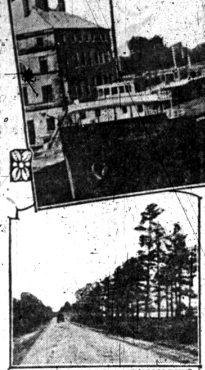


MARKET

By AUGUSTUS C. CARTON
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From "Michigan—The Land of Plenty."
To the farmer and the homesteader the question of markets for the products of his fields is of as much importance as it is to the manufacturer. In fact, the question of markets is of first importance. It is not enough that the soil be richly productive, but it is necessary that the crop can be sold in a good market and the market must be close at hand, for with a large number of the best grain crops, freshness, through early delivery of the product to the consumer, is a matter of importance in determining the prices. Michigan is a particularly well situated to meet the demands for the best markets, since she not only has a great home market but is favorably located being very near the center of population for the entire country. It can be truthfully said that Michigan is "at" her work, at the very door of the consuming population of over 100,000,000 people. The rapid increase of the urban population, devoted to the manufacturing interest, has created a ready home market. Statistics show that of the total population of the state of nearly 3,000,000 people, nearly one-half live in the cities and towns, therefore the large cities and manufacturing towns hold a great portion of the people of the state who, therefore, consumers and must be fed from the products of Michigan's farms. But while the Michigan farmer has an splendid home market for his products, the great markets of the state and as it were, right door door neighbors. Day by day and night innumerable shipments by the Great Lakes, taking from the ports of our ports to Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul, Green Bay, Marinette, Sheboygan, Duluth and other of our neighboring cities on the west, Michigan's products, while the Michigan railroads not only enter the lake ports of Wisconsin, Illinois and Minnesota, but the interior points of these states as well. Thus, shipping within a few hours such markets as Minneapolis, St. Paul, Kansas City, Omaha and St. Louis and other large cities of the central West. On the north the markets of Canada and Ohio are but a few hours distant. Indianapolis, Cleveland and Toledo are ready customers for Michigan food supplies. Toledo, Cleveland and Detroit are so far as Michigan is concerned, great distributing centers to the interior of Ohio and Canada. But to get to the interior of Michigan and to the interior of Canada and to the interior of Europe, it is a different matter. It is not alone in itself, but as a distributing center for all northwestern New York, East and New York city is only a few hours distant.



THE AUTOMOBILE ON A MICHIGAN PIKE

So would require 2,000,000 cars and it would take something over a month for such a train to pass a given point. Consider the fact that the Michigan producer enjoys, in the proximity of the great markets, with the necessarily higher rates of the air and ship-railroads, on the one hand, and the Michigan farmer and the manufacturer. These advantages of both rail and water transportation will always be one of Michigan's most valuable assets.

Steam and Electric Railways.
In the matter of railroad transportation Michigan also well in the fore rank. The railroad facilities have been developed so that the state ranks sixth among all others in the nation. The telephone, 27,000,000 in length, furnished by the office of the Michigan railroad commission, there is shown to be 48 steam-rail, with a total mileage of 17,000, and on a basis of more than 5,000 miles of trunk lines, these could be classified as twelve railroad lines, reaching the largest number of cities and towns. In these are 36 smaller lines, each serving a territory; not to mention several small private lines which have been built for the purpose of connecting the trunk lines of the state. Now, Michigan has over 1,000 lakes, the most of which are navigable, and the largest of these are over 100 miles long. The number of miles of waterway for electric lines in 1918 is shown to be 1,100 miles, and the number of miles of the trunk lines of the 25 interurban lines, exclusive of all city trams. There are several electric lines in the state, and the electric interurban lines running through the rural communities as they do, have been a boon to the farmer and the city dweller in proportion to the development of many farming communities. The state has also over 10,000 miles of common highways, which, as has been said, has been made, as the matter of highways is covered in another chapter of the state highway commission.

