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Toronto newspapers are advising men out of work to stay away from that city, as the number of unemployed there is increasing every day. The Globe on Monday stated that more than seventy men waited in line until the early morning edition of that paper was for sale one day last week, and when they received one, turned immediately to the help wanted columns. They were mostly men with families who could not readily go out of the city for employment. It is claimed that thousands are idle in the Queen city, with little chance of employment.

Statements that the banks were being paid 5 per cent. for handling luxury tax stamps are denied by Geo. W. Taylor, Canadian Deputy Minister of Inland Revenue, who states that the banks are given a discount of one per cent. on these stamps and are under agreement with the Government to distribute them among their various branches for the convenience of merchants requiring them. So far as officials of the Department of Inland Revenue can state, the new method of collecting the tax is working out well, and licenses are being applied for and issued as rapidly as that work can be carried on.

Insofar as groceries are concerned a reduction in the cost of living is now a certainty. From all quarters announcements are being made of a reduction in price of a dozen or so commodities in the grocery line. With a few minor exceptions the tendency is for lower prices in all the common necessities of subsistence. Flour, the chief item of living, has made three drops during the month and when the wheat market once becomes settled the price of many other articles of living will become stabilized. After this articles of clothing and household supplies will soon find their level.

The city papers are telling their readers about the great riches the farmers are gathering in this year. But they forgot to say that these returns have been made possible only by the toil, not only of the farmer himself, but of his wife and his boys and girls, all of whom are doing farm labor. The family on a

prosperous farm do more hours of hard work week-days and Sundays, in three months than the members of a well-to-do city family in a whole year. Any prosperity that comes to the farmer and his family is always well earned. Domestic help is almost unknown on the farm, while in the city, families, outside of the laboring classes, which are without help are very few. If the working hours on the farm were as few as they are in the city, starvation and famine would soon be the result.

There is an enormous demand for the new and small cents being coined at the Royal Mint and generally for all coins of small denomination. Nearly a million a week are being turned out, whereas the total number for the whole of last year was but 27 millions. Last year the demand was great for fifty cent pieces which, it was suspected, were melted in many cases and re-sold in the States as silver. All the large cities this year are strong for the five cent and ten cent pieces and the new copper cent. This is attributed in considerable to the seven cent coins in several cities and particularly to the predominance of 98 cent sales. Seven million copper cents have been turned out since May.

The Guide-Advocate congratulates the Amherstburg Echo upon entering its 47th year of publication last week. It is one of our most valued exchanges and during its existence has been a credit to the town and country wherein it is published, as also to the men so long at the head of its publication. Even at this distance the paper is like an old friend and we are glad to know that it has been able to weather the ups and downs of the newspaper business since the commencement of the war. During 46 years it has not missed an issue—a rare thing of itself. It can probably boast of another feature, peculiar, we believe to The Echo alone among Canadian papers—five employees have been with it in the aggregate 149 years. Mr. Auld 47 years, Mr. Johnson 30 years, Mr. Smith 29 years, Mr. Marsh 23 years, and Mr. A. J. Auld 20 years. It seems to be a kind of "Till death do us part" arrangement. This is a record unique among Canadian publications. The Echo has been in the past a power in Amherstburg and district. That it may be able to do as much good for the town in the future as in the past is the wish of all.

Limiting his thoughts to the temporal field, to national life, Sir Auckland Geddes, in speaking a few weeks ago, urged upon his hearers the importance of service, and its tremendous importance at this time. The problems of the day are numerous and perplexing, but the solution of most is work. Work and prosper, he said; and although the work immediately furthered the worker's means, it is in reality a national service, and at this time the great service that can be rendered, Canada. What is needed is more food, more clothing, more things for use such as machinery and tools. Until they exist in abundance prices cannot be lowered sufficiently and until there is such abundance as will more nearly supply home demand, with a larger surplus for sale abroad our adverse trade balance cannot be righted. Work and produce—that is the solution of our pressing problems. And by so doing the individual is not only working for himself, but as Sir Auckland Geddes pointed out, he is working for Canada that Canada may prosper mightily, and working for that still greater thing, the British family of nations. Production to-day is not only individual prudence, but the highest national service.

THE KRANK'S KOLUMN

If oil and water won't mix, what's this gasoline one buys for engine and car?

A girl isn't always admiring herself when she looks in a mirror. Sometimes she is wondering what to do about it.

Botanists assert that there are about 120 different species of asters. The two best known are the William Waldorfs and the John Jacobs, both hardy perennials.

It is stated in cribbage circles that owing to the H. C. of L. fifteen two will now become fifteen three and two points will be allowed for his nob, instead of one as formerly.

There is now no sale for "Dead Eye Dick." "The Adventures of Jesse James," "The Exploits of Nick Carter" and the like. The front page of any daily newspaper contains more charming stories of murder, hold-up, robbery, suicide, gun play and general hellery than the most thrilling thriller could possibly contain.

