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Japan Canada's Second-Best Wheat Customer
Japan has moved up the trading scale with respect to purchases of Canadian wheat and now stands as Canada's second-best customer, His Excellency Dr. Koto Matsudaira, Japanese Ambassador to Canada, told a gathering of businessmen in Toronto recently. The assembly comprised, for the most part, those eminent Canadians who had attended the conference of the International Chamber of Commerce at Tokyo last May. His Excellency recalled that Japan's wheat imports had risen to 900,000 tons in the last crop year, from 650,000 tons in the previous year, and presented to his hearers the possibility of enormous expansion in Japan's wheat consumption in years to come.

"The population under the age of 15 years, which forms roughly one-third of the total population of Japan, has been brought up on bread and milk," the ambassador said. "In other words, children in Japan constitute the most reliable market for Canadian wheat. It is my guess that 30 years from now Japan will be a larger market for Canadian wheat than the United Kingdom."

In the list of nations exporting to Canada, Japan had moved up from eighteenth place in May, 1954, to fifth place in August, 1955. Japanese exports to Canada being exceeded only by the United States, Great Britain, Venezuela and West Germany. Illustrating the recovery made by Japan in her commercial relations, Dr. Matsudaira said:

"When I came to Canada in March, 1954, the ratio in our trade balance was 11 against 1. Last August, the ratio was, to my genuine surprise, 3.2 to 1. During the month of August our trade to Canada was \$1,608,595. The amount in the five-month period from January to May of last year was \$4,766,250. We are now doing business roughly five times larger than last year."

The ambassador pointed out that this improvement had been achieved without any major disturbance to the Canadian market and without unfair prejudice to Canadian industry. Japan had striven hard to establish a good pattern of trade, beneficial to both countries and one that would ultimately eliminate all causes of friction calculated to obstruct the increasingly friendly relations between Canada and Japan. He cited that three outstanding items of export to Canada were casing pipe for oil, which represented 14 percent of the total; bauxite for the aluminum smelter at Kitimat, 11 percent; and plywood for the Prairie provinces, three percent. Such items were figuring more and more conspicuously on Japan's export trade list.

It could thus be seen that the present trend of trade was toward a two-way expansion. Dr. Matsudaira said his objective was to intensify and channel the trend into the consolidation of friendly understanding and co-operation between Japan and Canada — "the two closest neighbours on the Pacific."

Uses of fine paper made in Canadian mills cover a wide range, such as catalogues, blotters, drinking cups, wall papers, ticker tape, blueprints, stock certificates and even currency.

Hog Prices Hit a Three-Year Low Level

For the first time since 1952 the Ontario price of hogs has sunk to the federal government floor price. It was quoted at \$23 a hundredweight last week. Heavy production had kept the price at floor level for eight months of 1952. When the government announced the lowering of the floor to \$23, many farmers quit the hog business. Then with a consequent lowering of production the price took an upward climb and late in the following year hit almost \$40.

This brought more farmers back into production and since then the price has gradually dropped. There is a hope the low price will not remain for any long period. Main reason is that most of the 140,000 hogs a week produced in Canada at the present time are either being eaten up by Canadians or shipped in the form of prime cuts to the United States.

When the price stood at 40 cents, only about 90,000 hogs a week were disappearing. There is an indication that some farmers may be going out of the hog business again because they can't make ends meet at the \$23 price. Local butchers report that they are slaughtering pregnant sows. Packers across the country find the demand for the product so great that they are not storing so much this year as they were last year. Storage stocks are somewhere around 4,000,000 pounds, which is considered comparably low.

If packers find they can't pay \$23 or more for hogs the government will step in and buy surplus production to the extent that the \$23 will be paid to farmers.

With the Christmas season coming on, pork product sales may drop for a few weeks until the housewives have quit buying fowl.

Unit Aids Crippled Children

Bobby L. was a happy, healthy, five year old boy who rather suddenly started to walk with a definite limp. Bobby was referred to the Hospital for Sick Children by his family doctor, and after six long weeks he was ready to come home, having been fitted with a rather large and expensive leg brace.

The Hospital Health Service requested that a public health nurse from the York County Health Unit visit the home to see if his parents were able to care for Bobby and if necessary, to arrange for some financial assistance towards the new brace.

Mrs. L. was expecting a visit from the public health nurse, and felt that through her, she would obtain the necessary information and assistance in caring for Bobby. She was very upset over the prospect of her son's wearing a brace for at least two years, and wondered how he would react to his new life of restricted activities. The heavy brace would result in special care to prevent pressure sores. Would Bobby

be able to dress himself, sit at the table with the family for his meals, still play with his younger brother, and could the brace be taken off when he went to bed for the night? These were just a few of the problems that the mother and nurse discussed together. The work of the Ontario Society for Crippled Children was explained to Mrs. L. and that through them a local service club could be approached to help pay for Bobby's brace, as this money is made available through the Easter Seal collection.

Following his discharge from hospital Bobby was visited by the public health nurse at regular intervals, this being a part of the continuous health supervision offered to the community as a whole.

