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The Cost of Living.

The Canadian Department of Labor has recently issued a report on wholesale prices, the basis being the average prices for 1890, which is assumed to be 100. In 1911 the average prices of the average classes of goods referred to (which include 261 articles), compared with the prices prevailing in 1890, were as follows:

Grain and fodder.....	124.3
Animals and meats.....	131.9
Dairy products.....	132.2
Fish.....	139.0
Other foods.....	100.5
Textiles.....	107.5
Hides, boots, shoes, etc.....	138.8
Metals.....	92.8
Implement.....	100.1
Lumber.....	159.4
Paints, oils, glass.....	131.6
House furnishings.....	110.2
Drugs and chemicals.....	101.4
Liquors and tobacco.....	159.3

All commodities 115.4
 The average price of all Canadian commodities in 1911 was 127.3, a figure which agrees very closely with the United States of 129.3 as shown above. Prices have since risen considerably, and in the spring of the year had in many cases reached a record level.

In Great Britain the average price of foodstuffs increased only 1.9 per cent., and there was an actual decrease in everything except bacon, herring, hops, eggs, milk, tobacco, foreign wheat and beef, but with the last two the increase was very small.

The Swelled Head.

Young Winkler worked for Jabez Beall, who deals in shoes and linseed meal. For years he was a valued clerk, and Jabez warmly praised his work. And Winkler's friends would often say he should be drawing better pay. "He owes his splendid trade to you; oh, what would poor old Jabez do if you'd decide to flee the coop? 'Twould surely leave him in the soup." Young Winkler's head began to swell, so many people stopped to tell him what a honeybird he was, and clapped his back with fervent paws. So Winkler then began to feel he was a bigger man than Beall, and he got grouchy, mean and sore, because he wasn't drawing more. He thought if he resigned his job his boss would walk around and sob and beg him for a while to stay, and doubtless give him double pay. And so, in haughty tones he told old Jabez his feet were cold. "My services are in demand; good jobs await on every hand. You don't, I fear, appreciate how much I've done to make you great." Thus Winkler made his little spiel. "I'm glad you quit," says Jabez Beall. "In other days you did quite well, but since your head began to swell, you made myself and patrons tired, and I had planned to have you fired." Now Winkler tramps around the town and hunts a job, and is turned down, and while his world's a thing

MAIL CONTRACT

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon, on Friday, the 3rd January, 1913, for the conveyance of His Majesty's Mails on a proposed Contract for four years six times per week OVER SPECIAL RURAL MAIL ROUTE FROM WAINSTEAD, ONTARIO, to commence at Postmaster General's Pleasure.

Printed notices, containing further information as to conditions of proposed Contract may be seen and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Offices of Wainstead, Kertch, and at the Office of the Post Office Inspector at London.

G. C. ANDERSON, Superintendent, Post Office Department, Mail Service Branch, Ottawa, 21st November, 1912.

To Whom It May Concern:

TAKE NOTICE that the Municipal Council of the Township of Warwick in the County of Lambton intend at its regular meeting to be held in the Township Hall at Warwick Village on Monday, the 13th day of January, 1913, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, to pass a by-law closing and stopping up that portion of the Highway in said Township known as the Fourth Concession Road between the Fourth and Fifth Concessions, South of the Egrement Road in the Township of Warwick aforesaid, from the West limit of the Town Line between the Townships of Warwick and Plympton and extending Easterly to a line across said road at a point four rods Westerly from the Division Line between the East and West Halves of Lot Three in the said Fourth and Fifth Concessions, S.E.R. Warwick, and disposing of the same when closed.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the Council will at said time and place hear in person or by Counsel or Solicitor any one whose lands might be prejudicially affected thereby and who petitions to be so heard.

DATED this 18th day of November A. D. 1912.

NATHANIEL HERBERT, Township Clerk.

of gloom, old Jabez's trade is on the boom.—Walt Mason.

According to Solomon

There are plenty of men who do the Nelson act with regard to their needy neighbors. They put the spy-glass of indifference to their blind eye of selfishness and do not see the conditions that surround them. There are a whole lot of well-meaning, decent-hearted people who don't want to hear anything about the woes of the poor and who also belong to this blind-eyed brigade. We are apt to discount the first part and utterly disregard the last part of the wise man's saying: "He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack, and he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse."

A proud man, in nine cases out of ten, has nothing to be proud about. The fellow who throws out his chest, and struts about with a "do you know who I am?" air, is usually the product of money and impudence. "Do you know who I am?" Yes, and if some people would undertake to tell you what you are and where you came from you would take the next train out of town if you had any sense of decency. You haven't far to look back to find where these upstarts who brag about their positions come from and you needn't look far ahead to know where they will land. "A man's pride will bring him low, but honor shall uphold the humble in spirit." Put that down.

You are what you think. You

may be a member of the board of aldermen, or even a church board, and be a liar, thief, libertine or murderer. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." Plenty of people would be pirates or thugs if that calling were respectable and had not over it the shadow of the jail or gallows. "A furious man aboundeth in transgression," said the wise man. There are men who in a passion damn their fellows to hell, which, if there be any truth in religion, is infinitely worse than hitting a man on the head with a billy and leaving him on the road-side.

Canada's Naval Act.

The Act reads as follows: His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. From and out of the consolidated revenue fund of Canada there may be paid and applied a sum not exceeding \$35,000,000 for the purpose of immediately increasing the effective naval forces of the Empire.

