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NOTE AND COMMENT

Detroit has a population of 942,371.

Thursday, Sept. 29th, was the hottest September day in New York for 37 years. The thermometer registered 81 degrees.

A dog took out a bather's trousers to him at Sunnyside last Sunday. It is, however, more usual for a dog to swim with short pants.

What is needed in Ontario is modern jails to fit modern criminals. The old houses of correction were good enough for the brand of criminals of twenty years ago.

Fifteen blind pigs and road houses were raided in 48 hours down in Essex. At this rate the river front should soon be cleaned up of these objectionable places.

"One collapsible baby, good condition, seven dollars." Advert in the Vancouver Daily Province. Very cheap, too, for baby capable of being so easily "shut up."

The population of Prince Edward Island decreased 5,192 during the past decade according to the figures of the new census, and that of Nova Scotia only increased 32,241.

A donation of three bushels of grain preferably wheat, will be asked from each farmer of Canada by the Armenian Relief Association of Canada to help avert the death by starvation of hundreds of thousands of people in the famine-stricken Russian Caucasus and Armenian lands.

There were 26 convictions for murder, 19 for attempted murder and 43 for manslaughter in Canada during 1920, and rape 298, and for shooting, stabbing and wounding 183. These are startling figures for a population of approximately eight million.

The proposed international bridge at Windsor is expected to be opened to highway traffic in 1924, and the railway deck in 1925 or 1926. The work will be begun next spring. When completed this will be the longest and heaviest bridge in the world.

Hamilton Herald:—Here's a rather odd thing: The Dominion Railway Board decides against a reduction in freight rates until the question of the railway men's wages is finally decided; and a representative of the railway men argues that it will not be necessary now to reduce wages, because the Railway Board has decided not to reduce freight rates.

Some people who are busy themselves figuring out when the world is likely to end are doubtless not doing very much to improve conditions in the world, which is really what counts. Be the end four years hence or four thousand year hence, it is certain to be less than a hundred years for most of us—and it may not be more than four minutes. Let us do, then the best we can to make moral and social conditions in this beautiful and good old world all the better for our having lived in it, and not worry ourselves with estimates as to what the Creator has planned to do. That is not our business.

The attention of the drivers of motor vehicles is called to an amendment of the statute law which affects their rights. At the last session of the Legislature the Municipal Act was amended to provide that no action should lie against a county or township municipality for damages resulting from non-repair of the highway, unless notice in writing of the claim and injury complained of is served or sent by registered post to the head clerk of the municipality within ten days after the happening of the injury. Where the accident happens within a city, town or village, a similar notice must be given within seven days. In this respect there has been no change in the law.

A report received from Apsley states that wolves are plentiful in the north country. A few days ago a large pack came to the outskirts of the village and woke the villagers with their howling. Nine men of the village armed with rifles made an unsuccessful effort to qualify for the Government bounty. Many sheep have been killed by the animals. Apsley is situated about forty miles north of Peterboro.

Discarded by the Ontario Government prohibition forces as a piece of "useless equipment," the Leopard II, the Provincial Government speed boat, made famous by the work of Rev. J. O. L. Spracklin, Sandwich pastor, during the six months he served as Special License Officer, is offered for sale. M. N. Mousseau, Chief License Inspector for North Essex, has been instructed by the Attorney-General's Department to place the boat on the market. The launch survived two attempts by incendiaries to destroy it by fire.

Pushing the war against smugglers of merchandise purchased in Detroit, customs officers at the Windsor ferry dock Saturday afternoon held up and searched all automobiles bearing Ontario license tags. Socks, clothing, carpets and other dutiable goods were seized. In some cases owners of the autos were warned that a repetition of the offense against the Dominion laws would result in the confiscation of the car and police court proceedings. It is estimated that \$2,500,000 worth of American-made goods are smuggled across the Detroit river annually by residents of Essex county.

Vancouver Sun:—The world is divided pretty sharply into two classes—workers and drones. Because the drones are sometimes able to give a fair imitation of work, they do not appear so vicious as they actually are. It is bad enough that they should waste their own time. That they should waste the time of real workers is unpardonable. Practically all the trouble in the world is caused by the people who will not work, or others who think they have solved the riddle of a workless world. It will be many hundreds of years from now when the human race will attain sufficient moral balance to get along without work.

A Toronto magistrate has given a decision that it is against the law to make love when on the highway in an auto, and that a young man must keep both hands on the steering wheel driving, and not one on the wheel and the other in possession of his sweetheart. This is somewhat different from the old days when one could throw the lines over the buggy dashboard and give his undivided attention to the young lady at his side. Old Dobbin could be depended upon to turn out when another rig was approaching. Love making is a different proposition these days.

WEAR A POPPY ARMISTICE DAY

Since the conclusion of the Great War there has been a growing sentiment among the peoples of the victorious nations allied in the conflict, to recognize by some outwards expression their great reverence for the Heroic Dead who made victory and peace possible, and their respect for the men who fought and lived to return to their homes.

On the anniversary of Armistice Day in 1919 the children of the devastated areas of Flanders and France gave expression to this sentiment by decorating the soldiers' graves near their homes with garlands of the red poppies which grow in profusion in their land. They also wore the poppy as a memorial flower. The idea, first conceived in childish minds, has gained favor all over France, and other countries of the Allied nations. On Memorial Day this year, May 30th, the custom was universal in the United States, Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, and other countries have adopted the poppy as a memorial flower for Armistice Day.

It has been thought appropriate that Canada should also adopt this beautiful custom. To this end, the Great War Veterans' Association of Canada has arranged with the French Children's League to distribute just prior to Armistice Day, replicas of the Flanders poppy, which the orphan children of France are making.



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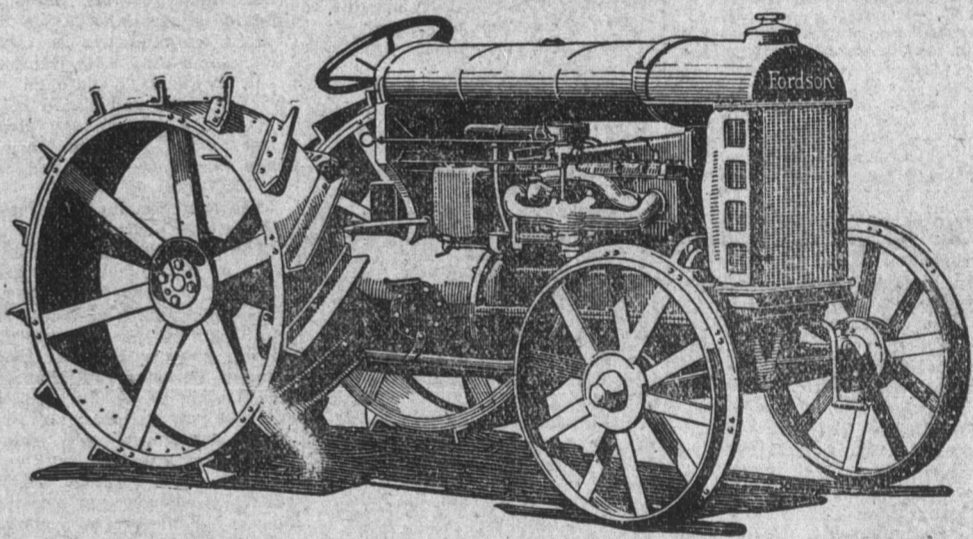
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