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## OLD TIME FARM PRICES

Few people today stop to think of the great progress made by agriculture in the last five or six hundred years. There has also been a great improvement in the size and quality of live stock brought about by selective breeding. History tells us that in England at the beginning of the fifteenth century food was abundant, but coarse and of little variety. Wheat, oats and barley were the principal grains, while scarcely any vegetables or fruits were cultivated. Coarse bread, milk, meat, fish, and eggs were the principal foods of the people. The cattle must have been very small, as we are told that eight or ten yoke of oxen were often hitched to a single plow, and then only the surface of the soil was scratched over. It is to be assumed that either the plow was very large or the oxen about the size of goats, as today only yoke of oxen can drag a plow through the roughest soil.

The wages of a skilled artisan in those days averaged three pence a day and the working day was from daylight to dark. The wages of an agricultural laborer was three or four pence a day. Commodity prices were low in proportion to wages. For instance a fat fowl sold for a penny and a half, a lamb for four pence, while wheat brought nine pence per bushel, or about half of the present day price.

## U. S. BUSINESS CONDITIONS

An interesting comment on the current business situation in the United States is contained in the following paragraph of the weekly market letter of Hayden, Stone & Co., New York: "Except in periods of great expansion, this is invariably a drab time of year, and with exhaustion from three years of depression, with the downward course of business arrested only within the last few months, and the future still so cloudy, it is no wonder that this year should not prove an exception to the rule. We look back on the 1920's as an era of great prosperity, and so it was, but we forget that five years ago, in the very midst of this very prosperous era, there was a sharper seasonal reaction than we are experiencing today. To be sure, this reaction came after two years of excellent business, but the fact that the seasonal let-down now is no sharper than it is would indicate, as much as the improvement in the summer and early fall, that the bottom had been plumbed."

Never mind! Never mind! There were some members of the House of Commons who did not puncture the atmosphere at a cost to the country of an \$100 a minute. These were the quiet thoughtful members who became conspicuous by paying their board bill regularly, who panned the verbose ones in committee, pointing out that they wanted to get home, and who were always marked "paired" in divisions. The true definition of "paired" is that these are married members who are told to be home in time for the next bridge game.—Sherbrooke Record.

It now seems that Prof. Einstein, the eminent German scientist, will not forgo his visit to the United States. Recently it was charged that he was a communist, and the American consul at Berlin interviewed him on the subject. "Is this an inquisition?" he asked, and walked out of the room. He at once decided not to visit the United States, but has since changed his mind.

Mahatma Gandhi, from his prison cell has called upon his followers to stage a demonstration on December 18th on behalf of the untouchables.

Senator Capper of Kansas, has no intention of giving up the fight on behalf of the 18th amendment. In a radio talk on Monday evening from Washington he denounced the liquor traffic, and claimed that the recent election has been decided on other issues, including business depression.

There is apparently nothing doing yet in regard to the British embargo on Canadian potatoes. It was to have been lifted on December 1st, providing experts were satisfied that there was no danger of the potato bug finding its way into England, with potato shipments. Experts have been in this province, making an enquiry, but evidently have not yet made a report.

Sinclair Lewis, author of Main Street and winner of the Nobel prize, is at present in Switzerland and is taking lessons in skiing.

## THROUGH OUR SIEVE

We wouldn't write a famous novel if we had to address luncheon and culture clubs afterward.

Zaro Agha, sideshow Turk, who was 156 years old two years, is now only 158, having seemingly escaped the worst effects of the economic upheaval.

"Fredericton had more sunshine in November than any other city in the Maritime Provinces"—headline. The Hollywood of the Maritimes.

Fools rush in where angels fear to tread, and the wise have to fish them out—usually with no thanks for it.

Those old-fashioned small town loafers were artists at the trade. There's nothing artistic about modern city loafers.

Bless the woman of the house where gossip stops and is unable to go beyond, though some will never forgive her for breaking the endless chain.

Tell a girl after a dance that she looks as fresh as a rose, and you have paid a doubtful compliment; the girl who was a wall flower all evening looks as fresh as a rose.

Books are written about the South Sea Islands that lure the reader. Then he sees the moving pictures of life there and loses his interest.

There are millions of men who have no games for pastime and care for none. They have to hear a great deal on subjects they don't care 10 cents for.

"Is there anything a man can eat," a medical columnist is asked, "to improve his memory?" Yes, he can eat onions. He may not remember exactly, but his wife will remind him, which is just as good.

