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Meeting the Menace of Food Shortage

Shortage of food in the British Isles is causing energetic remedial measures. Land will be confiscated, and intensified cultivation will take place throughout England. Tractor plows will work twenty-four hours a day. A terrible food famine is in sight such as the world has never seen. The Ontario government is doing what it can in the face of the scarcity of farm labor. Canada must produce more for its own salvation, and every man should give the matter earnest consideration.

We know how the price of food-stuffs has risen. If we don't know why. The fact that living is so high in a small measure good for the nation. It will make us producers. The back-yard garden is to have its day as a factor in the reduction of prices. By planting with vegetables every available inch of ground in your possession, you will be able next winter to grin and feel prosperous. If you have a very small garden and can work more land, rent a vacant lot. It is in the hands of the people to regulate living prices and in the rural districts we have great advantages. Think of your orchards too; most of them are neglected. Go to the local representative of the Department of Agriculture, and learn how to care for your trees. Make every inch of ground count this year. Produce, produce!

To the Weather Man

O wad some power, the gittie gie him.
To see himsel' as ithers see him.

The most sensible slogan of modern years—"A vegetable garden for every home."

Wanted—a new superintendent for the local branch of the C.N.R., who can give a decent mail service to a long suffering people. Jos. Curle was a man who put trains through in spite of snowstorms, earthquakes, and lightning. The present superintendent is perhaps a marvel at figures, but he doesn't know much about snow-plows.

Aleomargarine is much libelled. Ignorance of this product has for the time prohibited its importation. It is a good food, containing nearly as much nutriment as the average butter. Is it reasonable to suppose that the consumer will stand for 50 cent butter when a substitute might be bought for half the money?

A delicate touch of winter was given on Monday by March when it shovelled down upon the undeserving countryside a foot of feathery snow. All day long the wind blew a sheet of snow from the north east, and as evening came, it turned and repeated the performance from a different standpoint. Then the moon broke through, and presented a night of wonderful brilliance. Pedestrians floundered through the streets; the C.N.R. trains worried along for a few miles and stalled. The crews spent the night at Fortton and Athens.

A correspondent writing to the New York Sun calls attention to the high food values of rice which is very low in price. "Surely," he says, "if the people in general knew the great food value of this grain, and how easily it is substituted for other foods which are not anywhere near as nourishing, they would readily adopt it instead of ignoring it, as is the case now in most families. Rice, if adopted, would to a considerable extent enable the average housewife to prepare her bill of fare for the family on more intelligent and economical lines, at the same time increasing the nourishment over the av-

erage household bill of fare.

"Ignorance of such information and facts prompts such violence and hysteria as one reads of in the newspapers."

"In my family we now use rice as a vegetable every other day instead of potatoes, etc., and do not tire of it, where before we had it served once a week as a dessert only."

Eight Hundred Failures

Arnprior Chronicle:—Persons who profess to see no justification in the increase of the subscription rates of weekly newspapers might perhaps be reminded that eight hundred weeklies went out of business last year, mainly owing to the prohibitive newspaper prices. That makes quite a little funeral procession and at the old subscription rate the "mortality" would undoubtedly continue this year.

Bell Telephone Line Purchased

The Rural Telephone Systems have taken over the Bell Telephone business in this district, and after April 1st, Bell subscribers will be Rural subscribers. For a number of years the Rural System has been causing its competitor and the taking over of its lines is a natural outcome.

A Red Cross Shower

A Red Cross shower was given at the home of Mrs. (Rev.) G. V. Collins on Friday, March 2nd. The results were splendid: 2 Red Cross bags, 1 housewife, 3 sponges, 3 rolls toilet paper, 4 boxes stationery, 11 writing tablets, 9 pgs. envelopes, 8 boxes soap, 17 cakes soap, 9 cans cocoa, 30 candles, 6 pkgs milk chocolate, 7 chocolate bars, 2 cans talcum powder, 3 cans sardines, 7 pkgs. gum, 4 boxes tooth paste, 2 shaving sticks, 2 cakes shaving soap, 3 boxes maple sugar, 6 tooth brushes, 6 lead pencils, 2 combs, 2 mouth organs, 2 boxes games, 4 boxes obo, 1 pkg. pens, 2 hdks, shoe laces, collar buttons, 1 lb. candy, bandages, 16 towels, 3 prs. socks, Mr. F. A. Robertson \$5.00 Mr. M. Halpenny \$5.00, and other small items, totalling \$6.75.

