Historic Figure Passes at Ottawa In 81st Year

Former Federal Minister of Finance Succumbs to Paralytic Stroke—Served Dominion 40 Years in Federal and Provincial Parliaments

AN ASTUTE POLITICIAN

Name Inseparably Connected With Budget Bringing British Preference

Ottawa, June 23.—The Dominion of Canada was to-night bereft of one of her most distinguished statesmen when, following a stroke which three days ago projected him into a state of coma, the Rt. Hon. William Stevens Fielding lost his long drawn out battle, waged for the past five years and died at 10.25 o'clock.

Beside him when the life of Canada's great public servant flickered out were his four children; his wife predeceased him about ten months ago. On Friday, Mr. Fielding, who had been bed-ridden for the past half decade, sustained a stroke and it was then seen that the end could not be far off. His eyesight had failed, he was bereft of speech and the family which gathered around him in his Charlotte street home felt that it would only be a matter of hours until the life of the aged statesman would pass. Little hope was held out by Dr. G. S. McCarthy, the family physician; and when the end came it did so following a gradual and visible enfeeblement that portrayed death.

Mr. Fielding had long passed the allotted span of life and was in his 81st year. Forty years of that life were spent in the service of Canada, first in the provincial arena of Nova Scotia, and from 1896 until his withdrawal from public activities in 1924, in the federal field.

He left public life as he entered it—poor in pocket but rich in ideals and rich in a record of honorable, upright and self-sacrificing service to his country.

PENSIONED BY PARLIAMENT.

The nation saw to it, however, that the days left to its distinguished son should be free from financial cares and sought in some measure to express tangibly its appreciation of the eminent services he had rendered. Following his retirement from pulbic life, Parliament voted Mr. Fielding a pension of $10,000 per annum, one vote at least to which no voice was raised in opposition.

In the five years during which he was a total invalid, Mr. Fielding suffered many strokes. With extraordinary tenacity, however, he survived them, although each left him weaker than before. Not until his final seizure was there indication of his heart giving out. He became unconscious, and within the last 24 hours signs were not wanting that a complete breaking down was near. The end came peacefully and with no return to consciousness.

No arrangements have yet been made for the funeral. The late Mrs. Fielding and Mrs. J. A. Cameron (daughter) are interred in Ottawa, but announcement will be made tomorrow whether the deceased statesman will find his last resting place in the Capital or in his native province of Nova Scotia.

FIFTEEN YEARS MINISTER

For 15 consecutive years, minister of finance of the Dominion of Canada and for the 12 preceding years premie of his native province of Nova Scotia, the Rt. Hon. William Stevens Fielding, patriot and statesman, left a record that is perhaps unique in the political history of Canada.

When Sir Wilfrid Laurier gathered together his cabinet of provincial premiers, following his elevation to power at the head of the Liberal party in 1896, his choice for the finance department fell to the lot of the prime minister of Nova Scotia. That the selection was a most happy one is best demonstrated, perhaps, by the fact that when 25 years later Sir Wilfrid's successor in the leadership of the Liberal party was charged with the responsibilities of office, following an opposition period of ten years, Mr. Fielding was again called upon to head the ministry of finance.

The quarter century involved had proved the most important period in the history of the premier dominion of Great Britain, and in all that had made for the political and economic growth of the country, William Stevens Fielding had played a most conspicuous role.

Future historians will probably point to the introduction of the British preferential tariff, in 1897, as the outstanding achievement of Mr. Fielding's career. It gave fresh impetus to Canada's growing trade, and in its amplification, a year or two later, provided new bonds for the unification of the rapidly-growing British commonwealth, a problem that was already regarded as pressing for solution among the academically inclined.

Practically

Cleveland Plain Dealer: Explorer discovers a tribe in Africa whose women wear no clothes at all and have perfect morals. Our morals must be mighty near perfect.

A New Work For Sprinters To Shoot At

AMERICAN YOUTH BREAKS WORLD'S RECORD

George Simpson, world's best sprinter, winning 100-yard dash at Chicago where he set new world's record of 9.4 seconds.

Ontario Waters Take Toll Over Week-End

In sight of hundreds of persons on the beach at the Island on Sunday afternoon, Wilfred Roper, aged 20, of 84 Bond Street, was drowned in the lake when a canoe in which he and two roommates, Fred Bailey, aged 24, and John Mason, aged 20, were paddling upset.

