# Voice of the Press

## Canada, The Empire and The World at Large

### CANADA

#### Hunting Down the Pessimists

Indications have appeared already that pessimists in Canada are to be hunted down and hounded into the wilderness during 1933. There has been a pretty steady sniping at the "pessimist" during the past two and a half years, but the coming months will see him being pursued with violence and unrelenting fury. He will be anybody's meat, and it will almost be safer to be accused of having committed arson than to be charged with pessimism. The pessimist must be muzzled. That is the new slogan, and there is a perfectly good reason for it. —Manitoba Free Press.

#### All-Canadian Product

It is now announced that all-Canadian cod liver oil is to be manufactured in Halifax. This is one of the fruits of the Imperial Conference at Ottawa, and should be a cause of much rejoicing among the juvenile patriots. Hitherto most of this medicament has been produced in Norway, but in the Mother Country as well as in Canada a duty was placed upon the imported product. Possibly it will not taste any better than the foreign oil. It cannot, we hope, taste any worse.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

#### An Editor's Ideal

It is a truism that to-day's newspaper is to-morrow morning's kindling. But people who have anything to do with newspapers feel that they help to kindle something more than the kitchen fire. They like to think that the presentation of facts helps to kindle intelligence and interest; that the exposition of opinions stimulates readers into thinking things out for themselves, and that while the physical paper may be destroyed, the effect on the reader remains.—Edmonton Journal.

#### Warm Jobs

Service in the Canadian navy seems to be more attractive at this time of year than at others. The navy—both ships—is in Caribbean waters for "winter" manoeuvres. — Fort Erie Times-Review.

#### Reason For Optimism

Outside of our railway problem, Canada faces few public emergencies which are not found, to even a greater degree, in other countries. Our law courts are sane, and effective in their operation. Our financial institutions are founded upon the very bed rock of stability. Our people are industrious, law-abiding and progressive, and are demonstrating a fine restraint in the face of lifficult and trying conditions.—Chatham News.

#### Fight For Existence

The extension of the war area is calculated to do injury to commerce far beyond the confines of China, but there is very little prospect of the present military government of Japan being overthrown. The outside world is faced with the prospect of bitter warfare between China and Japan perhaps for many years: it is an appalling conflict between nations for national existence.—Ottawa Citizen.

#### They Get Their Man

Nineteen of twenty-one murders committed within the precincts of Greater London were solved by the Metropolitan police last year. This is a record the authorities of the great British metropolis may well be proud. Politics and slack court procedure are things that do not enter into the question of justice in the Old Country. Hence this notable achievement.—Guelph Mercury.

#### Price of History

W. Perkins Bull, of Brampton, has just finished spending some 18 months compiling the history of Peel County for 200 years. He was assisted by 35 paid men and women secretaries, and the work cost him $13,000. Now, who would like to write a history of Wellington?—Fergus News-Record.

#### China's New Highway

China has just opened a big new highway. No doubt this will, later on, be much appreciated by the Japs.—Brantford Expositor.

#### World's Greatest Apple Pie

Speaking of apples, the world's greatest apple pie was recently made at Birmingham, England, being 12 feet long, ten, feet wide, two feet deep, containing 450 pounds of apples, 150 pounds of flour, 50 pounds of lard and 28 pounds of sugar and 3,000 portions were served from it. — St. Thomas Times-Journal.

#### And It Did the Trick

Man in British Columbia has invented a machine which tells scholars if they are early or late for school.

There used to be something like that in the red school on the tenth concession, only it was kept in the upper left hand drawer of the teacher's desk. —Stratford Beacon-Herald.

#### Calgary's Financial Position

What is the position? Apart from all other considerations, the city is faced with a total of over four million dollars of unpaid accounts. More than $500,000 is owing to the Glenmore Dam contractors. There are more than $2,600,000 of waterworks debentures pledged to the Bank of Montreal for monies advanced to complete that big project. The city has borrowed from the same bank this year $499,000 and has arranged for a further loan of $93,000 for current expenses. In addition there is owing to the Provincial Government the sum of $250,000, to the local sinkng fund $400,000, and to the School Board $35,000. These are huge indebtednesses at a time when the taxpaying ability of citizens is steadily declining.—Calgary Herald.

### THE EMPIRE

#### War Clouds in Europe

The question is whether the world is to disarm or Germany to rearm. If anyone ever doubted the intention of a German Government to profit by the failure of the Allied countries to make good their pledges, he would be little likely to doubt it with a Hitler Administration in office. From that the sequence develops automatically. Germany rearms. In face of that real or supposed menace, even a Radical Government would fall immediately and M. Tardieu and M. Marin come in to rule in the Poincare tradition. The Little Entente could no more ignore the spectacle of a rearmed Germany than could France, while along another line of consequence Italy would, of course, increase her army and fleet and air force pari passu with the French bloc. What in the face of those developments would be the use of convening any World Economic Conference at all?—Spectator (London).

