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### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th - ALL DAY

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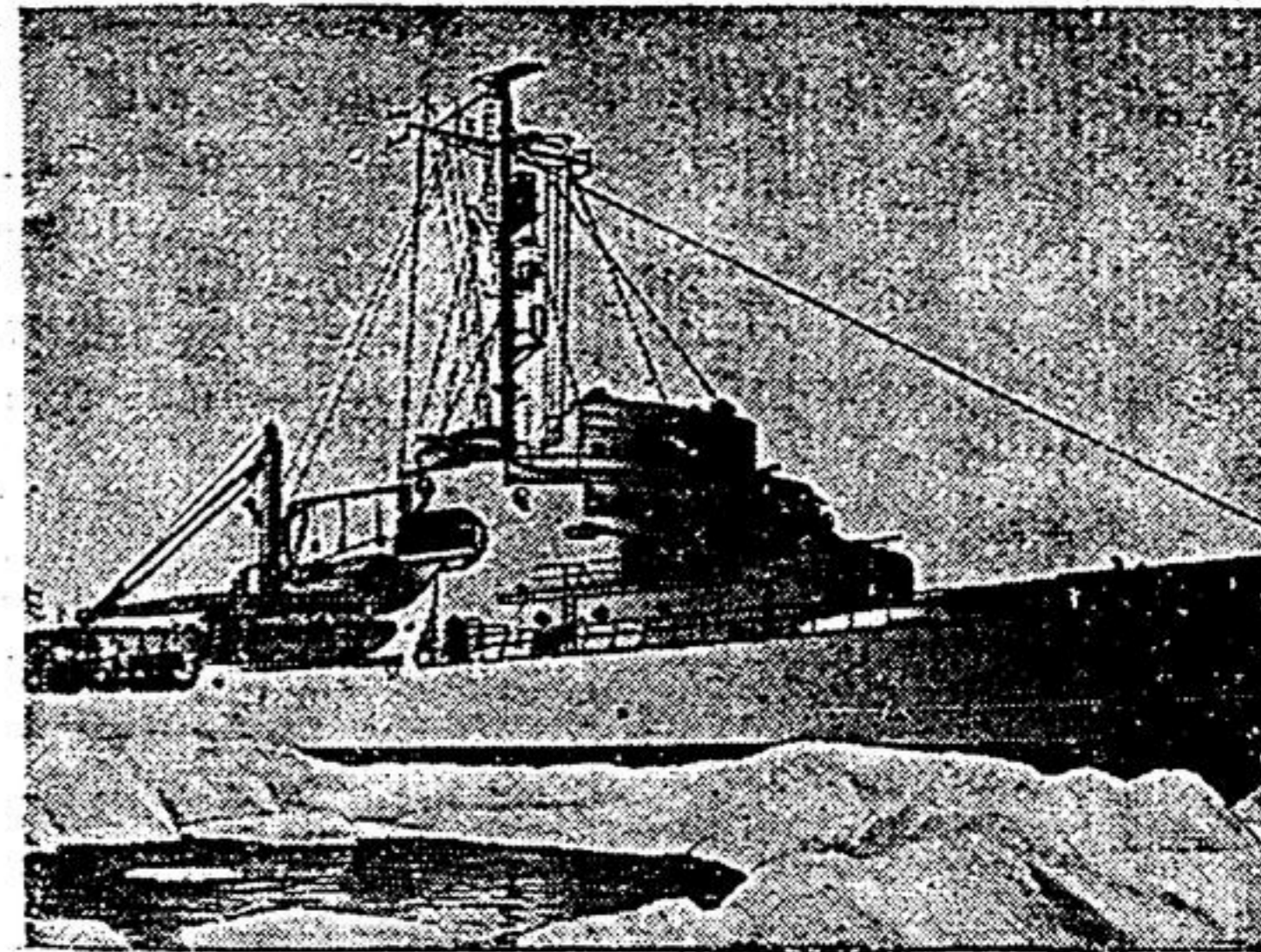
Official opening by Premier L. M. Frost and Hon. T. L. Kennedy, Minister of Agriculture at 12:30 p.m.

Ample Parking Space and Eating Facilities

Howard Harper, Chairman

H. Lynn Fair, Uxbridge, Secretary.

### New Ice Breaker For Northern Canada



This modern icebreaker will soon be sailing Canada's most northerly lakes and rivers. The ship, 267 feet long 5,400-

ton displacement, will service Dominion weather stations. Approved in design by the R.C.N., construction will begin within 30 days.

### Moose Dies, But Halts Car Going at 40 M.P.H.

A charging bull moose brought a car, travelling 40 miles an hour along highway 11 near Hearst, Northern Ontario, to a dead stop. Written off in the encounter was a 1949-model car and one moose, while the driver of the car, T. E. Woodward, of Lakeside Camp, Toronto, and his wife received cuts and bruises when car met moose early Sunday.

"The animal darted out of the bush in front of us," said Mr. Woodward. "I tried to dodge him but he was on us in an instant, as solid as a locomotive."

Hurtled half way through the windshield, Woodward injured his leg and arm. His wife received face cuts. For four hours they sat in their wrecked car guarding \$51,000 worth of furs, which Woodward, a fur buyer, purchased on his northern trip.

Shock of the blow pitched the moose atop the car's roof.