Roper could not swim and when the canoe overturned, Kelly and Mason, knowing this, swam to assist him. Roper was clinging to one end of the capsized craft when, in some unknown manner, he lost his hold and went down.

Toronto Swimmer Drowns

Ottawa.—Suddenly sinking under the water only ten feet from shore, Jack Kerr, aged 21, of 8 Sparkhall Avenue, Toronto, was drowned in the Rideau River, one mile south of Hog's Back, near Ottawa, this afternoon. Carleton County police recovered the body early this evening after a six-hour search.

Kerr, who was employed by a large firm of gasoline and oil dealers, came to Ottawa a month ago to inspect the pumps and tanks of local branches following the sewer explosions here.

Accompanied by three girls he went out in a canoe on the Rideau River this morning to spend the day. About noon he paddled to shore and then started out for a swim. Just before this he drank some bottles of soft drink. When only ten feet from the river bank he disappeared from view.

Arctic Voyagers Leave

Wiscasset, Maine.—Two schooners, one a veteran of many years, the other making her maiden voyage, set sail for the Arctic on Saturday. The Bowdoin, which has carried Lieutenant-Commander Donald B. MacMillan on many cruises into the North, pulled out of the harbor, followed closely by the Maraval, newly built for Sir Wilfred Grenfell, medical missionary. The two vessels will travel together to Battle Harbor, Labrador. There the Maraval will drop away for its duties among the natives. The MacMillan ship will continue to Baffin Land for exploration and scientific studies.

There are no idle rich; they are dodging people who want their money. —Lord Dewar.

German Ridicules The Passing Hour

Defense Minister Scouts Excuse for Not Disarming —Compares Troop Strength

Berlin—Dr. Wilhelm Groener Minister of Defense, in a speech reviewing Germany's military policy, charges that the states victorious in the World War have done nothing along disarmament lines and endeavors to show that it is absurd for the Allies to claim they can not disarm until they are sure of not being attacked by Germany.

"Who has and who needs security?" Dr. Groener asked. "Is it Germany, with her seven infantry divisions and several cavalry divisions but without fortifications or reserves in the form of trained personnel or war materials, or is it the others, Germany's neighbors who, allied among themseyles, namely France, Belgium, Poland and Czechoslovakia, of infantry alone in peace time have at their disposal: France, on European soil, 27 divisions; Belgium, 6; Poland, 30, and Czechoslovakia, 26 brigades, a total of about 76 divisions compared with the Germans' 10?"

"Who, I ask, needs security? I can't leave unmentioned that besides these troops, the other powers also possess aviations squadrons, heavy artillery and powerful reserves of trained men and war materials of a kind we do not possess at all"

Death Duties in Land Suggested for England

London.—The suggestion that the state should accept death duties in land instead of cash was presented to the Labor government by the Duke of Montrose, speaking at the Agricultural Society's show at Strathericks last week.

The duke, who is fifty years old, owns 115,000 acres with the family seat at Buchanan Castle, near Glasgow. He said many farmers anxiously desired fixity of tenancy and wanted rent rates fixed by a lands court.

Landlords should be allowed to pay the heavy death duties in land, which the government could then rerent to the existing tenants, he urged.

The sweet music that children make in a home has nothing in common with piano lessons.

French Minister Decorates Fliers

Stowaway Receives Series of Snubs Including One at U.S. Embassy

Paris.—Laurent Eynac, Minister of Air, awarded the Legion of Honor to Jean Assolant, Rene Lefevre and Armeno Lotti, Jr., the three young Frenchmen who made a nonstop flight across the Atlantic.

As in the case of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, a special dispensation had to be made in admitting them to the Legion because of their youth.

Arthur Schreiber, the Portland, Me., youth who stowed away on the flight and almost brought it to disaster, received no recognition.

Sethreiber began to discover the penalties of his intrusion. He received a series of direct snubs, starting at the American embassy, where he was ignored during the official reception to the fliers. Nor man Armour, charge d'affaires, in fact, apologized to the Frenchme for the stowaway's lack of judgment, which might have resulted seriously.