#### Gold or Sterling?

A constructive movement by Great Britain to establish a working headquarters for sterling is what half the world is waiting for. There is no reason to defer action until the World Economic Conference meets. Not only the Empire, but all the countries now in convoy with sterling would respond readily to a lead which offered a stable foundation for the restoration of their trade. The events which followed Great Britain's departure from gold make it clear that the interests of these countries are linked so closely to Great Britain's purchasing power that if we find a stable medium of exchange they will conform to it. The most practical immediate step would be the establishment of an Empire Exchange Base, or conceivably even an International Sterling Bank, which would act as a general headquarters or pooling centre for the Central Banks of the countries taking part. It would, in other words, bear exactly the same relation to the Central Banks of the nations on sterling as the Bank of England bears today to the joint stock banks of Great Britain.—Sir John Wardlaw-Milne in The Nineteenth Century (London).

#### The Little Entente

The Foreign Ministers of Yugo-Slavia, Rumania, and Czecho-Slovakia, have signed a treaty at Geneva. They have set up an institution without precedent in European history. A "Permanent Council" of the "Little Entente" is to consist of all three Foreign Ministers, and will direct a common foreign and economic policy for all three Powers. Thus on the basis of a common foreign policy, an "international community" has been founded, as powerful as any war more strongly armed than pre-war Austria-Hungary. It is self-evident that such extraordinary measures do not spring from ordinary situations. Europe is ailing physically and morally. The revelations of the last few months have shown the world that those who want revision of the territorial settlement are getting ready to support their claims by force.—Manchester Guardian.

### THE UNITED STATES.

#### The Growth of Villages.

During the years from 1920 to 1930, when the strictly farming population was rapidily losing ground, the rural village population steadily gained. In 1920 there were approximately 20,000,000 Americans living in the villages. In 1930 this number has risen to 23,600,000. Meanwhile, the farms had lost only 1,300,000. So more than half the gain in village population came from elsewere than the surrounding farms.—Philadelphia Ledger.

#### Canadian Banking Stability.

The experience of Canada, which fosters branch banking, has furnished a powerful argument for broadening privileges now so narrowly restricted in the United States. In comparison with our record of more than 5,000 failures in the last four years, Canada has not had a single failure during the depression and only 26 since the Confederation of the Dominion in 1876. Our own very limited experience with branch banking points in the direction of greater stability.—New York Times.

No one has ever been able to explain why baldheaded men have their hair cut more often than other men.

## Royal Scot To Make Long Trip

This carriage in course of construction will be placed behind the engine of the Royal Scot, world's fastest train, then the train will be transported in its entirety to the United States and the Chicago world's fair.

#### Indian Wisdom For Lone Scouts

The Indians were noted for their honesty, and you all have heard the saying "Honest Injun!" which was a good description of the Redskins.

Like a Scout his "Honor was to be trusted," and he was noted for his reliability. In all their dealings with the British they never broke a treaty or went back on their word.

The same could not be said of the British traders, and had these traders been trained as Scouts the Indians would have had a much better deal and would not now be so depleted in numbers.

Amongst all the races of the world, the Red Indian stands out as the finest type of man—in his native element.

In intelligence and cleverness his mind was as quick and nimble as his supple and powerful limbs. He not only could run and swim and ride and shoot, but he could think clearly and keep his wits about him in a tight corner.

He knew all the signs of the woods and his knowledge of animals and animal ways made him one of the finest naturalists in the world. He will ever be noted for his exceptional tracking powers, and to Scouts especially he should stand out as a great example of true manhood and keen scoutcraft.

His eagle eye, unerring judgment in following a trail, his silent footfall, listening ear, graceful carriage, silent tongue, sniffing nose and splendid courage—these and many other attributes, too numerous ot mention—made the Red Indian the finest type of Scouthood ever known, and a type which every Lone Scout will do well to copy.

#### Lone Scout Stamp Collectors

Many Lonies are enthusiastic Stamp Collectors, and they will be interested to hear of a new issue of the Rumanian Government especially to commemorate the 21st year of Scouting in that country.

The issue is a set comprising a Camp Scene, an Investititure, the Scout Good Turn, a Scoutmaster, and the King in Scout Uniform.

You will no doubt be keen to possess this interesting set.

If you are interested in obtaining stamps of any particular country, why not write to "Lone E," c/o Lone Scout Headquarters. He will probably be able to help you.

#### U.S. President Also Heads Boy Scouts

President Roosevelt has succeeded former President Herbert Hoover as Honorary Pesident of the Boy Scouts of America.