(Editor's Note — This is the 19th in a series of articles designed to better acquaint the residents of this district with the work of the County Health Unit. Other articles in the series will appear in future issues of The Tribune.

GOODWOOD

Mrs. Reuben May
Mrs. Ronald James and Marilyn have been taking care of Mrs. James' mother, Mrs. Dan Wagg, who we are glad to report is improving.

The Married Couples Group of the Baptist Church are planning a family gathering in the Church basement on Thursday, Dec. 29th. You and your family are invited to attend.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. David Symes is in failing health.

There was a large crowd out to the Baptist Sunday School Concert, where parents and friends enjoyed the recitations, songs and dialogues put on by the children.

At the time of writing, Gordon Jones is still in Hospital, but has hopes of being home by the time this is printed.

Mrs. Steve Shuller is improving after being ill for several days.

Friends of Mrs. George Stewart are sorry to learn that she has been in hospital for several weeks, suffering with blood poison in her hand. Glad to say it is now on the mend.

AUDLEY

Mildred Puckrin
There was no election of officers this year as the 1955 officers had been elected for a two-year term.

The roll call was answered by "A Favourite Carol." The west group presented a Christmas worship service of carols, scriptures and prayers. Mrs. Geoff Astley sang, "Twas in the Moon of Wintertime," and Mrs. George Squire read a story, "Let's Keep Christmas," by Peter Marshall.

Friends of Bob McHugh are sorry to hear that he was admitted last week to the Sunnybrook Hospital. It is hoped this will be a short stay.

A Merry Christmas is wished to the editor, staff and readers of The Tribune.

On Sunday afternoon, during the Church service, the Sunday School children presented the Nativity Scene accompanied by Mrs. Arch Bell at the piano. During our many Christmas activities may we think of this beautiful scene and of the true meaning of Christmas.

The W.A. was held on Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Fred Puckrin with twenty ladies present. The president, Mrs. C. Clemence, conducted the business, which was preceded by a hymn, the Creed and Theme song. Motions were passed to send \$20 to the M. and M. Fund and also to the Sick Children's Hospital. The annual reports were given, showing a very successful and active year in all departments. The ladies helped with the annual picnic and vacation school, had an anniversary supper, an afternoon tea, an evening bazaar and program, a Halloween par-

GORMLEY

Mrs. C. Milsted
(Held over)
Congratulations to the Harvey triplets, Barbara, Brenda and Bonnie who celebrated their sixth birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Doner and Mrs. Fred Doust had dinner on Thursday with Mrs. Victor Stover of Markham.

Mr. Victor Britnell has returned after spending 4 months at Lake Kemagami, Northern Ontario.

Dr. Jean Erb, recently returned from Nigeria, Africa, was the guest speaker at the W.M.S. meeting at the home of Mrs. C. E. Hunking, recently. Home & School Meeting

Parents, teachers and children of SS. No. 7 Markham had a most enjoyable time at the monthly meeting of the Gormley Home & School Association on December 12th. It was the Annual Christmas programme when all the old familiar Carols were sung and special films were shown. Mr. George DeWitt of Aurora gave all a real treat with the showing of "The Pony", a lovely story that depicted a child's persistence and ingenuity when something worthwhile was at stake. Then came a hilarious cartoon, "The Cat Who Played Santa", then last of all that beautiful and ever new story of "Silent Night". To hear the children's voices join in the chorus with the pictured early Carolers was truly sweet. Then came candies, sandwiches, cookies and delicious hot chocolate served by mothers of Grade 3 — Mrs. J. MacDonald being Social Convener.

Members are reminded that the next meeting of the Gormley Home & School Association will be January 9th, "Citizenship Night", with Mr. Earl Empringham, Citizenship Chairman, and Mrs. Harold Hill, Social Convener with mothers of Grade 4.

We wish a speedy recovery for Mrs. H. Doner and Mrs. Archie Duncan who underwent operations recently in York County Hospital, Newmarket.

Mrs. Ida Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Deb Baker, Ken and Donna were guests at the marriage of their niece, Miss Shirley Spence at Sixth Line Baptist Church.

CEDAR GROVE
Mrs. Pat McClelland
W.M.S. Elect Officers
The W.M.S. met at the home of Mrs. Frank Sewell this month and Mrs. Whittaker, the President, opened the meeting with a reading. Mrs. Maurice Hamill assisted by Mrs. Russell Miller took the Study Book on the subject "Christmas on an Indian Reserve." Mrs. Austin Reesor sang "Bless This House."