Later, Lotti pushed Schreiber out when the latter tried to enter his automobile.

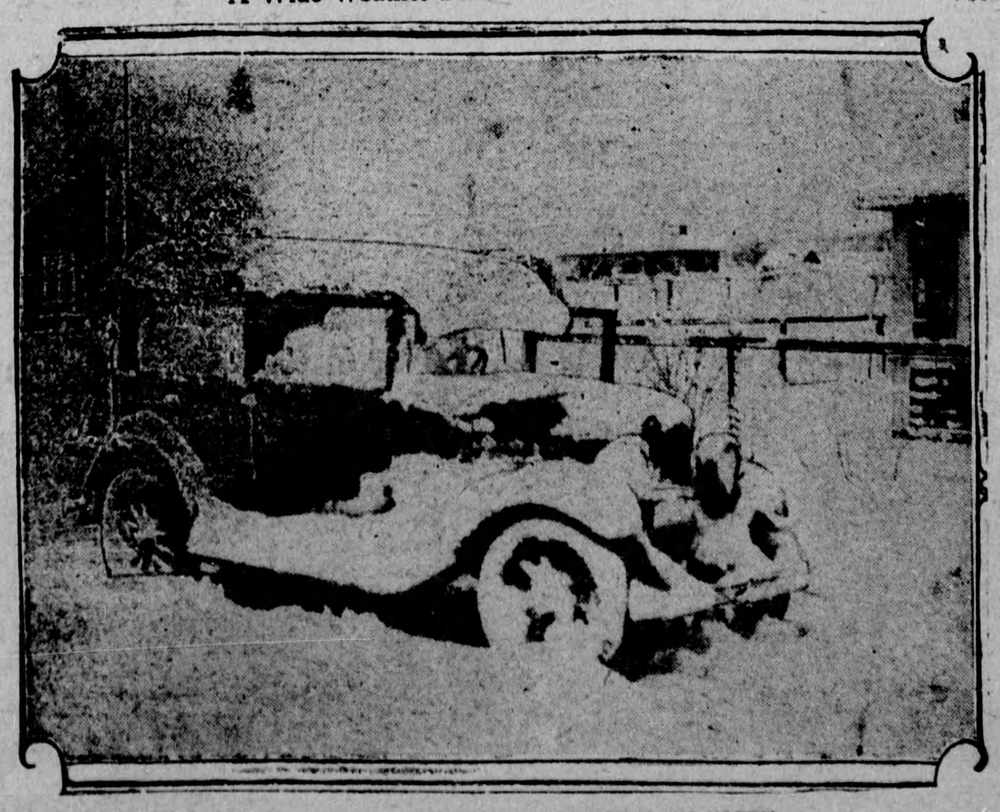
At receptions to the fliers, when champagne is offered, only three glasses are poured. When the fliers are invited to sign gold books, Schreiber is ommitted.

Having sold the newspaper story of his venture for $5,000, Schreiber has solved the problem of how to get home, although he is obliged to share the money with others. The youth is rapidly getting enough of Paris. He is unable to find anyone to take him around and probably will sail for home within a week.

Queen Dies Intestate

Madrid, June 23.—Because the Queen Mother Maria Cristina, who died early this year, left no will, her personal fortune of nearly 66,000,000 pesetas, or $11,000,000, will be divided, according to Spanish law, into three equal parts, and King Alfonso, to whom she was intensely devoted during her lifetime, will inherit only a third. The other two-thirds is to be divided equally among the children of the Queen Mother's two daughters, who did not survive her.

A Wide Weather Difference in Our Province



THEY WERE HAVING BACKWARD WEATHER UP NORTH

Spring is far behind and winter has come, apparently, in Porcupine, Northern Ontario, where this wintry photograph was taken on June 5. A scheduled ball game was called off on account of the snow.

Markets

GRAIN QUOTATIONS.

Grain dealers on the Toronto Board of Trade are making the following quotations on car lots:

Man. wheat—No. 2 north., $1.19½; No. 3 north., $1.17½; No. 4 wheat, $1.13½; No. 5 wheat, $1.03¾; No. 6 wheat 90½c; feed wheat, 77½c. (c.i.f. Goderich and bay ports. Price on track, 1c higher than above.)

