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RURAL DEPOPULATION

In his annual report for the United States Department of the Interior Secretary Payne bewails the decrease in the farm population. He cites as an example Ohio, where the number of vacant farm houses increased, in the year ended June 30, 1920, from 18,000 to 29,000, and where the number of men and boys on farms decreased 30 per cent. The Secretary offers only one reason for the swing from rural to urban life:

"The difficulty is that people do not like to live alone but prefer to live in towns and villages and to enjoy society and the conveniences and comforts of modern life which are beyond the reach of a scattered population living on large farms."

If that excuse had been given twenty or thirty years ago it would have had more behind it than it can have today. In the last decade most of the conveniences and comforts of modern life have been put at the farmers' disposal.

Every well to do farmer, wherever he may be, can have modern water supply, central heating, and his own easily operated electric lighting plant. The motor car takes him and his wife quickly to markets, shops and theatres and carries his children to a good school. The talking machine and the mechanical piano bring plenty of music into his home.

Never has farm life been less lonely than it has been in the ten years which have seen the march from the plough to the city shop. And the real reason for the movement was not loneliness. It was the discovery by the farmer's son that he could get more money for less work in the city. The war made this doubly possible. Now, for the first time in five years it looks as if the desertion of the farm would slow down.

Westminster Gazette: There is something melancholy in the statement at the Church Assembly that whatever else happens, the vestry is doomed for so passes one of our ancient institutions. Some time ago it lost its place in civic administration, but it seemed likely to persist in the Church because the Church does not easily surrender what it has long held. The vestry was not specially useful. The Easter gatherings were very tepid affairs when there was agreement between the parson and his parishioners; they gave us something little short of a scandal if feeling ran high. Altogether it would be difficult to say that the vestries played any real part in parochial life or contributed in any way to that awakening of the Church which is the urgent need of the times.

The drop in the price of lumber has been followed by a cut in the wages of men who work in the woods. Most of the lumber operators would prefer to pay high wages provided they could secure a correspondingly high price for their product, but not being in business for the fun of the thing they must cut their garments according to the cloth. Along with the drop in the price of lumber comes a fall in the price of many of the commodities used in connection with lumbering operations. One of the exceptions is hay which is now higher than during the war. The drop in the price of lumber should start a building boom next season.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: Meat prices in the Cleveland retail markets are too high. They do not reflect in the degree they should the reductions at wholesale that have taken place during the months of October and November. Information from official sources in Washington shows that during November alone pork loins declined 27 per cent; smoked hams 22 per cent; bacon 16 per cent, and pork shoulders 20 per cent. During the last two months these pork products show average declines of approximately 35 per cent and have now reached the price level prevailing at the time the United States entered the war in 1917.

The banks are being given credit in some quarters for maintaining the old rate of interest at a time of increased costs and advancing prices. What reason would the banks have for increasing the rate of interest to borrowers? The rate on savings deposits is the same as before the war, the banks have the free use of many mil-

lions deposited on current account, and then the volume of business has been many times as great as was the case a few years ago. It is not much wonder that the banks have been able to increase dividends and pay bonuses to stock-holders and employees.

Not until a dog standing guard over his master was shot were policemen able to remove the body of Thomas Maher, an aged recluse, from his home at Cambridge, Mass., on Wednesday. Neighbors had not seen Maher for several days, and the continual barking of the dog aroused their suspicions. Officers, looking through a window, saw the body of Maher on the floor and attempted to crawl through. The dog resisted their attempts. It was finally found necessary to shoot the animal. Maher had lived alone for 20 years.

Premier Foster announces that a conference between the representatives of the International Paper Company, which has a lease of the power rights at Grand Falls, and the Provincial Government, will be held in the near future. So far the company has done little or nothing towards developing the great power available at Grand Falls. Their lease expires in January and there is a strong feeling against any renewal by the Government.

At last a Canadian and a New Brunswicker has been placed in command of one of the ships of the Canadian merchant marine. It is announced that Capt. Ronald V. Bennett, an Albert County man and a brother of Mr. R. B. Bennett, ex-M.P., has taken charge of the ship Canadian Trader and will start soon on a voyage to the West Indies. Capt. Bennett is a most capable ship master and during the war served on a patrol boat.

Boston Globe: The real Santa Claus is the spirit of giving and those who accept his control are careful to observe his fundamental rule of invisibility. The full flavor of the high delight of giving is only tasted when the giver conceals himself, asks nothing, wants nothing—not even thanks—in return.

Actual commercial wireless telephony between New York and London across the Atlantic Ocean may be an accomplished fact within two months if plans made by Godfrey Isaacs, managing director of the Marconi Company, materialize.

Safety Director Milton Braucher of Canton, O., ordered the police to rid the city of crime and vice. Twenty-four hours later burglars broke into his office, ransacked the safe and escaped with \$200 in Liberty bonds and \$250 in cash.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

A fellow always seems to have a lot of pep on every payday except those just before Christmas.

Even the cynics who say marriage is a failure haven't the heart to proclaim divorce a success.

A fat man may be uncomfortable in a theatre seat but not any more so than those sitting next to him.

A perfect couple is one where the husband doesn't drink, smoke, chew or swear and the wife doesn't gossip or eat salad.

Some men don't need to wear wedding rings to show that they are married. Their wrinkles reveal enough.

