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Hog Prices In Canada

An interesting analysis of the factors influencing Canadian hog prices during the last three months is made by Mr. J. S. McLEAN, president of Canada Packers Limited...

He also points out that between August 15 and the date of writing the English bacon market had declined to an equivalent of 16 shillings per cwt. (including the drop in exchange).

Up till the week of Sept. 10, shipments of bacon from Canada had been about 22,000 hogs per week. When the heavy runs set in about the middle of September, the surplus over domestic consumption, available for export, was disposed of partly by increased shipments...

"In regard to producing hogs for next year's marketing," writes Mr. McLEAN, "I realize that costs will be higher. But so will costs be higher in every hog producing country in the world, and I have no hesitation in advising Canadian farmers to continue producing hogs."

The Hospital Problem

Commenting on the closing of a neighborhood hospital, a United States publication notes with concern that "within a twelvemonth, more than five hundred cities and towns were bereft of these safeguards of health and life because their hospitals went broke and had to close their doors."

Fortunately, it continues, the worst is seemingly over, for as business improves larger incomes will enable well-disposed persons to treat local institutions with greater liberality than has been possible for several years. Nevertheless, no matter how competently these hospitals are managed during the coming year, their out-of-pocket cost for the care of each patient will be at least fifty cents a day greater than it was last year.

"Most of us," says our American contemporary, "think very little about our voluntary hospitals—meaning those supported privately rather than by taxation—until some sudden emergency creates a pressing demand for their services. In many surgical cases, instant attention means the saving of a life that, without it, would be lost."

Editorial Notes

Remember the Dispensary and its many calls at this season.

P.A.V.C. Christmas examinations are the order of the day.

Nine days till Christmas Eve. Santa Pals should make note thereof.

Our statesmen and government officials will have a breathing space until after Christmas—there has been a hectic December so far.

We will now have His Majesty the King's and Her Majesty the Queen's birthdays in the same week—Dec. 14th and 17th respectively.

Oh, these Christmas worries! Voice (over telephone): "Are you the game warden?" Game

Warden: "Yes, ma'am." Voice: "Well, I am so thankful I have the right person at last! Would you mind suggesting some games suitable for a Christmas children's party?"

"Nowhere in the world," says the Edmonton Journal, "are there more glorious sunrises and sunsets than in Alberta. That is a safe claim to make, for while some sunsets in other lands or over distant seas might equal those here, certainly they could not be any more beautiful." We may be permitted to interject that ours is equally glorious to those having the eyes to see.

The worst of inexperienced politicians going abroad as boosters is that they may do more harm than good. For instance the boosting of our Premier before the Maritime Association in Montreal produced the following come-back from Ex-Mayor Camille Houde at a meeting of English speaking electors at Notre Dame de Grace Ward: "If I am elected I will take that to mean the citizens want the Mayor to have more power than heretofore. I think it ridiculous that the Premier of Prince Edward Island, which does not have a budget one-tenth as large as Montreal's of \$52,000,000, has practically all the authority he needs."

The average prices received by farmers for the 1936 crops up to the end of November are estimated as follows, with the prices of 1935 crops in brackets: Cents per bushel—Wheat, 86 (61); oats, 40 (24); barley, 60 (29); rye, 55 (27); peas, \$1.28 (\$1.00); beans, \$2.04 (\$1.46); buckwheat, 67 (51); mixed grains, 54 (36); flaxseed, \$1.39 (\$1.20); corn for husking, 51 (45). Cents per cwt.: Potatoes, \$1.12 (80); turnips, etc., 35 (32). Dollars per ton: Hay and clover, \$7.94 (\$7.62); alfalfa, \$9.17 (\$8.04); fodder corn, \$3.41 (\$3.32); grain hay, \$6.41 (\$5.24); sugar beets \$5.90 (\$5.44).

Value of Canada's principal field crops this year jumped \$85,000,000, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics report. Although yields were lower, the aggregate value mounted to \$594,139,000 compared with \$508,910,000 in 1935. Higher prices were chiefly responsible for giving 1936 crops a higher value than in any year since 1930. By provinces in order of magnitude, the total values are as follows with the 1935 figures in brackets: Ontario, \$156,313,000 (\$132,086,000); Saskatchewan, \$132,301,000 (\$115,094,600); Quebec, \$97,371,000 (\$83,616,000); Alberta, \$97,044,000 (\$95,732,000); Manitoba, \$51,451,000 (\$34,486,000); New Brunswick, \$20,214,000 (\$14,542,000); British Columbia, \$15,802,000 (\$13,045,300); Nova Scotia, \$13,407,000 (\$11,748,000); Prince Edward Island, \$10,236,000 (\$8,561,000).

