

NOTES AND COMMENTS

It is really too bad but the weather this week has somewhat interfered with the pleasures of some of our citizens on the bowling green.

Hamilton Spectator: The efficacy of modern automobile bumpers is being daily demonstrated. Pedestrians can now be thrown straight ahead or brushed to one side without danger of scratching the fenders.

The weather on Sunday was, we presume, just a warning of what may be expected for the next few months, although local weather prophets tell us that we are yet to have Indian summer. However, there is no guarantee from the weatherman, and it behooves us to get our storm doors, windows, etc. in order, and to have the coal bin filled up, provided we can stand the coal man off for his money.

Unless that leak in the water main, which has been in evidence for some weeks at the busy corner of Talbot and John streets, is soon repaired it is quite likely to cause considerable trouble and possibly some damage. The constant flow must be having an effect on the road foundation and now that the freezing weather has arrived, it will be slippery going for pedestrians, horses and automobiles. Citizens express surprise that the break has not been attended to long since.

On the first of December the London City Gas Company will reduce the price of gas to \$1.10 per thousand and another similar reduction is promised at the end of another year. And this price, remember, is for manufactured gas, while we poor sinners in Aylmer are still obliged to pay \$1.15 for the natural product. We are beginning to wonder if that promised hearing by the Gas Commission will ever take place. Promises are one thing, their fulfilment appears to be quite another consideration.

At a recent address given in New York, Sir Henry Thornton took as his topic the Canadian National Railways, a subject of deep interest in the United States, where nothing is known about government-owned railroads. Sir Henry emphasized the fact that Canada had no desire to own and operate roads, but had no alternative. Since the government was obliged to take them over, however, the officials are determined to prove that railways can not only be operated in the best interests of the people, but can be made profitable as well. Sir Henry started out with a bad handicap financially, and although the revenue will not yet quite take care of interest charges, conditions are steadily improving, and the hope is expressed that it will not be long before a balance can be shown on the right side



This posed photograph taken at Balmoral Castle, Scotland, recently shows Queen Mary of England, her son, the Duke of York, and the Duchess of York.

of the ledger. It must also be remembered that a privately owned road, with perfect equipment, the best of management, and almost unlimited capital, is a strong opponent in the principal territory of the Government lines. If politics can be kept out of this business, continued advancement may be confidently looked for.

For the good name of the town and the comfort of the people who use the streets after sundown, would it not be possible to have the street lights turned on when darkness approaches? A citizen of London, who formerly resided here, asked the other evening if Aylmer had discarded her street lights. Tourists travelling through Aylmer between five and six o'clock p.m., are not well impressed when they observe the streets in darkness. Turn on the lights, electricity is not expensive, and show the visitors that we really have a bright, tidy town.

It is rumored that it is the intention of the Department of Highways to have all automobile licenses for 1925 issued from Toronto. That certainly would be the limit. This year the Government did away with Aylmer as a point for issuing these licenses to the dissatisfaction and inconvenience of more than two thousand auto owners. It was bad enough to have to go to St. Thomas, but if every car owner is forced to secure a license in Toronto, it will certainly be the limit. The auto owners of the province provide a great deal of revenue and they surely are entitled to some consideration, as the Department will discover about election time. As a matter of fact the number of issuers should be largely increased instead of making one general point, for which there does not appear to be the semblance of an excuse.

Christmas is only about a month in the distance and merchants are as usual advising the people to do their shopping early. The advice is good, too, for the purchaser now has opportunity to make a better choice before the stocks are picked over and the clerks have more time to help in making selections. In view of the stringency of the times, the tendency will naturally be to buy useful rather than ornamental gifts, but all the same, as an exchange puts it, they should not be so painfully and obtrusively useful as to throw any shadow on the Christmas spirit.

The discussion of municipal matters for 1925 seems to be taboo in Aylmer. Is it possible that our citizens are again going to show the indifference of the past years or two? We have no special criticism to make of this year's council, but all the same if we want Aylmer to go ahead, such important matters as town fathers should be a live issue from year to year. It is better for us, and better for those who are willing to accept responsibility for civic government. As the St. Catharines Standard says: "It would be a good thing municipally this year if we had a stiff contest for every office which is open. It would encourage many to think municipally who have never done so before. It would bring out honest discussion of civic needs, perhaps honest disagreement. But the result would be beneficial."

Medicine Hat News: Canada is equipped with railways and productive machinery adequate to serve three times as many people as the present population of less than 9,000,000. Tax burdens have grown enormously in recent years, without any proportionate increase in population to lighten the load. Canada's part in the war cost the federal government about \$1,460,000,000, according to the statement of the Minister of Labor, from 1914 to 1923, the annual interest charges on the national debt increased from \$14,687,797 to \$136,007,567. For pensions alone, in 1923, the total liability amounted to over \$30,000,000. With this national obligation to be met, the Dominion is impelled to look for new settlers. There is any amount of room too, for a much greater population. Canada is naturally endowed with great potential sources of wealth. The climate is all that industrious northern people could desire. There is no lack of fertile land, and should be employment opportunities for all.