Charlie Chaplin's little boys are probably not old enough to take up training for movie acting, even if Charlie were willing. It would be such a deprivation to any little boy to throw a custard pie instead of eating it.

## The Condition of Wellington Clark is Still Serious

The Victoria Hospital reported no change today in the serious condition of A. Wellington Clark, Nashuaak Bridge, who suffered from a fractured skull when hit by a falling tree during lumbering operations at Magaguadavic Lake.

Clark, who is 43 years of age, was employed in hardwood operations for J. M. Scott, M. L. A. A rotten branch of a tree had fallen, striking Mr. Clark on the back of the head. His condition is still critical today.

Malden, Mass., Dec. 4—Three children, two of them joined together similar to the famous Siamese twins, were born to Mrs. Frank H. Reed of Malden.

Two girls, joined together, were born first and then a normal boy baby weighing more than six pounds came into the world. The condition of the girls were precarious for several hours after their birth on Saturday but the hospital later reported them improved.

## STOCK MARKET GOING STRONG THIS MORNING

New York, Dec. 7—The stock market opened strong this morning with a turnover at noon of 700,000 shares, the largest in some weeks. Industrial averages were 60.73 at noon against 59.70 at the opening. Quotations are as follows:

|                       |        |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Allied Chemical       | 78     |
| Amer. Canners         | 63%    |
| Amer. Tel. & Tel.     | 107%   |
| Amer. Tobacco         | 59%    |
| Atchafson             | 43     |
| Baltimore & Ohio      | 10 1/4 |
| Chesapeake & Ohio     | 26 1/4 |
| Cons. Gas             | 58 1/4 |
| General Electric      | 15 1/4 |
| Dupont                | 37     |
| General Motors        | 14     |
| Nickel                | 8 1/4  |
| Kennecott Copper      | 9 1/4  |
| Monty Ward            | 14     |
| Nat'l Biscuit         | 39 1/4 |
| N. Y. Central         | 23 1/4 |
| Pennsylvania          | 14 1/4 |
| Radio                 | 5 1/4  |
| Southern Pacific      | 18     |
| Standard Oil of N. Y. | 31     |
| Union Pacific         | 70 1/4 |
| U. S. Steel           | 34     |
| Westinghouse Elec.    | 28     |
| Woolworth             | 35 1/4 |

## CITY COUNCIL SET A RECORD FOR BREVITY

The city council completed its December business in regular monthly meeting in the council chamber of the City Hall last night. The meeting lasted only fifteen minutes. The minutes of last month's meeting were read and the auditor's report received and placed on file. Ald. T. V. Monahan submitted the report of the fire chief for the month. The fire loss was shown to have been nil. Ald. C. N. Goodspeed suggested another light for the old cemetery, and the council referred it to the light committee with power to act.

The auditor's report for the month of December is as follows:

|                           |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Water                     | 136.47      |
| Sewerage                  | 49.38       |
| Roads & Streets Ordinary  | 813.30      |
| Public Works              | 1,015.91    |
| Street Light              | 645.69      |
| Fire                      | 468.35      |
| Administration of Justice | 986.19      |
| Municipal Home            | 4,925.63    |
| Board of Health           | 204.61      |
| Contingent                | 450.87      |
| Wharves                   | 20.25       |
| Market and Scales         | 9.99        |
| Wharves                   | 20.25       |
| City Hall                 | 272.44      |
| Wilmot Park               | 31.45       |
| General Interest          | 395.95      |
| Insurance                 | 70.00       |
| Assess. Collect           | 45.29       |
| Vict. Hos. Lights         | 120.40      |
| Salaries and Pensions     | 1,427.31    |
| Board of School Trustees  | 11,000.00   |
| Debentures Interest       | 1,957.50    |
| Debentures Redeemed       | 500.00      |
| Total                     | \$26,777.98 |

## GUNMAN MADE A BIG CLEAN-UP IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Illinois, Dec. 6—Five gunmen in an automobile waylaid two post office messengers today in front of the main post office in the loop, overpowered them and escaped with two pouches of registered mail valued from \$25,000 to \$1,000,000.

The mail was addressed to the First National Bank and the First Union Trust Company. Bank officers and postal clerks still were checking on its value several hours after the robbery.

If a man has three or four hats, one or two of them will get old without being worn.

A timely sneer often saves you from being taken to task.

## NOTICE!

The Closing Exercises of the Evening Vocational Classes will be held in the High School on Thursday Evening DECEMBER 8th, from 7:30 to 9:30. The Public are cordially invited to attend.

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## Notice to TAXPAYERS

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FRED I. HAVILAND, City Clerk.

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