2. The said sum shall be used and applied under the direction of the Governor-in-Council in the construction and equipment of battle-ships or armored cruisers of the most modern and powerful type.

3. The said ships, when constructed and equipped, shall be placed by the Governor-in-Council at the disposal of His Majesty for the common defence of the Empire.

4. The said sum shall be paid, used and applied, and the said ships shall be constructed and placed at the disposal of His Majesty, subject to such terms, conditions and arrangements as may be agreed upon between the Governor-in-Council and His Majesty's Government.

Letterheads for Farmers.

Printed letterheads and envelopes are travelling advertisers. When a letter comes it makes a big difference if it has a printed envelope and letterhead. It looks like business and it is business of the best kind. The farmer needs such printed letterheads. There should be something for sale on every farm and the letterheads can be made to advertise it cheaply. It will also be found that the printed letterhead will have quite an influence on the person himself. The more he sees it the more pride will be taken in keeping up the quality of the articles for sale. It is not accidental that business men in all lines use the printed letterhead. They have found that it is a good business proposition. Those farmers who have tried it have found it both profitable and a source of pride. The cost will not be so much more than plain paper. It may seem a little large, but then one wants to remember that he is getting a good number of sheets at one time.

Fence rail advertisin' pays the painter. The girl who only has one man to choose between usually is married the quickest.

A single woman kin get herself up a mighty sight cheaper than shekin after she is married.

Every man has an inalienable right to work—but some do not insist on exercising all their prerogatives. The moral yardstick your neighbor uses on you is usually a short one—about the same length as the one you use on him.

A man's holiday is just what his wife has been waiting for. She has saved up about a week's work in anticipation of the occasion.

Ontario's Births in 1911.

The report of Dr. John McCulloch, deputy registrar-general of Ontario, has just been printed for the year 1911. During the last year there were registered 57,235 births, 25,807 marriages, 34,341 deaths, making an increase of 1,364 births, 1,771 marriages, and 802 deaths over 1910.

The tables submitted in the report show that mixed marriages are on the increase. In 1910 there were 7,351 Roman Catholics married. Of this number 5,482 only married in their own religion, leaving 1,869 mixed marriages. In 1911, 7,296 Roman Catholics married, and of these 5,747 married in their own religion, and there were 1,549 mixed marriages. In the 57,235 births there were 29,907 males and 27,328 females. There were registered during the year 1,282 multiple births, being 622 pairs of twins and 6 cases of triplets. The twins were represented by 632 boys and 612 girls, and the triplets by 7 boys and 11 girls. There were 1,087 children born out of wedlock, 553 boys and 534 girls.

His Mistake.

After the service was over one of the congregation turned to his wife and said: "On my way to church I picked up a button and put it in my change pocket where I had a quarter." "Gracious, my dear!" anticipated his wife, very much horrified. "And you dropped it into the collection basket by mistake?" "No, confound it," replied her husband. "I put in the quarter."—Judge.

The First Christmas



A STABLE served him for a dwelling, And for a bed a manger mean, Yet o'er his head, his advent telling, A new and wondrous star is seen, Angels rehearse to men the story, The joyful story of his birth, To him they raise the anthem, "Glory To God on high and peace on earth!"

NEEDS OF THE FARM.

There are two crying needs of the farm at the present time, the need of better methods of production and a more satisfactory manner of disposing of the products.

The Foot and Mouth Disease. An English board of agriculture handbill states that "in the early stages of the foot and mouth disease the animal frequently smacks its lips and shows by the movement of its tongue that the mouth is the seat of suffering, and the saliva flows freely from the mouth."

"An examination of the mouth shows the existence of vesicles on the tongue and on the inner part of the upper lip and on the pad. These vesicles show themselves in the form of a tough white skin which can be easily stripped off, and a red, raw surface is found beneath. The animal seldom refuses food, but rolls it about in its mouth and often drops it instead of swallowing it. In most instances the feet are affected as well as the mouth."

The Horse's Hoofs. If the horse's hoofs are hard and inclined to be "shelly" do not let anybody put oil or grease on them, for this only clogs the hoof material, which should absorb water instead of repelling it. Such hoofs are best treated by soaking them several hours together in warm water slightly salted or by turning out the horse at night in a pasture where he will have the hoofs wet in the dew.—Farm Progress.

"Critter" Wisdom.

Lack of care makes the cow kick, and she always hits the tenderest spot, the pocketbook.

With mature hogs, where it is desired to add fat to the body, potatoes may be fed with good results, but they are not as good as corn.

A firm, hard collar that fits is invariably better as well as easier on the horse's shoulder than the ill fitted contraption that has to be padded.

In using a separator in the dairy always start it slowly and never run it at a higher speed than your instructions specify. Running it too fast is not only throwing the butter fat away in the skimmilk, but the separator bowl is liable to burst and kill the operator.

Try to give every horse a good mate to work with. You have all seen horses that were made as ugly as sin just because the horse they had to work with walked slower than they did or for some equally good reason. A mate is a horse that is congenial to the other one in all respects.

The Blenheim News-Tribune has changed hands. Mr. Pickering, who has so ably conducted the paper for the past nine years having disposed of his interest to Mr. J. M. Denholm.

Leamington will probably secede from the county and a by-law to withdraw may be voted on by the electors in January. People there think that the town pays out more than it receives in return.

In consequence of a long and continued illness the Rev. R. Weaver has been compelled to resign his charge of the Sarnia township and Plympton Baptist churches, and has moved into Sarnia.

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