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Pert Paragraphs.

Gooderham & Worts of Toronto have distilled the last whiskey to be turned out by that firm: when the present stock is exhausted the firm will go out of business as distillers

There is a distinct possibility that within the next month or so, following the big wheat crop in the West, and the resumption of competitive dealing by the millers, the price of flour will decrease and be followed by a drop in the price of bread.

How many mothers are teaching their girls to-day the value of money or the necessity of being economical? It is not their ability to dance well that will make them valuable helpmates in the future, but their ability to spend to the best possible advantage the money their husbands bring home.

A man was being tried for selling illicit whiskey. The liquor was offered in evidence. The jury returned after talking fifteen minutes to come to a decision "What is the verdict?" asked the Judge. "We would like more evidence," replied the foreman of the jury.

"Toronto is no place for people out of employment to come to from other parts of the province," states J. A. Miller, superintendent of the Ontario government employment bureau, who says that if this advice is heeded, considerable hardship will be obviated. Mr. Miller states that a number of men have been laid off work in Toronto factories, while other factories are practically marking time.

The Imperial Oil Company on Friday notified all its agents by wire throughout Ontario that the price of gasoline had gone up two cents a gallon. That means that gasoline will wholesale at 42 cents a gallon and the retail price will be increased accordingly. The boost will affect not only car owners but operators of tractors and small gasoline engines throughout the country and owners of motor boats. The increase will mean millions to the oil companies.

A Kentucky man boasts that he is wearing the suit in which he was married sixty years ago, which prompts the Saskatoon Star to observe that they don't make that kind of a suit nowadays; to which the Toronto Globe adds that they don't make that kind of a man who would wear that kind of a suit. We would add that they don't seem to make that kind of a wife that would allow that kind of a man to wear that kind of a suit nowadays.

William Rose of Echo Place, Brantford, found himself chastized severely by his own sons and some of the neighbors on Monday night and the verdict of the village was that he well deserved it. He left a family of eight children and skipped over to Buffalo with the widow of his brother, killed in France, and on his return he was promptly captured by his sons and some of the neighbors and after a sticky tar bath he was put into feathers and left to his fate. He has since disappeared.

E. A. Pocock, London member of the commission named by the Drury government to investigate the administration of justice in the province, says that the commission will recommend the cancellation of the authority under which costly magistrates and justices of the peace now function. The commission will advocate the selection of intelligent, educated men for magistrates who are thoroughly acquainted with the law and who will be paid a proper salary for their services. They will travel from place to place for the purpose of holding courts as the judges of the higher courts now do.

Record Potato Crop

News of a record potato crop is drifting in from all corners of Ontario. From all parts of the province reports indicate that there will be spuds in plenty for the suffering city dwellers, who in months past have had to pay high prices for the privilege of having the humble potato grace their tables. They will welcome the news for a record crop should mean lower prices and beautiful supplies. In sight of the greatest potato crop in History, Ontario can look for a relief from the famine prices which have been prevailing, and the poor man and his family will be able to secure plentiful supplies of this, our most popular tuber.

Watch Out For These Men

The Banner is informed that certain parties have been making a practice of calling at houses and representing that they are telephone or wiring inspectors using this as a pretext for making themselves familiar with the interior layout of the premises. While going through the house they pick up articles of value if opportunity offers, or gain information that may be useful for a burglary at a latter date. Householders are warned to be on their guard against visitors of this class and to make sure that any inspector is the duly authorized representative of the company he professes to be acting for before admitting him to their premises.—Orangeville Banner.

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This disappointment is unfortunate, but it is not likely that conditions will be much better for a year or two—Lucknow Sentinel.

Bell Telephone Rates

The Bell Telephone Co. of Canada are making application to the Board of Railway Commissioners for an order authorizing an increase of rates for phone rentals and tolls in Ontario.

The new rates proposed will exact a 50 per cent raise in business phones and 11 per cent in residence phones. Business men here now pay \$22 per year for the instrument, which would mean under the new rate \$33. Resident tele-phones which are now the same as business phones would be \$24. Rural line phones on the Bell service now \$16.50 would be raised \$4.50, making the yearly rate for a rural phone \$21. In the larger centres the rate is more drastic. In Toronto a business phone will cost \$80 a year and the subscriber is limited to 100 free messages a month. After that he pays an additional 4c per message. As many places in Toronto have over 100 a day, the new rate will, it is estimated, run some of them into hundreds of dollars more per year for phone service.

From what we can learn the people of Canada have enjoyed a lower scale of rates for Bell service than has been in force in at least parts of the United States, and while an increase is considered inevitable in the face of much higher construction and maintenance, the increase applied for seems excessive, and there is a growing feeling that the whole telephone service should be under government ownership and management as an adjunct to the postal service. The Western provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta have disposed of the matter and if Ontario's legislators are big enough in their ideas as to what they should undertake for the benefit of the public, they may also decide to buy out the Bell system within our borders and amalgamate all local systems therewith.

A barn belonging to O'Brien Bros. of the 14th concession, Bentinck, was struck by lightning last week and was totally destroyed, with the contents. There were 100 loads of hay, 27 loads of wheat, a quantity of barley, some old oats, a binder, 2 cutters and some tools, and poultry in the barn, and this was also lost. The barn was a big one, 50x 87 feet. There was \$1800 insurance on the barn and the same amount on the contents. The loss will be more than double the insurance.

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