The outstanding wedding of the social season in London was the nuptials of Capt. I. B. Freeman-Thomas, only surviving son of Viscount Willingdon, and Miss Maxine Forbes-Robertson, eldest daughter of Sir Johnston and Lady Forbes-Robertson.

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The Orchard And The Garden In November

(Experimental Farm Notes)

By November the apples will all have been picked in most places in Canada and got safely under cover. The trees are now dormant for winter. Before leaving the orchard it is important to see that the young trees, especially, are protected from the depredations of mice, and, if possible, from rabbits. Protection is given by either wrapping the trees with building paper or encircling them with wire mesh, and partial protection, later, by trapping the snow about the trunks.

While pruning in November is not recommended as the most economical or best time, it can be done then without any serious harm if one is not able to do it in the early spring. The removal of all broken or dead limbs or any rubbish from the orchard before winter is desirable. The vegetable garden should be cleared of all old tops or unused vegetables, which might carry over insects or disease, and, if it is most convenient to apply a heavy coat of rotted manure now, it should be done with the object of digging or ploughing it under as soon as the ground is fit to work in the spring. In the flower garden, roses will, in most places, need some protection. Covering the plants with earth just before winter sets in is one of the

most satisfactory practices giving a broad base to the mound of soil, so that the roots will have some additional protection. A few evergreen boughs thrown over the mound of soil will help hold the snow and give further protection. Climbing roses are best protected by covering with a box, which is filled with dry leaves and given a water-proof cover.

A little care taken in November will often save many valuable trees and smaller plants, and ensure better results the following year. W. T. Macoun, Dominion Horticulturist.

Radio stops some people from talking long enough to listen.

In spite of the radio, the party line is as popular as ever.

Even radio can't keep up with scandal.

Mrs. J. Cohoon's Gleaners' Class, of St. Paul's Sunday School, held their monthly social evening at the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Caverly, south of Rogers Corners, on Thursday. Some forty members notered out, accompanied by some of their husbands. After the short business meeting of the class the evening was spent most enjoyably in games and social chat. The men were pleasantly entertained by Mr. Caverly. Mr. Caverly's home, which is modern in every detail, is largely his own work, of which he and his family are justly proud. The program concluded with lunch.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Matter of the Estate of Frederick Henry Orris, late of the Town of Aylmer, in the County of Elgin, Retired Farmer, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Sec. 56 of the Trustee Act R.S.O. 1914, Chapter 121, that all creditors and others having claims or demands against the estate of the said Frederick Henry Orris, who died on or about the twentieth day of February 1922, are required on or before the first day of December 1924, to send by post prepaid or deliver to the undersigned the Administrator of the estate of the said deceased, their Christian names and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, a statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities, (if any) held by them. AND TAKE NOTICE that after such last mentioned date the said Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice, and that the said administrator will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not then have been received by him at the time of such distribution. Dated the twenty-third day of October 1924. E. A. MILLER, Administrator, Aylmer, Ont. Oct. 30-Nov. 6, 13, 20.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Matter of the Estate of Eliphale Carter, late of the Township of Malahide in the County of Elgin, Yeoman, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section 56 of the "Trustee Act" (R.S.O. 1914, chapter 121) and amending acts, that all creditors and others having claims or demands against the estate of the said Eliphale Carter, who died on or about the Seventeenth day of August, 1924, are required on or before the Eighteenth day of December, 1924, to send by post prepaid or deliver to E. A. Miller, Aylmer, Ontario, solicitor for the executors of the last Will and Testament of the said deceased, their Christian names and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, a statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities, (if any) held by them.

AND TAKE NOTICE that after such last mentioned date the said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice, and that the said executors will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not then have been received by them at the time of such distribution. Dated the eleventh day of November, 1924.

ANNIE JANE CARTER and GEORGE E. CARTER, Executors. E. A. MILLER, Aylmer, Ont. Solicitor for the Executors. 11-13, 20, 27: 12-4.

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Results of Field Potato

(Experimental Farm Notes)

The outstanding feature of field inspection of potatoes for certified seed in 1924, was the almost one hundred per cent. increase in the number of applications over the number received in 1923, with a corresponding increase in the acreage inspected. This is illustrated by a comparison of the figures covering the work of the two years. In 1923, applications for inspection were received from 1297 growers, covering for the inspection of 9681 acres. In 1924 there were 2450 applications for the inspection of 17079 acres. Another feature worthy of note is that despite this large increase, 12 per cent. or 70.5 per cent. passed the field inspections as compared with 7099 acres, or 73.3 per cent. in 1923. This would seem to indicate that only the growing of potatoes certified for certified seed become more general, but also that commendable care has been taken in the selection and quality of the seed used. Estimating the yield from the field which passed inspection at 175 bushels per acre—a conservative estimate—allowing for a grading shrinkage of 10 per cent., it will be seen that approximately 1,260,000 bushels of potato

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