Sending Parcels to Boys at the Front

The Women's Institute is resuming the practise of sending boxes to our boys at the front monthly. This month boxes will be sent to the following in France: Gordon Foley, Fred Tanner, Hubert Cornell, Mills Johnston, Keith McLaughlin, Archie Crawford. Any one desiring to contribute to these boxes will leave their contributions at the Library on Saturday evening, or during the week at Mrs. Geo. Judson's.

LOCAL ITEMS

Mrs. D. P. Hamilton, of Sharbot Lake, is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Arnold.

The men of the Young People's Club are asked to turn in a donation assessment of 25 cents each for red cross work, to the secretary.

Mrs. Morford Arnold entertained a number of guests on Thursday from four to six in honor of her sisters, Mrs. Stevenson, and Mrs. Rhodes, of Brockville.

Miss Hazel Latimer has resigned her position in the Rural Telephone Central. Miss Latimer's patient, obliging voice will be greatly missed by subscribers of the system.

Mr. George Lee has severed connection with Athens Grain Warehouse and Lumber Yard, where he has been employed for over a score of years. He moved last week to the Scovell farm at Lake Elzoida.

During the past week a box of comforts was sent to each of the nine boys on the Roll of Honor of St. Paul's Church, Delta. The committee who had the work in hand wish to thank all who were so generous in their contributions.

Hard Island Honor Roll

IV.—Eva Cowles, Cecil Alguire, Isaac Alguire, Erma Wood Ethel Lawson.

III.—Bella Darling, Jack Young, Sammie Hollingsworth, Mary Besley, Pansy Foley.

Sr. II.—Marion Hollingsworth Irene Darling, Lillian Dunham.

Jr. II.—George Rosenbarker.

I.—Levi Alguire, Mildred Foley, Marilla Foley, John Mather.

Primer—Beatrice Mather, Irwin Darling, Hubert Wood.

C. M. Covey
Teacher

The Athens Women's Institute presented "A Pair of Idiots" in Frankville last Wednesday night and had a good house. Fifty dollars was realized and evenly divided between the two institutes for red cross work. Miss Gladys Gainford took the place of Miss Gertrude Cro's on the cast and her performance was excellent.

Charleston School Honor Roll

IV.—Eva Spence.
III.—Jack Webster, Claude Botsford, George Gorkin, Walter Wood, Hubert Heffernan, James Botsford, Martha Johnston, Evelyn Latimer.

Sr. II.—Anna Webster, Elsie Kirkland.

Jr. II.—Raymond Heffernan, Kenneth Latimer.

Sr. I.—Johnny Kirkland.

Sr. I.—Bernard Godkin, Albertus Kelsey.

Pr.—Arden Kirkland, Sammy Kelsey.

Net enrolment—18.

Average attendance—13.19.

H. M. Troy, Teacher

JUNETOWN

Miss Alma Purvis is visiting relatives in Brockville.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Foley and Master Eric, of Tilley, were recent visitors at Mr. Chas. Baile's.

Mrs. Wm. Flood and children spent the week-end with relatives at Soper-ton.

Mr. J. S. Purvis and Miss Myrtle spent Tuesday last in Brockville.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Baile visited relatives in Ladsdowne one day last week.

Anniversary services will be held at the Caintown Methodist church on March 11.

Miss Mina Pritchard spent the week end at Mr. Robert Brown's, Lansdowne.

Miss Myrtle Avery has returned home from Toronto where she has been visiting her sister, Miss Maude Avery for the past three weeks.

Mr. J. B. Ferguson and Master Willie, spent Saturday and Sunday in Brockville.

Mr. Gordon Bonsteel, Glen Elbe, has been visiting at Mr. Geo. Green's.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Dunham, Mallorytown, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Bigford one day last week.

Baby Gardiner, who has been ill at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Green, is recovering.

Mrs. Peter Ferguson, Yonge's Mills, has returned home after spending the past two weeks with her sister, Mrs. M. G. Herbison.

Miss Agnes Ruttle, Quabbin, was visiting her niece, Mrs. Fred Graham, last week.

Miss Orma Fortune and Mr. Arthur Fortune spent Sunday at Mr. Edward Greens, Kilkenny street.

Mr. and Mrs. John Herbison, were visiting at Mr. A. Herbison's, Fairfield, on Sunday.

Miss Orma Mulvaugh has returned from the millinery openings at Toronto.

DENMARK ONCE A POWER.

When the Tiny Kingdom Conquered and Ruled Great Britain.

