

**NARROW TIRES ON TRUCKS MAY BE MADE ILLEGAL**

Tire manufacturers will be invited to appear before the Motor Vehicles Committee of the legislature in the very near future to discuss the question of damages to highways through the use of unsuitable tires, particularly on trucks. Truck owners, who appeared before the committee some time ago said that much of the trouble was due to lack of sufficient spread and officials of the department of highways consider that, in many cases where the road surface has been broken up, it is due to improper tires on trucks.

At a session of the committee last week, Hon. F. C. Biggs, chairman, said that one-ton trucks with narrow, hard tires, were the chief offenders.

The question arose as to whether or not pneumatic tires should be compulsory for small trucks.

"In the Province of Quebec," Hon. Mr. Biggs stated, "the trucks equipped, either partially or wholly, with solid tires, are required to pay a license fee twice as large as those equipped with pneumatic tires. A five-ton truck in Quebec would have to pay an annual license fee of \$350 if it was equipped with solid tires. We will have to do something of that sort in this province."

**GALLON AND PECK TO GO**

It is the intention of the Federal Department of Agriculture to do away altogether with the gallon and other measures when the new Root and Vegetable Act comes into force. The Act can only be successfully operated when the system of measures hitherto in force is forgotten, and people get used to ordering vegetables by the pound. Housewives will, therefore, have to order cauliflower, cabbages, cucumbers, apples, peaches, plums and pumpkins by the pound, as they already buy their onions and potatoes. Perhaps after a bit we shall have eggs sold by the pound which will be a great blow to producers of small eggs. What about selling woollens by the pound, and giving customers a chance to estimate comparative values by showing charges straight six to ten dollars a pound for what cost the first buyer from six to twenty cents a pound?

In ten years from now the boys and girls will wonder what their elders mean when they quote the old dry measure off the Public school arithmetic.

**PARENTS ARE BLAMED FOR MODERN "JAZZ" DANCE**

The Etude, the well-known musical magazine, thinks it is about time to quit blaming jazz or any other kind of music for dissolute dancing and to put the responsibility where it belongs. When you see young people in their teens going through performances that would have been suppressed in the midway it is time, says The Etude, "to ask parents whether they have lost all control of their children, or whether they have lost their senses." The blame is not on the music, but what is done with the music. Jazz is but a passing phase of exaggerated musical expression; it will exhaust itself in time. It is the lack of parental control that is the serious thing. The chief objection to jazz is that it spoils the taste for what is good and beautiful in music; but there is little use in wasting time denouncing jazz.

**PIONEER MINISTER FOUND DEAD**

Rev. Isaac Baker, a pioneer Methodist minister, educated at Victoria College, Cobourg, in active service since 1857, superannuated in 1893, was found dead in his bed at Meaford on Monday afternoon of last week. He was 91 years of age and spent most of his ministry in Grey and Simcoe. His wife died 25 years ago and his three children are dead also.

As a barefoot boy, the Editor of The Chronicle remembers seeing Mr. Baker on horseback as he jog-trotted from place to place to fill his several engagements in the wide field of his ministry. There were then three branches of the Methodist Church, the Wesleyan, Primitive and Episcopal Methodists, but we do not know to which of the three Mr. Baker then belonged.

**WILL SUPPORT LIBERALS**

Mr. W. J. Hammill, member for Muskoka, elected as a Progressive in the last campaign, is reported to have handed in a signed declaration of his intention to support the King Government at the next session.

Mr. Hammill's statement says in part: "The recent Progressive convention at Winnipeg, the resignation of Hon. T. A. Gierar as leader of that group, and the differences of opinion so manifest among members of the Progressives, both in regard to leadership and the policy to be pursued, tended strongly to convince me that my very best policy would be to carry out definitely my pre-election promise to ally myself openly with the Liberal party. It is therefore my intention at the next session of Parliament to formally ally myself with the Government of Hon. Mackenzie King."

