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Notes and Comments

Not Quite Half and Half

It is not true that half the people in Canada live on the other half, says The Printed Word. "The actual facts are that the proportions of the population which is wholly or in part dependent on the remainder is still slightly less than half the total. All that is necessary to determine this figure is to examine the various government reports. From these can be compiled the number on relief, the number of prairie wheat farmers with their fixed price, the number of coal miners with their subventions the employees of the Canadian National Railways and other government employees, the free patients in public hospitals and sanitarium, those receiving old age pensions and some of those engaged in the dairy industry.

It may be true that in this study some who are living on others have been overlooked. But it is also important to note that all those listed are not public charges in the full sense. And the encouraging point is that the total is not quite half of the entire population of the country."

Speed Traps for Law Breakers

We do not understand the protest of the Toronto Evening Telegram and other newspapers against the move made to set up speed traps in an effort to slow down the terrific speed of many motorists. Indeed, persons who respect the law and abide by it, need not have any fear of speed traps, for they cannot operate against them. Wherever they have been operated it has been shown that only drivers who race their cars from 56 to 80 miles an hour were affected by the traps, so why should the careful motorist raise a voice against this effort to reduce road accidents.

We fully realize that road traps are something that might easily be abused, but that will soon be found out. Right now an investigation is being made about the conduct of a trap at Aurora, indicating that officers of the law, suspected of abusing the authority given them, will soon find themselves in deep water.

Having regard for the number of lives lost, and for what we see going on along the highways, we welcome the setting up of road traps in an effort to catch the motorist who is an unthinking killer. Persons who keep within the law should all do likewise. Speed traps are only for law breakers.

Congratulations Stouffville

The Newmarket Era, three times winners of the Charles Clark cup for best weekly newspaper in Canada in the class, circulation between one and two thousand, makes some very complimentary remarks about the standing of The Tribune in the contest this year. The Era withdrew from the field, evidently feeling that having won such distinction for three times, its reputation was established and so it graciously left the field to others. The Era editorially remarked last week:

"The Charles Clark cup for the best weekly newspaper of between 1,000 and 2,000 circulation this year went to British Columbia. The winner was the Kelowna Courier, published by a former Ontario man, R. P. McLean, who left the Picton Times in the hands of a brother and sister something over a year ago to go to British Columbia. The newspaper to place second in this competition was the Listowel (Ont.) Banner, published in a town about the size of Aurora. Third was our neighbor, the Stouffville Tribune, which was brought to public attention in the spring with the winning of the Joseph T. Clark Memorial Trophy for the best all-round weekly published in an Ontario or Quebec town or village of less than 1,500 population. In the Charles Clark cup competition, The Tribune came up against weeklies published in much larger towns than its own and with weeklies from all parts of Canada. York county may well be proud of the high rating which The Tribune won."

Committee Themselves Create a Waste

York County Council educational committee members will confer with Dr. Duncan McArthur, deputy minister of education, to discuss the cost of school books for secondary education. What appeared not very well founded charges were made in county council by Reeve W. L. Maude of Mimico at the last session of council who claimed that high cost of these books amounted to racketeering.

The fact of the matter is that the government now pays a large proportion of the cost of these books and the pupil thus gets them at a smaller price than if they paid the full amount. Free books are not a good thing. When handed out in that manner they would be ill cared for and altogether badly handled by the students. An example of this was brought to light in Stouffville a few years ago. The trustees decided to provide free ink for the students. The demand went up with leaps and bounds, and exceeded the amount previously sold by the drug stores by four fold. Result, the free ink was discontinued.

The same experience would be met with should school books if handed out free to the student.

In view of the fact that the government is now bearing a portion of the cost of these books, it would look as though the educational committee of the council would have acted wisely if they ignored the outburst made by Maude. Members of this committee receive \$7 per day or night when called together, and to waste time dipping into matters when they can have no hope of doing any good,

A Bit of News From Alberta

A recent visitor from Ontario to the Stettler district in Alberta says that one thing which struck him forcibly was the optimism of the Westerner in face of hardship. Citing instances of conditions in Alberta he said his nephew took 127 bushels of oats to the elevator and received \$12.50 for the lot, which averages about 8c a bushel. His niece sold 15 dozen eggs for 63c, which is slightly better than 4c dozen, and which hardly justifies Alberta hens cackling to any great extent over their product. The wheat crop in Alberta is away above the average, many of the farmers estimating their yield at better than 40 bushels of No. 1 Northern to the acre, which suggests that the West is still the bread basket of the empire.

On the whole the people are optimistic and business is good in the larger centres, like Calgary and Edmonton, where the building trade is particularly brisk. The Aberhart Gov't is completing a highway between Edmonton and the Montana border, a 500 mile stretch of tarvia surface, and when the remaining 25 miles are finished the highway will emerge entirely free of debt. There is much road work being done in Alberta and the highways are in splendid condition. So great is the faith of the farmers of Alberta in the Aberhart Government that when the provincial elections there come in the fall, Mr. McCurlie predicts that the present regime will be swept back into power.

The editor was having dinner a few days ago with a Calgarian who predicted that Aberhart had an excellent chance of being returned to power, for the reason that neither of the old parties carry any weight in the province and no leader is in sight that gives any better promise than the one now in the provincial premiership.