A word to the wise is always appreciated, so we pass this on from Montreal Gazette to our City Council with the view of killing two birds with one stone, namely, providing work for unemployed and keeping the streets and footpaths clear and comfortable for trade, pedestrians and prosperity. "The machinery is available and there is a surplus of labor, the only question being with respect to funds. It is for the City Council to see that a sufficiency of cash is at hand whenever needed for snow-clearing. The city's transportation business is practically all done by motor cars and trucks, tens of thousands of which travel the streets in the centre of the municipality every day. As all these vehicles are heavily taxed in one way or another, they should be properly served. Free movement is necessary for the service of the citizens and they are entitled to it. It is the task of the Corporation to care for both roadways and sidewalks, and the health and comfort of the people depend on the manner in which the work is performed."

The London correspondent of the New York Times has this to say about the Hon. Winston Churchill and the part he played in the trying days prior to the abdication: "Winston Churchill's hopes of returning to office have been shattered almost beyond repair. It has been generally felt in political circles last night, as a result of his self-appointed advocacy of the King's cause during the present crisis. Even those who admire him as a most brilliant politician in public life now admit sorrowfully that he has crippled himself as a political force and been pushed back into eclipse for a long time to come. Not only has he done the King no good, but he is felt to have done himself serious, perhaps irreparable harm. His humiliation in the House of Commons will become a factor of some importance in international affairs as soon as the nation emerges from this crisis and begins to think of other things again. For Mr. Churchill in recent months had done more than any other man to awaken the nation to the danger of German rearmament."

With the recent announcement that more than 3,000 people in the United States are already wearing contact lenses regularly, the invisible, tiny, saucer-shaped lenses, shaped to fit the eye and worn under the eye-lids, have now changed from a scientific curiosity to the eye physicians new substitute for spectacles. The chief improvement of the last few years that has caused the growth in popularity is a refinement in the method of grinding the inner surface of the little shell so that it presents a continuous gradual curve where it is in contact with the eyeball. Later researchers, realizing that practically all astigmatic errors in sight are caused by slight irregularities in the shape of the cornea, began to apply contact lenses to correct this condition. Where the cornea is irregular, the contact lens, filled with saline solution to form a homogeneous connection between glass and eye, establishes a perfect sphere. The centre section and the solution together, refracting the light rays as would the normal cornea, give normal vision. Contact lenses take more time to fit than ordinary spectacles, requiring as many as half a dozen visits to the optician. While they are being worn they are to all intents and purposes invisible.

Madrid has just experienced what is described as "the first major air raid on European capital since the Great War." It is easy enough to say—and pass-over—unless you know exactly what it means. And only those who have experienced it can realize what it means. For all the experiences to which human beings can be subjected in the mass in the modern world, there is none completely dreadful that wholesale bombing from the air—the letting loose of tons of bursting steel and high-explosive upon human habitation is unprotected and thickly populated centres. Men, women and children mangled or blown to pieces. Buildings crashing down. And all amid a nightmare of stark terror. There are, we suppose, people who can talk in a detached sort of way about the "fortunes of war" and "incidents" of this kind. People who do not know what they are talking about. But to those who do know—to those who experienced it from 1914 to 1918—it is all just too horrible to discuss in any moderate terms. And no matter who is responsible for it in Spain to-day—rightists or leftists, rebels or patriots, communists or fascists or "white" or "red", call that what you will—it is an abominable business, not to be condoned or palliated from any point of view.—Halifax Herald.

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Notes By The Way

There are those who will tell you that the drought of the past three or four years is due to atmospheric conditions set up by radio. Some really believe it. Others merely scoff at it and point to long-drawn-out droughts which affected the great central plains of this continent 50 years ago. Whether or not radio waves in the ether have anything to do with it, the fact remains that Southern Alberta is as dry as it has been in any Fall since 1918. In that year, if we remember rightly, the mercury dropped to below zero only two nights the whole winter. And, unfortunately, the following Summer of 1919 was the driest on record, with the crop the poorest South Alberta ever produced.—Leithbridge Herald.

The Toronto Star says the late Sir John Eaton owned the first gasoline automobile seen in Toronto. That was in the fall of 1898. The first gasoline car in Canada had been imported six months earlier. Ottawa saw its first motor car the same year. When the first automobile show was held, Harry Ketchum imported it from France. It ran with more or less success, we are told, and later was sold for \$1,000 to the Dominion government and sent to Toronto for use by mail collectors.—Ottawa Journal.