**FARMER'S COW KILLED; AUTOIST GETS DAMAGES**

A case that is particularly interesting to farmers was tried before Judge Fisher of Orangeville division court. Elgin Dudgeon of Whittington was motoring down the Prince of Wales road last July when he struck and killed a cow belonging to Richard Sherwin. Mr. Sherwin valued the animal at \$100. The provincial highway fence builders had erected a new fence ten feet back of the original fence and in doing so the field fences had been disturbed. Mr. Sherwin had not time to fix these, and the cow got out of the field to the lane and on to the road through a gate that had been left open. Along came Dudgeon and crashed into the cow with the above result. In the collision the auto was badly damaged and it took \$95 to repair it. Dudgeon sued Sherwin for that amount and was awarded the full claim with costs. The case was the first one of its kind tried in this district.

**FIRE FUND CONTRIBUTION OFFICIALLY ACKNOWLEDGED**

The following letter has been received by Miss D. McEachern, teacher at No. 3, Beatnick, in acknowledgment of the contribution sent to the Northern fire sufferers:

Dear Miss McEachern,—Enclosed you will find a receipt acknowledging your contribution to the Northern Fire Children's Fund. On behalf of the Ontario Junior Red Cross and the Department of Education, for whom and with whom we act in this matter, we extend our warmest thanks. As it will be good for the children of the Northland to receive, so, we are sure, will it have been good for your school to have given. Your gift is twice blessed.

Let us assure you that the money will be carefully spent. Later on we will give the schools a report on our stewardship.

You will be pleased to know that the appeal is meeting with a fine response. Already 314 schools have contributed \$2,055.59, an average of \$6.55. The desire is not to establish the fund through large donations from a few schools, so much as to have many schools participate, even though their contributions be small. Many mickles make a muckle, and it's good for schools to do their bit in a common service. No doubt there will be many donations later from Christmas school concerts. Many schools are undertaking to prepare clothing outfits also. We enclose a copy of the suggestions that were prepared for guidance in this matter.

Yours truly,  
S. B. McCURDY,  
Organizer Junior Red Cross.

P. S.—We greatly appreciated the splendid contribution made by your school and am sure the concert was "a great success."

**THE NEW BABY**

Yes, I've got a little brother,  
Never asked to have him, nuther,  
But he's here.  
They just went away an' bought him  
And last week the doctor brought  
\* him!  
Weren't that queer?

When I heard the news from Molly,  
Why I thought at first 'twas jolly  
Cause, you see,  
I s'posed I could go and get him  
And then mamma, course, would let  
him  
Play with me.

But when I had once looked at him,  
"Why," I said, "Great snakes, is that  
him?  
Just that mite?"  
They said "yes" and "ain't he cunnin'?"  
And I thought they must be funnin'—  
He's a sight.

He's so small it's just amazin'  
And you'd think that he was blazin'  
He's so red,  
And his nose is like a berry,  
And he's bald as Uncle Jerry  
On his head.

Why, he isn't worth a brick,  
All he does is cry and kick—  
He can't stop.  
Won't sit up; you can't arrange him,  
I don't see why pa don't change him  
At the shop.

Now we've got to dress and feed him  
And we didn't really need him  
More'n a frog.

Why'd they buy a baby brother  
When they know I'd good deal  
rather  
Have a dog?

**DUNTRON MERCHANT ASSIGNED**  
(Flesherton Advance.)

R. G. Julian, merchant, of Duntrou, has assigned, with liabilities of \$4,387.33. The largest unsecured creditors are the Bank of Montreal, \$300, Hugh McLean \$686, Hill Bros, \$200, R. Whiteoak \$200. Samuel Eagle of Duntrou is a preferred creditor to the extent of \$1,300. Mr. Julian kept a general store at Feversham until over a year ago when he made a deal with Hugh McLean for this business at Duntrou, the latter taking the Feversham store.

**SALT CAUSES CANCER, SAYS NEW YORK MEDICO**

Dr. Edward Percy Robinson of New York claims that the use of salt is the chief cause of cancer. He says: "Putting salt on your food is dangerous. It is not a necessity. It is a habit. If you want to cure cancer, stop eating salt on your food. If you want to prevent cancer, cut out salt."

**THE LATE JAMES A. AGNEW BURIED LAST FRIDAY**

Last week we reported the death of James A. Agnew, an employee of the Jno. E. Russell Company here, who died at the Red Cross Memorial Hospital on Thursday morning from injuries received the previous Tuesday when caught in a belt that drove the loading conveyor.