Sugar is down in price and so is flour but it has been revealed now that baked goods are made of overhead expenses.

No woman can be censured for wanting her husband at home before midnight. She did not marry him to become a nightwatch.

"Thrifty buys its own tobacco", remarked the Man on the Car, "and always knows where the next pipeful is coming from; tightwaddy borrows."

It used to be said: "An apple a day will keep the doctor away." Then it was an onion. Now somebody declares a carrot a day will work the desideratum. The best we can make of it is that the enthusiasts are rapidly approaching a cabbage a day.

F. F. Folkins of St. John is a guest at the Queen.

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MARYSVILLE HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST

Marysville, Dec. 14—Oddfellow's Hall presented a brilliant appearance on Friday night the occasion being a fancy sale and supper under the auspices of the ladies' society of the Main Street Baptist Church. The affair was very successful while the supper was particularly good. The receipts from the sale of fancy goods and the supper were large.

There were five candidates initiated into Peace Temple No. 12 Pythian Sisters at their last regular meeting. The session was a very interesting one, at the close of which refreshments were served. The Temple will hold a public installation in the second meeting in January which promises to be very impressive.

Much Sickness.

Miss Lois White is confined to her home with illness.

Miss Eva Stewart is confined to her home in Main Street, threatened with appendicitis.

Allan Shanks is confined to his residence in Water Street with an attack of la grippe.

The many friends in Marysville and elsewhere of Joseph Allan who has been dangerously ill, will be glad to hear that he is much better today.

The usual Friday night dance at Dawson Club rooms was well attended. All who enjoyed the excellent music furnished by Johnston's orchestra.

Master Murray Osborne is quite ill at his parent's home, suffering from an attack of pneumonia.

Master George Fletcher is recovering from an attack of pneumonia.

Miss Alice Peterson who has been confined to her home in Main Street, suffering from a severe cold, is reported as being much better.

Mrs. H. Ellis of New Haven, Conn., who is visiting friends here, expects to return home in a few days.

The many friends of Mrs. John Osborne are glad to see her out again after her illness.

Teamster Fined.

A well known teamster was caught driving on the sidewalks Saturday morning and had to repair the damage or go into court. He decided to repair the sidewalk. The teamsters have been warned several times about this very thing, but still, drive or back on the sidewalks. A fine should be imposed, then perhaps they will be more careful.

Who were the sports who followed the foot-prints of a pig, thinking it was a deer?

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Gorman was brightened recently on the arrival of a bouncing baby boy.

At the evening service of Main Street Baptist Church, Sunday one hundred and fifty members took the sacrament, and twelve were admitted to membership in the church.

Miss Edith Inch is again confined to her home with illness.

To Manage Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gilmore of Stanley have arrived in town and will take charge of the newly remodelled hotel, formerly the Forbes Hotel on the Western side of the Nashwaak, which is to be operated by the Cotton Mill, for its female employees.

Rev. E. W. Lester the esteemed pastor of the Reformed Baptist Church, baptised four candidates Sunday afternoon in the Nashwaak River. They were taken into the church in the evening.

STOCK MARKET QUOTATIONS

New York.	
American Wool	62 3/4
Atchison	78 3/4
C. P. R.	111 3/4
Crucible	82
General Motors	13 1/4
Marine pfd.	49 3/4
Marine common	11 1/4
Mexican Pete	163 3/4
Midvale Steel	30 3/4
New York Central	68 3/4
Repub. Iron and Steel	61 1/4
Rubber	63 3/4
Texas Oil	41 1/4
U. S. Steel	78 3/4
Sterling, 345.	
N. Y. Exchange, 15 15-16.	
Montreal.	
Brazilian	32
Montreal Power	77 1/2
Ships common	45
Ships pfd.	70
Sugar	20
Steel of Canada common	60
Victory Bonds, 1937	97
" " 1933	94 3/4
" " 1927	96 3/4
" " 1923	94 3/4
" " 1922	98
" " 1934	94 3/4
" " 1924	92 1/2

Seized Liquor Has Arrived. The liquor and alcohol seized by Sub-Inspector Daigle near Edmundston last week has arrived here for storage.

Wm. Ashworth of Montreal is a guest at the Barker House.

HOSIERY OFFERS A WEALTH OF SUGGESTIONS

One can do all one's Christmas shopping in the Hosiery section and still have a widely diversified collection of gifts. Hosiery was never more delightful to give or acceptable to receive. It ranges from the practical to the beautiful and frivolous with much that is smart and lovely in between. Sports hose makes particularly fine gifts.

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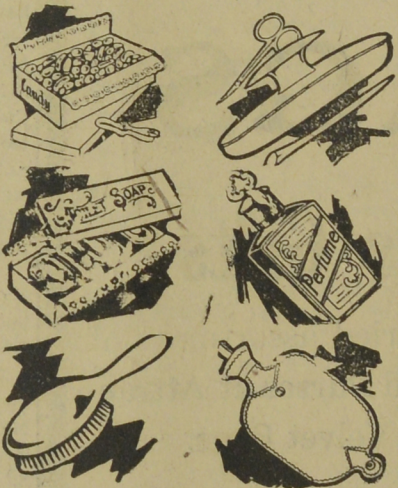
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G. R. PERKINS, City Treasurer.

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