Among the little nations of Europe there is one that is seldom mentioned, except when some vessel contrives to thread its dangerous way through the Skagerrack and Cattegat. Then Denmark comes into the daily news. Did you know that Great Britain was once ruled from the capital of this tiny and remote kingdom?

It has been almost 900 years since the stalwart Canute completed the conquest of England, expelling both the Celtic and the Saxon rulers of the British Isles. When he had completed his conquest and soothed the feelings of his new subjects by marrying the widow of their former king he added Norway to his crown possessions. One of his successors ruled over the whole of the Scandinavian peninsula and a large section of what is now German and Russian territory, surrounding the Baltic sea.

Today Denmark dips one hand in the icy waters of the north and the other in the blue gulf stream, for she rules not only Iceland and Greenland, but Santa Cruz, St. Thomas and St. John, known as the Danish West Indies. From the earliest times, when Charlemagne established the buffer state, known as the Danish Mark, on his northern frontier, the Danes have been a powerful seafaring people, emerging from piracy into legitimate commerce.

When the old princely line died out a prince of Schleswig-Holstein was invited to the Danish throne, and in 1661 the clergy combined with the common people against the nobility and in behalf of the king. A constitution was not granted until the year 1866.

FAMILIAR QUOTATIONS.

Gems For Which We Are Indebted to Rev. Edward Young.

Among the older English poets sententious quotations from whom have passed into the very warp and woof of our daily speech, the first place, of course, belongs to Shakespeare. The second belongs to Pope and the third not to Milton or Dryden, but to the Rev. Edward Young, whose "Night Thoughts" lay on the reading tables of the pious ancestors of those of us who had them. Young has been called "Pope in woolen stockings." Perhaps he would be more accurately described as Pope in cassock and bands.

To him is due the possession by almost every one of the knowledge that "Procrastination is the thief of time," that "we take no note of time but from its loss," that we should "be wise to-day—'tis madness to defer," that "at thirty man suspects himself a fool, knows it at forty and reforms his plan," that none the less "a fool at forty is a fool indeed," that "all men think all things mortal but themselves," that "blessings brighten as they take their flight," that "man wants but little, nor that little long" (echoed by Goldsmith), that "by night an atheist half believes a God," that "Death loves a shining mark," that "pygmies are pygmies still, though perched on Alps," that "all may do what has by man been done," that "the man that blushes is not quite a brute," that "too low they build who build beneath the stars," that "an undevout astronomer is mad," that "none think the great unhappy but the great," and that "fondness for fame is avarice of air."

"Insatiate archer, would not one suffice?" is a familiar query which he first propounded. The very first line of the first Night in which he achieved his funeral thoughts, "Tired nature's sweet restorer, balmy sleep" has often been repeated as Shakespeare's—no doubt by confusion with Macbeth's eulogy of the sleep he had murdered.

VASTNESS OF GREENLAND.

This Ice Crowned Island is as Big as Mexico or Alaska.

Greenland is the largest island in the world. Its total length from Cape Farewell, its southern extremity in 60 degrees north latitude, to Cape Morris K. Jesup, its northern extremity in 83½ degrees north latitude, is in round numbers 1,600 miles, almost exactly the same as the length of the United States on the ninety-seventh meridian, from the mouth of the Rio Grande to where our northern boundary crosses the Red River of the North. The greatest width of Greenland is about the same as the distance from New York to St. Louis.

In regard to its area the figures of various authorities vary widely. It may be sufficient to say that it can be grouped in size with the United States east of the Mississippi, Alaska, Mexico, Colombia, Persia, Portuguese West Africa and Turkey in Asia.

Its interior is covered with a great sheet of ice rising to elevations of probably 10,000 feet in places and several thousand feet in thickness. The available ice free land is a strip of varying width along the coast, intersected by numerous deep fiords.

When one turns the pages of American arctic exploration Greenland is found more or less intimately associated during over sixty years with all American expeditions, except the Jeannette expedition.

Americans have lifted nearly all of its northwestern and northern coasts out of the arctic night and fog and have twice crossed its northern part. American names stud its coasts, and the name of an American marks its northern extremity, the most northern known land in the world.—Rear Admiral Peary

His Telephone Number.

"Confound it all!" cried a business man. "I've forgotten my new telephone number. I didn't write it down because that's an indication of weakness."

"What about forgetting the number?" said the other man. "Isn't that mental weakness too? Is it the number of your home telephone?"

"Yes."