The funeral of the unfortunate man was held from his late residence on Friday afternoon, interment being made in Durham cemetery. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Cole of the Methodist Church, and there was a large attendance of townspeople and fellow employees of the Russell plant. Returned veterans were also in attendance to pay a last tribute of respect to a deceased comrade who saw considerable service in France during the late war.

Mr. Agnew was 52 years of age and was born in Culcross Township, Bruce County, near Teeswater, and at an early age moved with his parents to Lucknow, where he grew to manhood and about twenty-three years ago was married to Miss Barbara Beaton of Kinloss. When the great war broke out he enlisted in the 71st battalion at Galt and saw considerable service overseas. About two years ago he moved with his family to Durham. Besides his widow, he leaves three sons and three daughters to mourn his loss as follows: John, in Chicago; Mrs. Ranson, Stratford, and Lena, William, Kenneth and Eunice, a babe only three months. He also leaves three brothers: Thomas, at Wingham; William D. D., at Vancouver, and the Rev. J. A. Methodist minister, at London.

Mr. Agnew's death is the first serious accident to occur at the Russell plant, and is deeply regretted. The community at large sympathizes with the bereaved widow and family, the floral tributes bearing testimony of this. Besides sprays and wreaths from the family and friends, the Russell Company and the Great War Veterans also deposited their token of sympathy on the casket of the deceased.

Mrs. Agnew and family are very thankful for the kindness and sympathy shown by neighbors and others, and have asked that The Chronicle express their thanks to the public in general.

**BORN**

McLean.—In Durham, on Sunday, December 4, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter McLean, a daughter.

Picken.—In Normanby, on Monday, December 5, to Mr. and Mrs. John Picken, Jr., a son.

**MARRIED**

Newell—Betts.—At the home of the bride's parents, Sunny Brook Farm, Flesherton, on Wednesday, November 29, 1922, Annie Rosella, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Betts to William J. Newell of Flesherton, formerly of Glenelg.

**ALL SHOULD WORK TOGETHER TO BOOST THE HOME TOWN**

Hardly a week passes but some good citizen has some suggestion to make for the betterment of the town. No sooner is the suggestion made than some other good citizen objects, principally because he does not like the first person. It is human nature and we are just as human here as elsewhere. But there is a better way—a way that is quite as human and more humanizing. Forget your antipathy toward the man and thing only of his suggestion—of what it will do for the town—of what it will mean to you as a citizen of the town. Very few good citizens think exactly alike. Many are diametrically opposite in their convictions, in their likes and dislikes, in their tastes, but there is a common ground upon which we may all meet and bury our animosities. That is the common good of all—the betterment of our community—the fostering of the welfare of our collective citizenry for the benefit of each individual citizen, and for the benefit of ourselves. It is the starting point of prosperity—the grave of adversity. It is the point we should seek and find.

**Ambiguous.**

The banquet hall was adorned with many beautiful paintings, and the President of the little college was called upon to respond to a toast.

Desiring to pay a compliment to the ladies present, he designated the paintings with an eloquent gesture, and said: "What need is there of these painted beauties when we have so many with us at the table?"

**CEMENT BLOCKS FOR SALE**

Several thousand cement blocks will be disposed of at reasonable prices. Apply at this office for information. 1pd



**Northern Ontario Still Needs Help**

Many weeks after the big fire the people slept on boards and in a few cases mattresses were available. The picture shows the first bed to be given out at one of the Relief Committee's stations. Hundreds of families in Northern Ontario need beds, clothing and food.

**IMPORTANT!**  
**A Special in Flours for One Week More**

Having unloaded another car this week we have decided to sell at our **Reduced Prices** until it is sold, after which we will be forced to raise. Get in on it while it lasts and remember we stand behind every bag. Satisfaction Guaranteed.

"Pine Tree" - \$ 3.65 "Jewel" - \$ 3.50  
5 Sack lots - 17.75 5 Sack lots 17.00

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for the Christmas Baking. We have them all and at very moderate prices. Come in and let us show them to you. They're Good.

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