whole civilized world is enthusiastic about aviation as a result of the notable achievements of transatlantic flyers.

"WINGS" takes the audiences back to the aviation of ten years ago, when that science was learning the costly but beneficial lessons of the World War. The part played by daring fighters above the clouds in machines which were not far removed from the experimental stage is one of the most stirring and amazing exhibits of courage and bravery that the human race has ever known.

Thousands have seen the film and still the great demand for admission keeps up. The feature players in the east are Clara Bow, Charles Rogers and Richard Arlen. The many thrilling scenes, showing battles in the air and on land, are all worked into a tensely interesting plot, which combined with the historical and scientific value of the production, have contributed largely to its success.

WHERE YOU WATCH SHIPS COME HOME FROM THE SEA

Many here who come from "the tight little island" and other from the Maritimes will be interested in this little poem by Virginia Lyne Tunstall:

I know this town is a fine town,
But once I used to be
Where I could watch the ships come in,
And the ship go out to sea.

There's never a sight in city streets,
Though they be wide and gay,
There's never a sight in city streets
Like a great ship under way.

With the staunch pride in the heart of her
As she follows the running trails,
Her rudder lost in the wreathy foam,
And the west wind in her sails.

And there's never a thing that I can see
In all this crowded place,
Like a dancing schooner homeward bound
With the sunset in her face.

The loneliness for land we love
Is a keen and burning smart,
But the loneliness for water
Is a pain to break the heart.

So what care I for city sounds,
And what are her sights to me?
I used to watch the ships go out,
And the ships come home from sea!

NEW PESTS ATTACK THE MUSKOKA HEMLOCK TREE.

The Canadian Lumberman in its last issue says:—

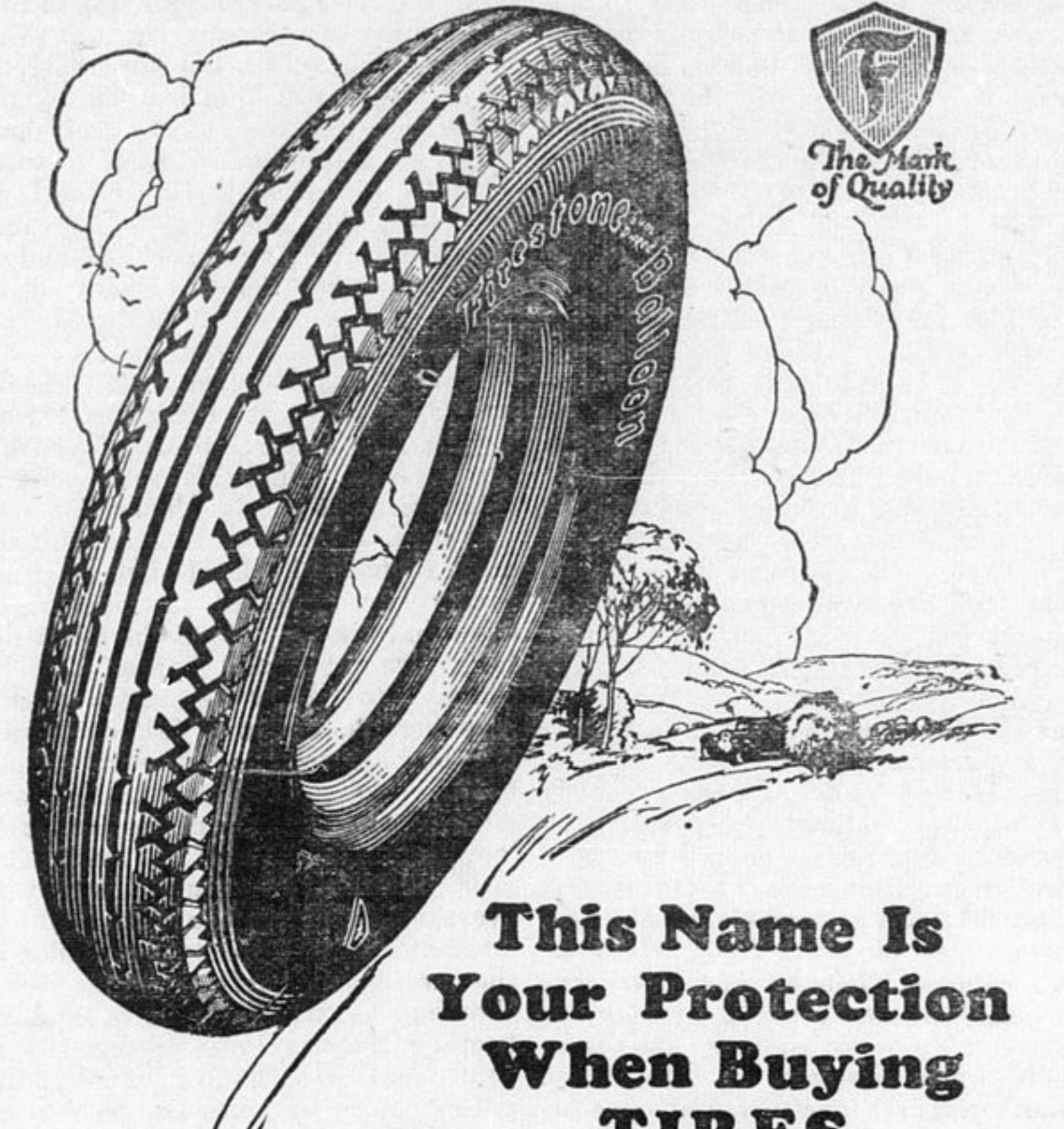
"According to current rumours the hemlock tree in the Muskoka district of Ontario is being threatened with a new menace in the shape of a little green caterpillar known as the "hemlock looper." It is claimed that the pest is playing havoc with the timber in the Lake St. Joseph district, Muskoka, especially around Foote's Bay.

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The "hemlock looper" is new in the province and where it came from nobody knows. It made its debut last summer, but it has now appeared in swarms creating much devastation of hemlocks on the islands, only the tall gaunt trunks of some of the trees remaining. Federal experts of both the provincial and dominion departments are doing their best to exterminate the plague and the Entomological branch at Ottawa is giving the situation close attention.

"A Keystone puffer, or which in other words is a tree spraying aeroplane, left Ottawa recently for Foote's Bay and is engaged in the warfare of extermination, the Ontario forestry department having shipped a car load of calcium arsenic which is the ammunition of the "puffer." The spruce bud worm has wrought much havoc in the past among the spruce trees of Quebec and by attacking the green shoots in the spring did tremendous damage. Calcium arsenic spraying by aeroplane was introduced to check its inroads. The "hemlock looper" which is displacing the bud worm in the matter of receiving attention from the forestry department, is a caterpillar which gets its name from its peculiar weaving motion. Some forestry rangers, it is said, have been severely bitten by the "looper."

The Pembroke Standard-Observer last week says:—"Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Irving, of Timmins arrived in town this week. They were accompanied home by Mrs. G. E. Fenton who had been visiting at their home in Timmins."



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