"Then why not call up your wife and ask her what it is?"

And without the slightest hesitation the forgetful man called up the forgotten number and asked his amazed wife what it was.

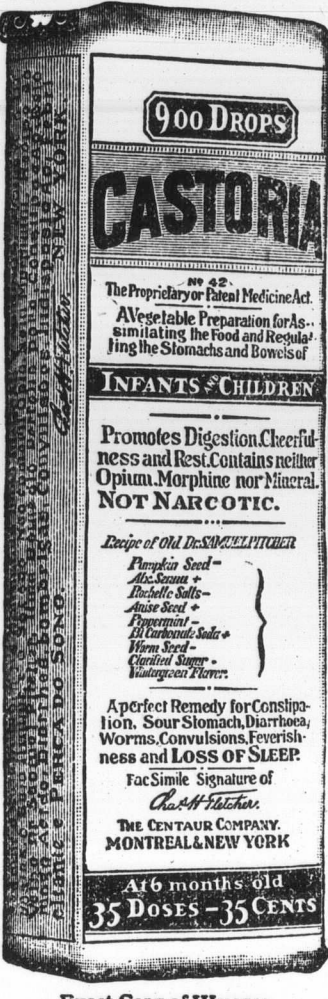
"Why don't you put your mind on it and get a good cook?" demanded Jones impatiently of his wife.

"Well," replied Mrs. Jones sweetly, "I guess it is because I don't know how. I never seemed to have a faculty for selecting people to live with."—Exchange.

Brine. Brine boils at 225 degrees F., and at this degree fine salt is formed. At 165 degrees F. common salt results and fishery, or large grained, at 110 degrees F. The salt crystallizes on the surface of the brine in the pans, floats a little and then sinks to the bottom, leaving it free from fresh crystals.

Changeable. "He fell in love with a girl whose face he saw on a magazine cover." "Sounds romantic. Did he follow up the romance and marry her?" "Didn't have time. There's another magazine out this month."

Green All Around. Mrs. Youngbrite (in fish store):—Haven't you any lobsters that are ripe? These look so green.—Boston Transcript.

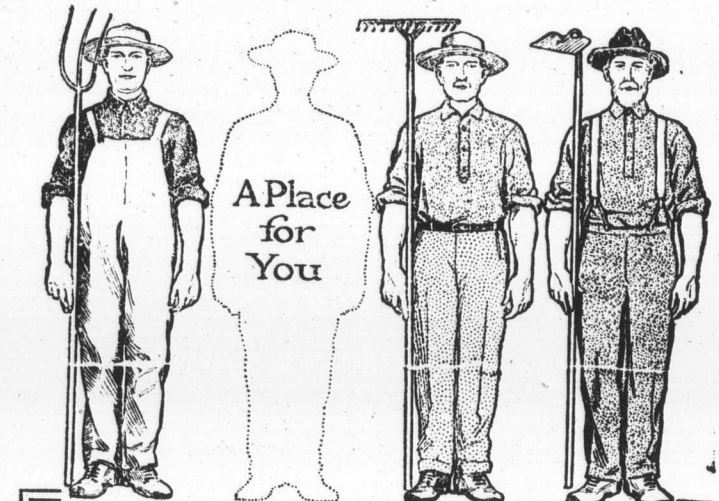


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Recruits Wanted for Production

Just as surely as lack of food is strangling Germany day by day, so plenty of food is winning the victory for the allies. The French armies, for instance, were never better fed than now, for France cannot forget the awful lesson of 1870—the failure of her food supply. To this she attributed the loss of that war.

To feed the French soldiers around Verdun, more than 25,500,000 pounds of food a week were required. This gives a faint idea of the colossal task of feeding an army. Canada and Britain have a huge army of fighting heroes on the line; every man must have plenty of food, in spite of a world shortage. Upon Canada's food production all principally rely.

The Farmers of Ontario Urgently Need Help

The Department of Agriculture appeals to men and boys to enlist in the farm help campaign. The Department appeals to men unfit for military service, or who find it impossible to enlist in the army. Do your "bit" by helping to increase production of foodstuffs. This is your hour of opportunity.

The farmers of Ontario need the help of retired farmers, of men following no occupation (retired), of business men who can spare a portion of their time. We appeal to all who can so arrange their ordinary affairs to plan to help some farmer friend, particularly in seed time and harvest.

Confer with your county District Representative of the Department of Agriculture, or write, "Farm Help Campaign," care Department of Agriculture, Toronto.

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