Man. oats—No. 1 feed, 49¾c; No. 2 feed, 46¾c. (c.i.f. Goderich nd bay ports.)

Am. corn—No. 2 yellow, 96¼c; No. 3 yellow, 95½c. c.i.f. bay ports.)

Millfeed, del., Montreal freights, bags included—Bran, per ton, $27.25; shorts, per ton, $29.25; middlings, $35.25.

Ont. oats—Good, sound, heavy oats in car lots, 45 to 48c, f.o.b. shipping points.

Ont. good milling wheat, f.o.b. shipping points, according to freights, $1.15 to $1.18.

Oats—42 to 45c.

Barley—Malting, 65 to 68c.

Buckwheat—88c.

Rye—No. 2, 95c.

Man. flour—First patents, in jute, $7.30, Toronto; second patents, in jute, $6.70.

PRODUCE.

Toronto wholesale dealers are paying the following prices:

Eggs, ungraded, cases returned—Fresh extras, 27 to 28c fresh firsts, 25 to 26c; seconds, 22c.

Butter—Creamery, solids, pasteurized, No. 1, 37¾ to 38c; No. 2, 36¾ to 37c.

Churning cream—Special, 37c; No. 1, 36c; No. 2, 33c.

Cheese—No. 1 large, colored, paraffined and government graded, 20c.

LIVESTOCK.

Handy beef steers, $10.50 to $12.50; do, fair to good, $10.75 to $11.25; do. com., $9.50 to $10; butcher heifers, choice, $11.25 to $12; do, fair to good, $10.75 to $11.25; do, com., $9.25 to $9.75; butcher cows, good to choice, $8.75 to $9.65; do, com. to med., $6.50 to $8; do, canners and cutters, $4 to $6; butcher bulls, good to choice, $8.50 to $9.25; do, med., $7.50 to $8; do, bolognas, $7 to $7.25; baby beef, $10.50 to $14.50; feeders, good, $9.75 to $10; do, fair, $9 to $9.50; stockers, good, $9.25 to $9.75; do, fair, $8.50 to $10; calves, good, $14 to $14.50; do, med., $11 to $13; do, grassers, $7.75 to $8.75; springers, $85 to $125; milkers, $75 to $100; lambs, choice, $17; do, culls, 13 to $14; sheeps, choice, $6.50 to $7; do, med., $5.50 to $6; do, culls, $2.50 to $4; hogs, selects, w.o.c., $13.75; do, do, fed., $13.20; do, f.o.b., $12.50; do, thick smooths, w.o.c., $13.25.

Volcano Active At Komagatake

Casualties Believed to Exceed 100—Thousands Flee For Lives

Hakodate, Japan.—The Komagatake volcano burst into a new and more violent eruption at 10 a.m. Wednesday last, causing thousands of persons to flee in terror.

It was feared that the casualties of the disaster would exceed 100. The post-office here has been advised that the bodies of thirty victims had been found buried under six feet of ashes between Tomenoyu and Shikabe. The report has not been verified.

A village near Onuma, Gungawa, has burned down. At Shikabe, 100 school children had been reported missing, but it was discovered that they had escaped by boats to Iosye.

The railways evacuated 2,700 refugees from the danger zone. Thousands of others left the district by foot and by every possible means of conveyance.

Official estimates were that more than a score of people were killed since the first eruption of the volcano early Monday morning, and that the list of dead might reach 100.

The electric plant at Isogawa was buried under ten feet of ashes, according to reports reaching here.

Garden Quicksilver

Have you ever made quicksilver in your very own garden? If not, a surprise is in store for you!

Of course you all know what quicksilver is? Mercury is the real name, and being a liquid ore it moves about almost as though it were alive—hence, "live" silver, or quicksilver.

Some of you, no doubt, have held it in the palm of your hand watched it seperate and come together and roll about like live, silver beads.

It is mercury one sees in a thermometer working slowly up and down in the narrow glass tube showing how warm or cold the air is. It is mercury in another form that turns a clear piece of glass into a mirror.

But the quicksilver of the garden is like the kind you hold in your hand. Only you cannot hold it in your hand; dear, no, that would never do!