The officers elected for 1956 are as follows: Pres., Mrs. Whittaker; Hon. Pres., Mrs. Thomas; Mrs. McCowan and Mrs. Little; 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. Allan Reesor; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. Lloyd Taylor; Treas., Mrs. Ryan; Recording Sec., Mrs. Maurice Hamill; Corresponding Sec., Mrs. A. Gaston; Flower Comm., Mrs. G. Murison; Mrs. A. Lapp; Christian Stewardship and Finance, Mrs. A. G. Little, Mrs. R. N. Reesor; Mrs. Austin Reesor; Literature Sec., Mrs. E. Harrington; Temperance and Citizenship, Mrs. Ivan Beare; Mrs. Fred Beare; Supply Committee, Mrs. J. Burkholder, Mrs. M. Dean; Missionary Monthly Sec., Mrs. F. Reesor; Press Sec., Mrs. R. Lapp; Mission Band Leader, Miss Jean Miller; Baby Band Leader, Mrs. F. Clark, Mrs. R. Miller; Group Conveners, Mrs. Frank Sewell, Mrs. Austin Reesor, Mrs. Frank Reesor.

LEGEND SAYS CHRISTMAS TREES CAME FROM EGYPT
Legend has it that the Christmas tree originated in Egypt, where the first trees used were palm trees.

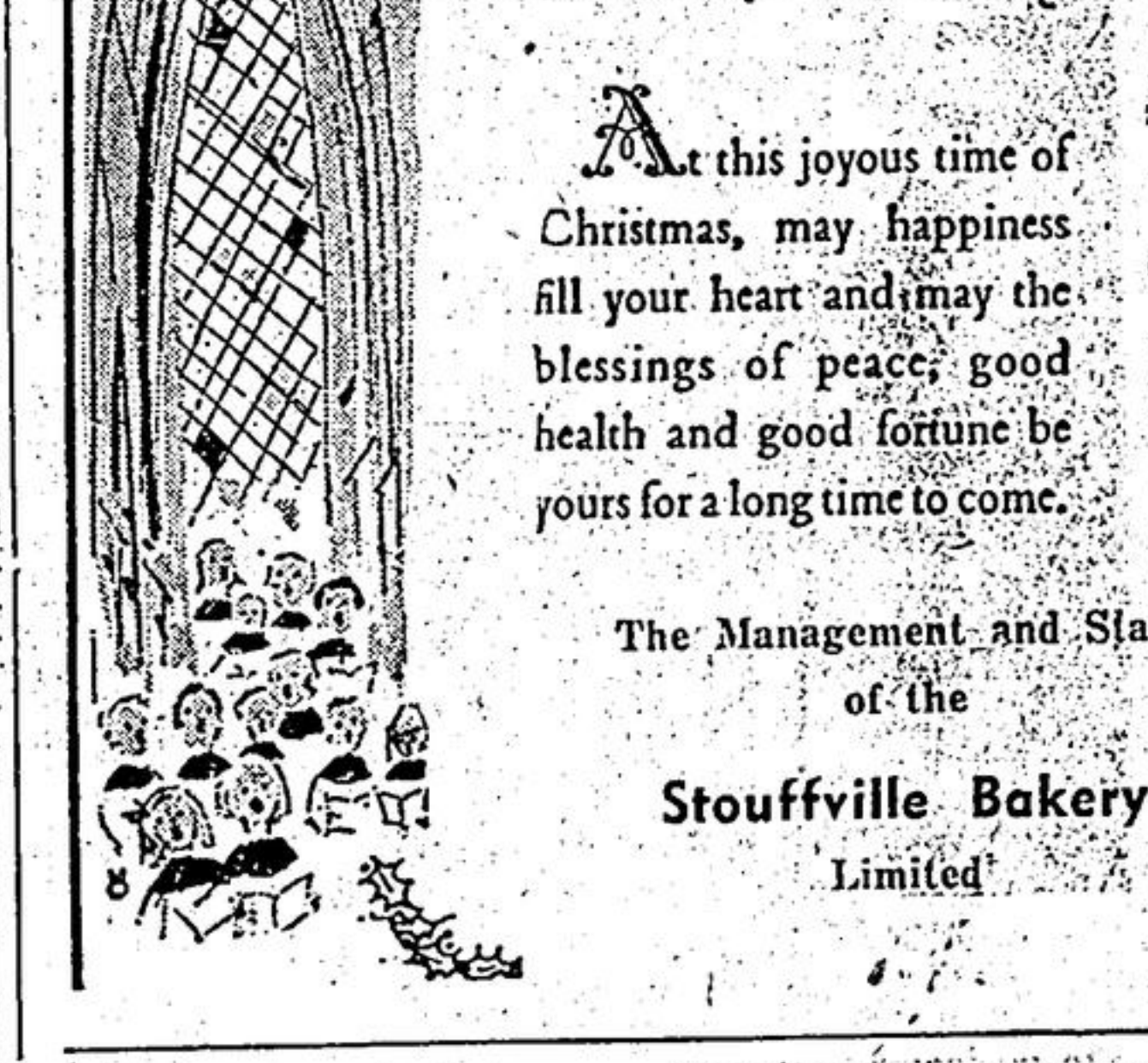
England when he had a tree for his young daughter. Martin Luther is said to have brought the first Christmas tree indoors for decoration, early in the 16th century. When you fasten ornaments to your tree this year, you will be commemorating a centuries-old Arabian legend that relates how plants blossomed and flowered and trees miraculously bore ripened fruit on the eve of the first Christmas.



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Harry Golden and Staff



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