Water Transportation.
Michigan has a shoreline of over 1,500 miles on the greatest inland waterway in the world and more than fifty Michigan ports on this great water highway are served by innumerable steamship lines, that afford unequalled water communication, and alone between Michigan ports but with the ports of several neighboring states and Canada as well. That the extent of the Great Lakes trade has been more readily appreciated, reference might be made to the annual tonnage passing through the Soo locks of the St. Mary's river, connecting Lake Superior with Lake Michigan, and Lake Huron. It is said that the annual tonnage is two and one-half times greater than that which passes through the Suez canal and seven times greater than that which passes through the Great Lakes annually. The Soo locks, and the fact that the annual tonnage is two and one-half times greater than that which passes through the Suez canal and seven times greater than that which passes through the Great Lakes annually, is a fact that is well known to all who are interested in the waterway industry of the world.

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LINDA MAKES PIES

By ECIL THOMAS

In the farmhouse kitchen Linda Bernard rolled out pie crust and sang like a bird at the top of her sweet soprano voice. "Can she make a cherry pie, Billy Boy, Billy Boy?" and so on through several verses of which were rehearsed the domestic virtues of Billy's fiancée.

"Upstairs in the largest front chamber sat the first barber of the season. He was sitting at a table drawn up to the window, and he was frowning over the pile of papers before him. He was not bothered over the work—that was an ever-recurring joy—but it was Linda's frequently reiterated vocal query that irritated him.

"The barber's sack, can't a fellow get away from a racket?" he peevish. "Here I am isolated in Green Center because my apartment was made into a barber shop, and I'm a barber, a mechanical piano, a phonograph on one side and a cornet on the other—and here the maid of all work comes in with a tray of doughnuts! But her voice isn't half bad," he admitted grudgingly.

"Can she make a cherry pie, Billy?" Billy Wainwright put his head out of the open window.

"Take it from me she can make a cherry pie, Melissa!" he called out. "I'm a barber, but I know how to work the pump handle. 'Ring off.'"

"My name is not Melissa," she said sweetly. "Who is Melissa?"

"I thought it was the cook," he said staphilly.

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WAS HER GREATEST TORMENT

Stuffy Atmosphere Was Bearable, but "Hot Air" Gassed Her to Suffer Much.

The waitress was pretty and conscious of the fact.

"You are too good-looking to be doing this work."

"The limit of conceit."

"Very. He even thinks he looks well in his bathing suit."

"I wonder if he really liked me or if he was just teasing me?" she thought.

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SOFT WHITE HANDS

Hand Soap Conditions If You Use Cuticura. Free.

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Save the Babies

INFANT MORTALITY is something frightful. We can hardly realize that of all the children born in civilized countries, twenty-two per cent. die before they are five years of age.

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WAS COUSIN OF WHITTIER?

the Visits California Town That Has Been Named in Honor of the Poet.

ent of the Los Angeles Times.

Miss Whittier has been passing some months in southern California at Long Beach, Pasadena and San Diego, and for the first time in her career has come to mingle with those of her own faith in the city named for her famous and beloved cousin.

Chinese Embroidery Threads.

"Women should get their hands on these Chinese embroidery threads," said Chang Ching-Tung, the viceroys of China, some years ago, when asked to give a school for women in the province of Szechwan, 4,000 women students in elementary, high, and normal schools in this province alone.

Can't Lose Grip of Golf Ball.

C. C. Hill and England, has received a patent for an optical instrument which can be worn over the eyes like a spectacle and by which the ball, the opaque blinkers having a relatively small aperture through which the ball is seen, and the distance

In front and behind the ball is definitely seen.

When the Hubs Are Fire.

Michigan Folks

who have never used the famous pure food— Grape-Nuts

made in big, airy factories at Battle Creek, have something to learn about delicious flavor and food value.

Grape-Nuts not only supplies all the nerve and muscle making, bone and brain building elements of choicest wheat, but all the rich nutriment of malted barley.

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