STAND BY YOUR TOWN

No town can be permanently prosperous in which the citizens and business men who are dependent on each other, do not patronize each other. The merchant wants a tire, for instance, and although his neighbor runs a service station and handles the finest tire, he imagines he can save a dollar by sending to another town or city for his tire. The tire man, in turn, sends away for his shoes, clothing and sometimes groceries. The shoe man sends away for his coat and the tailor sends a way for his boots, and so it goes. As a result the farmer coming in to buy and trade see the merchants sending to other places for goods because, they say, they can save money by doing so, and come to the conclusion they, too, can do better elsewhere, and then everybody is growling about hard times and rotten business.

No wonder; the business men themselves turn the tide of trade elsewhere, for if they can supply themselves to better advantage by depriving their neighbour of their trade, others learn to try the same experiment. It is a dangerous one to inaugurate. Ten dollars are lost where one is saved, because the entire business of the place is

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Bridal Pair 'On Milk and Honeymoon



HAPPY COUPLE — Elsie, the capering cow of Borden ads, came to life in the Court of Peace at the New York World's Fair and in elaborate comedy ceremonies that had 5,000 spectators in laughter, she became the bride of Laird Della, Electrified Farm exhibit Holstein. The Ayrshire bride was prepared by a professional makeup man, with costume, lipstick, eyebrow pencilling and other adjuncts of beauty. Bridesmaids, best men and flower girls surrounded the couple as they were "married" and guffawed when the pair actually kissed (with the herdsman's help in bringing their heads together) for the camera. Presents included a bottle of milk, a house apron, a baby carriage and other silly items.

ADVOCATE NAME PLATES ON ALL STREETS

In order to emphasize the desirability of placing the name of every street at the corner of all thoroughfares in Stouffville a local citizen has contributed the following "dialogue" which has a lot of truth behind it, and which, if acted on, would be an added improvement to our up-to-date town:

Scene—Main Street, Stouffville
 Time—Saturday afternoon,

dwarfed and hampered thereby.

The fact is, little is ever made by going away to trade, and oftener, counting all expenses, there is a loss. Show us a town in which the people make it a rule not to send away for any thing they can get at home and we will show you a town in which business is lively and everybody buys and trade is centred from abroad. Prices are low and the business men patronize each other, having no suspicion that confidence will be abused. Let it once be understood that the merchants of any town or village are in a habit of going abroad for purchases, and business will languish. Having no confidence in each other, how can they expect others to have confidence in them? No, that's certainly not the way to build up a town, why not patronize each other, and let us keep our business at home.

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Man in car, hailing Stouffville on sidewalk—Hey Mac; Where is Victoria Street?

Mac—musing, Victoria Street, Victoria Street, there is, such a street in this town Mr., but bessed if I know where it is.

Man in car—Stranger here too, eh?

Mac—No Sir, I have lived here for ten years, but Main street and a couple of others is all I know the location of. Whom did you want to find? Man in car—Sam Slick, uncle and aunt, they moved here about three years ago, and we are making our first call on them.

Mac—Well what do you know about that? They live next door to me; So: that's Victoria Street, can you beat it! Didn't know the name of my own street! no wonder people laugh at us hick town folks, streets named, but very few of us know them or where they are.

What would it cost to erect street signs that would be visible to all, so that they who

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ride or walk could read? A progressive town such as this ought to be alive in every detail. We live on streets located on a plan, not just next door to Sam Slick.

SPECIAL HOLSTEINS TO SHOW AT MARKHAM FAIR

The York County Holstein Club has completed arrangements with the Markham Agricultural Society to hold a special Holstein or "Black and White Show" on the Friday of Markham Fair, Oct. 6th when it is expected there will be 150 animals of this popular breed on exhibition, no other cattle being shown that day. The club directors are canvassing the breeders and this week an advance prize list was mailed to over 350 members of the Holstein Association in York County and Pickering Township, the latter being included in this York County show on account of their proximity to Markham.

HAS TWINS BUT FEEDS FOUR

Twin heifers were born to "Swingbag," a high producer of Holstein-Jersey ancestry, belonging to Elmer Starr, on his farm on the fourth concession of Whitchurch.

All are doing well. The mother is doing better than that, for she is giving so much milk that Mr. Starr had to give her two extra calves to feed. She has plenty for the four.

Twin calves are unusual, but not phenomenal. Mr. Starr has never had twin calves on his farm before, but remembers twin calves on his father's farm 40 years ago.

WHAT DO YOU DO WITH WEED SEEDS?

When threshing has been completed and the machine moves on, the farmer's first job should be the disposal of weed seeds removed during the threshing, says J. D. MacLeod, Crops, Seeds and Weeds Branch of Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto. The practice of shovelling them outside the barn is too prevalent and should be discouraged. When this is done, millions of seeds are carried by the wind, water, animals, birds, and by man himself and new areas are infested. Carelessness in the disposal of weed seeds is one direct cause of the weed problem. It is important that all weed seeds be gathered up immediately after the mill has left and burned or buried deeply.

OPENING DANCE

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