Nasturtium leaf. Choose one of the biggest of the dull green leaves and cup it in your hand; then skip over to the water tap and there fill your three drops of water. Behold, as sure as anything in the world, you will find you have some lovely, garden quicksilver, as lovely and as lively as mercury itself and not half so costly. Try it for yourselves.

Red noses can now be cured by facial surgery. Another method is to keep the right hand pressed longer on the soda-water syphon.—London Opinion.

Clinic Disaster Cause Is Found By Government

Carbon Monoxide and Oxide of Nitrogen Responsible for Deaths in Cleveland Disaster

Washington.—Carbon monoxide and oxides of nitrogen, produced by the combustion of burning X-ray films, were responsible for more than 100 deaths at the Cleveland Clinic disaster of May 15, a board of officers appointed by the Chemical Warfare Service reported to the U.S. War Department following an exhaustive investigation at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland.

Warning that none of the gas masks used by the Army would protect a person against the deadly fumes of these gases, the board declared that X-ray films and other articles which produce these gases if ignited, should be stored in specially prepared chambers, preferably located on the top of the building in which they are to be used.

Several tons of films were used by the board in actual experiment at Edgewood Arsenal. Every effort was made to duplicate conditions at Cleveland. As a result it was learned that combustion can be started in films without the actual presence of fire. In fact, disintegration of films caused by storing them close to a steam pipe or in an overheated room produces more toxic gas than when they are burned in a brisk blaze, it was said. In part, the report said:

"It was found that the gaseous products given off by burning X-ray films vary in their composition with the conditions under which the fire or decomposition takes place. If films are ignited by a flame in the open air they will burn briskly with the production of comparatively small amounts of poisonous gases. Another type of burning, or rather decomposition, may be started by merely heating the film, as by a lighted cigarette, electric light bulb, hot steam pipe, etc.

"In this type there is no flame, but evolution of large volumes of brownish fumes occurs. This decomposition proceeds more or less rapidly and may even cause the film to burst into flame, depending on the mass of the film, degree of confinement and other factors. The fumes from this type of decomposition contain large percentages of carbon monoxide and nitrous fumes, or higher oxides of nitrogen. Carbon monoxide, if breathed in lethal concentrations, causes almost instant death. Nitrous fumes may cause immediate deaths or delayed deaths, sometimes complicated by lung inflamma ion and pneumonia.

CAN IGNITE FROM STEAM PIPE.

"In the present investigations it was ascertained that X-ray films can be ignited by coming into contact with a hot steam pipe, with an electric light bulb or, in general, but any source of heat that will raise the temperature of the film to about the boiling point of water for a considerable length of time, or at higher temperatures for correspondingly shorter periods of time. A large explosion chamber was constructed in which some of the experiments were carried out. One-half a ton of X-ray film was ignited in a specially constructed vault, equipped with an automatic sprinkler and vent, in order to find out whether the protection provided in equipment of this kind would be sufficient. It was learned that a storage vault 7x8x8 feet equipped with a 16-inch square vent placed in the rear wall just below the roof, held closed by a 155-degree fusible link, affords reasonably safe storage for a ton and one-half of X-ray films.

"Tests with four types of commercial extinguishers indicated that none was satisfactory for extinguishing film fires. Large amounts of water, however, are effective, if applied in time. Gas masks which filter the contaminated air will not give adequate protection for rescue work in case of a bad film fire. An 'oxygen helmet' must be used.

Germany and Reparations

New York World: If Europe can get its mind off reparations for ten years the question may never again be important. In ten years, if Europe prospers, it may seem very unimportant. Then the time will perhaps have come when the creditors, in the interest of truth and moral understanding with the Germans, will agree to repal that clause in the Treaty of Versailles which puts upon Germany the sole responsibility for the war.

Purpose

"A double-minded man," it is true all the world over, is "unstable in all his ways," like a wave upon the streamlet, tossed hither and thither with every eddy of its tide. The recognition of a determinate purpose in life, and a sturdy adhesion to it through all disadvantages, are indispensable conditions of success. The outside world understands this matter well. Hence, in the great life-race, the vacillating are outrun by the steady, although the former may be fleet of foot, as Asabel upon the mountains of Israel.—Punshon.

RESPECT

The best thing is to be respected, the next is to be loved; it is bad to be hated, but still worse to be despised.