"Editor and Publisher" says:—The average person reads in a magazine the stories, in a daily paper he reads the news and advertisements; but when he gets hold of a community paper he slouches down into a comfortable position and reads every line from start to finish, and maybe reads it twice.

According to the "Fleet Review," a man presented himself for enlistment who said that his mother was an American who had married a Frenchman in Italy. He said further that he was born on a ship flying the Spanish colors while she was in the English channel that his parents having died in Sweden when he was five he was adopted by a German who brought him up in the United States. The man who adopted him was not a naturalized citizen. "Would you class him as a man without a country?" someone asked the recruiting officer. "Thunder, no! was the reply. 'I'd class him as a League of Nations.'

He may wear last year's straw hat; his finger nails may need manicuring; his vest may hang a little loose, and his pants may bag at the knees; his face may show signs of a second day's growth, and the tin dinner bucket he carries may be full of dents and doughnuts; but don't you call him "the old man." He's your father. For years and years he has been rustling around to get things together. Never once has he failed to do the right thing by you. He thinks you are the greatest boy on earth, bar none, even though you plaster your hair back, wear smart clothes, smoke cigarettes, and fail to bring home a cent. He is the man who won the love and life partnership of the greatest woman on earth—your mother. He is "some man," and not "the old man." If you win as good a wife as he did, you will have to go some.

Are you fully insured? The question is addressed particularly to farmers. It may be feared that many farmers do not fully realize the present value of good barns, filled with the present season's abundant crop. All round, the figures would probably be about three times the value of the same property a few years ago. What was adequate insurance five or six years back is totally inadequate now. It is a heart-breaking experience for a farmer to see his fine barns, with all the season's crop, licked up by flames in an hour or two

and consider that his insurance does not cover a third of the value. When one thinks of the trifling premium farmers have to pay, as compared with business men in town, one finds it difficult to understand why so many are carrying the greater part of their own fire risk, instead of allowing the underwriters to do so.

WANT COLUMN.

FOR SALE—2 Registered Short-horn Heifers, 24 and 7 months old, extra milking strain. Apply to Arch. S. Wiley, R.R. 3, Watford 2.

POULTRY WANTED—Highest prices paid. Phone James Bros., Warwick, Arkona line. Our truck is on the road every day—let us call for yours. 8-2

LIVE HORSES BOUGHT at the highest price, also injured horses.—Larr Bros., fur ranchers, lot 18, con. 13, Brooke; Rural phone 48-21. Watford P. O. Phone messages at our expense.

WORK WANTED—All kinds of repairs done to Furniture, Cabinets, etc., or Upholstered. Bring your work to me or I will call for it and give estimate. Terms reasonable. Phone 831. Watford J. TOMLIN, Erie St.

NOTICE—As I have closed my business on Front street at present, owing to ill health, all accounts due me will be collected at Mr. J. H. Hume's office. Please call and attend to payment of same at your earliest convenience.—Angus Mitchell. 5-2

CORRUGATED IRON, Preston Safe-Lock Shingles, Metal Ceilings and all kinds of metal goods. Also Brantford Asphalt Shingles and Roofing. Anyone requiring any supplies in this line will find it to their advantage to get in touch with GEO. O. STEVENSON, Phone 74, Watford. n194f

WILL THE PARTIES WHO HAVE BORROWED JACKS FROM T. DODDS & SON KINDLY RETURN AT ONCE AS THEY ARE NEEDED.

IT WOULD BE ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE To find a more acceptable Christmas gift than a photograph of yourself. See ROBSON about it. STUDIO, PETROLIA

First Christmas Bulletin

The first week in December finds us with a splendid stock of seasonable merchandise. Every department is showing a nice assortment of Christmas lines.

CHRISTMAS SILKS

Market conditions slightly easier, we can offer a beautiful PALETTE in seven shades. A splendid silk to wear.

\$3.50 per yard

Christmas Towels

A consignment of ART BATH TOWELS in heavy Turkish weaves. They are real beauties and range from

\$1.60 up to \$2.50 each

LINEN TOWELS in medium weight huck with hemmed ends..... 75c to \$1.00 each

Better lines..... up to \$2.00 each
Specially stamped for embroidery purposes..... \$2.75

Christmas Linens

Beautiful lines in TRAY CLOTHS—plain and embroidered.

MORE TO FOLLOW THIS WEEK

SCOTCH TWEEDS

in our
Tailoring Dept.

are being
picked up
at

\$45.00

Made to order

CHRISTMAS SHIRTS

Our Men's Shirt Dept. is in splendid shape. We are showing the newest patterns by the best makers.

\$2.50 to \$3.50

CHRISTMAS NECKWEAR

Every Tie in a holly box—and good silks too. A real number is our \$1.50 line.

Xmas Handkerchiefs

Pure Linen, direct from the Irish Linen Society at Belfast. In separate boxes and in half dozen lots.

45c to 70c each

Christmas Hose

Special Pure Wool Cashmere in 4 shades. Beautiful line; in separate boxes.

\$1.50 pair

SWIFT, SONS & CO.