"My leg was broken and an arm was cut," said Mr. Woodward. "I was able to extricate myself from the wreckage of the car as soon as the moose fell to the road."

The charge of the moose shifted the engine from its mountings.

### SELDOM SEEN

It's a pity that some poet hasn't seen fit to commemorate the matter of pickles in a fitting way. Certainly, the whole procedure of picking the cucumbers and assembling the spices and the tangy vinegar and the mysterious ritual afterwards has in itself a great deal of inspiration for anyone with an inclination towards that sort of thing.

Pickling time is a time all its own on the farm. Anxiously, the womenfolk hover over the cucumber patch, carrying pails of water from a barrel left standing in the sun all day, to make certain the heat of the day hasn't wilted the vines. This is a job for early evening between the supper and the washing of the dishes, and immediately after the picking of the cucumbers.

Women seem to hover over the tomato plants and the cucumber vines these days. A man is liable to find himself somewhat con-

fused over the cryptic message relayed at the dinner and supper table. "That old hen is back picking the tomatoes again." "I got six quart basket of gherkins the vines today and an eight quart basket of fair to middling ones and there must be almost a bushel of the relish ones."

It also appears that no matter how many times the vines are visited, the elusive cucumber is in the green and dim depth of the leafy vines is often able to escape the clutching hands of the women picking cucumbers you'll hear one say she brings up a monster cucumber that has started to yellow, reaching maturity, "I thought I picked every blessed cucumber these vines last night."

The tomatoes are whisked through their bushes and placed in various places to ripen. A favorite spot is the old railroad tie with the cucumber arm on it and we employ a corner post in the garden. The tomatoes also find themselves placed on the sunny side of a milk house, along the ridge of a pantry window where the heat joins and even on the slanting of the most necessary small bench on the farm.

The smell of vinegar and spices is one that makes your nose quiver as you come up the way from the barn. There's a kettle of chili sauce, bubbling the stove with a bag of spices. On the stir to give piquancy to great chunks of red, rosy tomatoes and the slices of gleaming onion.

It's easy for a man to lean around the eaves on a winter night and the delightful prospect of lading out the pickled mix that brings summer and sun into the dullness of the fall season.

"You can get rid of most of your troubles and pain by making pickles of them," says a psychologist. Maybe so, but when we poked at our arthritis, it cracked back at us.

Swing musicians don't get it they should, says a band leader. Maybe because there's a pickler against it.

### Increased Acreage But A Lower Yield In Grains Reported

Although there was an eleven per cent increase in acreage seeded to grain in 1949, yields per acre will greatly lower output this year, a survey of crop conditions by the Statistics Branch, Ontario Department of Agriculture reveals. Yields vary throughout the province, depending on amount of rainfall during the growing season, the report says.

"Infestations of army-worms attacked fields of Oats and Barley over a wide area in both Southern and Northern Ontario," the report states. "But total overall damage to grain crop was not great due to prompt and effective control measures."

Total acreage of grain seeded in Ontario was 3,584,300 as against 3,209,900 acres last year. All grains show an increased acreage.

While only preliminary estimates are available as yet, average yield for all spring grains for the

province, is expected to be substantially below normal yields harvested last year. Oats is estimated at 33 bushels per acre as against 41.8 in 1948; Barley 29 bushels compared with 31.4 in 1948; mixed grains 33 bushels as against 43.5.

Yields are low in Central Ontario and Southern counties of Eastern Ontario. This is due to extremely hot dry weather which caused grain to ripen prematurely.

### CHEAPER SUITS?

Retailers are adopting a "wait-and-see" attitude toward men's clothing for this fall, according to The Financial Post. Goods are in plentiful supply, and many of the larger stores are postponing placing larger orders until their male customers indicate what prices they're prepared to pay for fall clothes.

Although some report they'll be offering clothing at prices 8%-10% lower than last year, due to ability of suppliers to purchase materials at more favorable levels, many hold the quality for quality, there can't be much reduction.

### Aylmer Man Anticipates Cotton Crop in 6 Weeks

Sunny Southern Ontario may also become the land of cotton if amateur farmer Cliff Lamb's experiments bear fruit.

The retired Aylmer business man created considerable comment last spring when he announced plans to grow cotton in this Southwestern Ontario district.

The seeds he planted last June between two rows of tobacco plants now are flowering plants between two and three feet high. Lamb estimates they'll reach maturity in six weeks.

He plans to experiment further next year.

Lamb hopes his experiments eventually will develop a new industry, making use of hundreds of acres lying idle now because the soil that may grow cotton is too poor for normal crops.

The number of people engaged in the telephone industry in Canada totals about 36,000.

### Uxbridge Fire Chief Explains

Fire chief Byron Willis of the Uxbridge Fire Brigade has issued an explanation to the surrounding district explaining why it is not possible for the Uxbridge fire equipment to respond to outside calls for help. Chief Willis explains that the equipment has no pumper or water carrying facilities, and cannot draw from wells and creeks, and that the town has no auxiliary equipment to leave at home in case it was needed when the other engine would be away from home.

This was the reason why Stouffville brigade answered a call for help from Sandford recently and some wondered why Uxbridge did not respond. Chief Willis says that if the outside locality want a fire service he and his town will be glad to discuss the matter with surrounding municipalities.

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