The recovery this country has witnessed during the past year and a half has been little short of marvelous. The pick-up in practically all lines of trade, the price gains, the improvement in the state of the industry—all these things have served to reduce unemployment, put money into circulation, stimulate buying and generally to give the people a fresh outlook on life and the future.—Windsor Star.

The mental capacities of children vary so do height and weight at a given age. It is doubtless true that half the children are not as bright as the other half, but saying that either half are mentally deficient is like complaining that they are not twenty feet tall. Intelligence tests have a certain value, but intelligence isn't everything. The child and its parents have a right to expect that a little common sense will be used in making the tests and in applying the data obtained from such tests. Branding half the children at falling below some arbitrary form imposes a cruel and unnecessary handicap upon those children. And in a broader sense, the opportunity which tests give for the development of "mass production" methods and their attendant stupidities is not entirely welcome.—Winnipeg Tribune.

Great Britain always gets in at the finish, assures Sir Samuel Hoare, who adds: "We may be slow in starting. We may make a whole series of mistakes, but we usually do carry a job through. Judging by history, we have not done too badly in the last round.—Windsor Star.

Study of the requirement necessary to success in any occupation should reduce the number of "misfits" found in most trades or professions; in fact, in many of life's activities. In these days, when people should make early choice of a vocation. More and more the demand is for highly qualified professional men and women and for skilled labor. Hon. Norman Rogers, federal minister of labor, reports that during his recent tour of the West he found an increasing demand for the worker who knows thoroughly a trade of some kind. The day of the "Jack of all trades and master of none" is almost gone. The prospect is that, with improvement in conditions and a general program of development likely in this young country, there will be opportunities for all capable of doing well whatever work they undertake.—Toronto Globe and Mail.

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That Body of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

AI SWALLOWING AND DROPPED STOMACH—PTOSIS

The swallowing of air and the pain or distress from the pressure of this air in the stomach is often mistaken by the patient as due to fermentation of food, stomach ulcer or cancer. The treatment suggested is to explain to the patient that it is his own nervousness or excitability that makes him swallow air. I have frequently met this condition in boxers, hockey, basketball and other players, who, in the excitement, gulp some air into the stomach. Sometimes a soda mint, a piece of peppermint candy, a magnesia tablet, or a little bromide quiets the tendency to gulp air into the stomach. It has been found that many air-swallowers are of the narrow type of physique which means that the stomach usually (not always) hangs low in the abdomen. This is known as ptosis or "falling" stomach. There is not enough width to the abdomen to allow stomach to hang in a more horizontal position.

POISONING THE WELLS OF INFORMATION

Sir,—May I protest the Misrepresentations of Mr. Aberhart and his Social Credit which you publish in your paper. I am not a Social Creditor but we can at least have decency enough to be fair. Mr. Aberhart has not repudiated anything. He has not asked for any loans or borrowed a dollar on account of Social Credit. This rounds quite different from what you have been telling your readers does it not? When Mr. Aberhart assumed office his predecessors had bankrupted Alberta. They had piled up a debt of 60 millions of dollars which for Alberta's small population can not be defended on any ground—this too in so-called prosperity. They had long been borrowing to pay the interest on those bonds until their credit was exhausted and had then been advanced the money from Ottawa to pay the interest for bond holders must not suffer. The revenue of Alberta had dried up and evaporated. The bonds carried interest rates that no decent person would defend. The treasury was horn empty. Mr. Aberhart or Social Credit had nothing to do with making this "awful mess."

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PUBLIC FORUM

REPLY

Sir,—A letter last week from a resident of Kensington signing himself Prohibitionist, has given the impression that our town is a place where intemperance has gone beyond control. He wonders why we do not have a R.C.M.P. officer in the place, etc. On the contrary I would say that although we have a few "addicts," it is not Kensington rum that debauches them. Occasionally a small quantity arrives, but is quickly consumed. There are no rum holes in the place. No one has the foolhardiness to try operating a speakeasy. If you ask me why I will say that our business men would scorn to encourage the sale of booze for the purpose of helping trade. And besides there is a live temperance sentiment among two thirds of the people. I maintain that this is of more value than the presence of the police. If you doubt this, take a look at a town where force is in evidence but has very meagre moral support back of it. I am, Sir, etc. J. A. MacKENZIE.

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