

HAYING ON THE SABBATH

Something of an unfamiliar nature greeted the eye of motorists in the Walkerton district last Sunday, and it was the sight of farmers hauling in hay on the Sabbath day. Enquiry revealed the fact that one of these farmers had already lost a considerable quantity of hay through the continued wet weather of the past ten days and the Sunday harvesting was an attempt to save a large amount which had been cut and was ready for the barns. In this instance it was a work of necessity, but it is hoped that it will not come into common practice in this fair land where the Lord's Day is observed as a day of rest from labour. There is ample evidence that

Canadians are slowly but surely drifting into the American way of treating Sunday as a day of recreation, a day on which all manner of work is done about the home, garden and lawn. Evidence of this trend is not lacking right here in our own district, where on Sundays the sound of the saw, axe and even the lawn mower have disturbed the quiet and peace which usually prevails. Our fathers and forefathers accomplished great things without Sunday labour and it is to be hoped that the average Canadian will refrain from desecrating the Sabbath and continue to heed, as in the past, the Biblical injunctions of "Six days shalt thou labour" and "remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy."



William Douglas McFarlane, Ph.D., F.R.S.C., for the past 11 years chairman and professor of Chemistry at MacDonaid College of McGill University, has search for the new C.B.L. Research Institute in Toronto, it been appointed director of rewas announced by D. C. Betts, President of Canadian Breweries Limited.

The Institute, a division of Canadian Breweries, is now under construction on Toronto's lakefront and is expected to be opened officially early in 1948. The building will have a basement and two floors with a 125-foot frontage and a depth of 63 feet.

Research, generally, will be devoted to the development of new uses for Canadian farm products in industry and expansion for existing uses. The Institute hopes to create new and wider markets for potential and present farm products. Specifically, Dr. McFarlane, currently in London, England attending the centennial celebration of The British Chemical Society will direct research in six principal divisions.

JOYRIDER IS GIVEN LIGHT SENTENCE

Edmund Chase, 19, R.R.3 Stouffville, convicted a week ago on a charge of joyriding, was placed on suspended sentence for sentence before Magistrate Frank S. Ebbs in Magistrate's Court. The magistrate ruled also that the costs of the court would have to be paid by Chase or his family.

The charge arose out of an incident during the early morning hours of July 8 when testimony indicated that Chase had taken a total of three trucks from his employer, Contractor's Haulage, Pickering. Two of the vehicles were recovered a short distance from the scene of the incident later that morning but the third vehicle was not located until the following day when Chase, following his arrest, led officers to the place where he had hidden it.

When questioned by police Chase had told the officers that he had taken the vehicles in an attempt to reach his home because of a sudden "longing to go home," which he claimed overwhelmed him. Chase also admitted to the officers that he had been drinking and at the original hearing this fact caused the magistrate to reprimand the

FARM HOMES LACK PLUMBING CONVENIENCES

"Canadians claim to have a high standard of living, and yet only three out of five of our homes have inside running water," W. C. Hodgson, president of the Canadian Institute of Plumbing and Heating said last week.

"In addition to supplying equipment for the present record home building program, the industry faces a vast potential market in Canadian homes already built. Out of approximately 2,600,000 homes in the Dominion, more than 1,350,000 have no bath tubs and more than 1,250,000 have no inside toilet facilities. In addition, more than 1,500,000 are without furnace heating systems."

While the industry has reached a record rate of production it still is not able to meet the demand for equipment for new homes, much less provide replacements for equipment in older houses, he said. It is now no problem to have running water in the farm home, with modern electric equipment available for pumping water from a well or other source. It is unofficially reported, notwithstanding this fact, that only 25 per cent or less of the homes in Whitechurch and Markham township rural areas have no inside bath or toilet facilities.

BUSY BEE IS BACK ON PRODUCTION

Bee-lieve it or not, there seems to be every reason to hope there will be a good supply of honey this year. For the first time since 1938, T. H. Shield, general-manager of the Ontario Honey Producers' Co-operative, has reason to believe there will be a normal crop.

"Although heavy rains delayed the spring by two weeks," Mr. Shield explained, "the weather has been favorable, and at this moment we have about 40 percent, of a normal crop. If the weather stays warm for the next 10 days or so there should be a very good crop." Last year the busy bee produced practically no honey; it was the worst year since 1897 and it wasn't a labor shortage. "There just wasn't any honey in the flowers and we don't know why," said Mr. Shield. "The only explanation we can offer is either atmospheric or soil conditions went wrong." In 1945, the crop only amounted to 1-3 to 1/2 of normal which explains the fact that although no honey was exported from Canada except by special permit during the war, there just isn't any to be had.

Must Sort Some Before your start smacking your lips in anticipation, remember that much of this year's crop will have to be stored away to build up a backlog and also, according to Mr. Shield, about half of the honey produced by Ontario's 6,000 owners of bee colonies never finds its way to neighborhood stores. "It is traded or given away by the farmer to friends," explained the official. "Many producers are just amateurs who produce as a hobby and never sell."

Nevertheless, if (and its a big "if") the weather remains favorable the once-familiar carton of the delicious syrup should begin to appear about mid-August or early September and at a reasonable price. "Naturally, bee-keepers' cost have risen just like all others," asserted Mr. Shield. "but if we get the crop we're hoping for, the price shouldn't be so very far above pre-war levels."

Has Other Jobs Pleasant as this prospect appears, producing honey is not the chief value of the bee. He has a multitude of uses most important of which is pollination, for 80 per cent. of all fruit is pollinated by the honey bee. The remaining 20 per cent. is accounted for by the wind and wind bees. Mr. Bee was also a war worker—and an important one. Beeswax was used in the manufacture of tracer shells, delicate aircraft instruments, and in weapons so important that they are still on the secret list. Consider the fact that one bee must consume 14 pounds of honey before he produces one pound of beeswax and you have an idea of its value. But the war is over and if our hard-working little friends get some co-operation from the weatherman and can rehabilitate successfully, breakfast is going to be a much more pleasant meal.

boy's father for his apparent laxity several occasions. In bringing up his son. In answer to the magistrate's The boy's grandmother told the question as to whether she (the magistrate that she had had to grandmother) believed she could "bring up" Chase at various times control the boy's actions in the because the boy's own mother had future she replied that she thought been confined to the Hospital on she could.

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Prairie beauty, Iris Boyd of Brandon, Man., has been named Canada's "raving beauty" in competition with hundreds of other girls. She was selected from a photograph by judges in Montreal. Iris wins a free trip to New York plus an all-Canadian wardrobe.



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