#### Boy Scouts at World's Fair

The directors of the World's Fair to be held this year in Chicago have asked for Boy Scouts to act as Guards of Honour, aides, orderlies, messengers and guides, and to assist at flag ceremonies and to take care of information booths.

August 24th will be "Boy Scout Day" at the Fair, when a big Boy Scout Circus will be staged, the pageants and ring "turns" being contributed by Scout units from all over the United States.

#### Song Book Honour For Mr. Beatty

According to the musical critic of "Saturday Night" and other prominent Canadian journals, Canadian Scouting has made an important contribution in a new field with the publication of a new song book, "Songs for Canadian Boys," issued under the auspices of the Boy Scouts Association of Quebec. The book is dedicated to Mr. E. W. Beatty, as President of the Canadian General Council of the Boy Scouts Association. A feature of the book is its selection of traditional British songs, with sketches of their historical background.

#### Proficiency Tests

Two Kamloops, B.C., Scouts made a 10-mile canoe trip as their 24-hour journey test, using a canoe built by themselves.

These boys were not just satisfied to pass the test by the easiest possible method. They went to considerable trouble and spent a lot of time building this canoe, and passing this test was a big adventure for them.

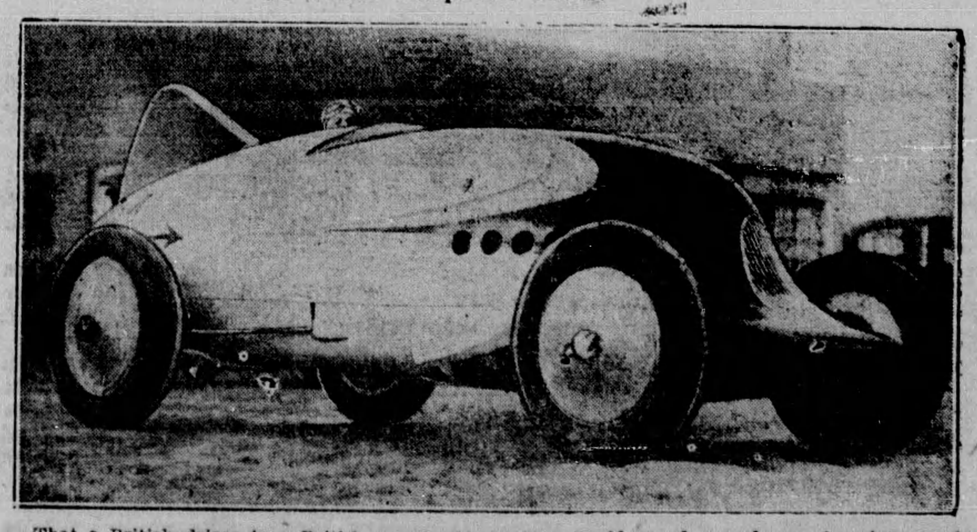
How are YOU getting along with your tests? Don't you think it is about time you were promoted to the next grade of Scouting?

The Lone Scouts of Ontario have plenty of room to welcome new members to their ranks, and we would like to see every boy in Ontario a Scout. If you cannot join a regular Troop, why not be a Lone Scout? Our programme is made especially for boys who live in the country or in places where there is no regular Troop.

Write for information to The Lone Scout Department, The Boy Scouts Association, 330 Bay St., Toronto 2, who will be glad to hear from you.—"Lone E."

Don't despise the little things. The mosquito is more other than the elephant.

## To Break Campbell's Mark?



That a British driver in a British car should capture world speed records on American sands is too much for Harry Hartz, who, backed by United States automotive engineers will race his "Spirit of 76" over Muroc Dry Lake, California, in an attempt to break Campbell's mark.

# Farm Queries

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1. What good is the analysis? How do I know that I am getting what it says?

Answer.—The fertilizer analysis is your guarantee. As intimated above, every fertilizer manufactured is required to attach a tag containing the analysis which he guarantees the goods within the bag to carry. The Dominion Department of Agriculture maintains a corps of officers whose business it is to check up on the fertilizers that are being put out, to see that the manufacurer lives up to his guarantee. The inspector who has this in charge has the right to visit any man's farm, or any factory, or store house of fertilizers at any time that he wishes, and to draw samples from the goods stored therein. These samples he sends to the official analyst at Ottawa, and if, on analysis, they come below the guarantee, the manufacturer is subject to punishment for an infringement of the law. This is your protection. If you are suspicous of a shipment you can appeal to the nearest inspector and he will send a representative to take a sample so that it may be analysed as we have indicated.

2. What can I tell about the use of a fertilizer from its analysis?

Answer.—That is just the point. The analysis tells a great deal of the story. For instance, take the three fertilizers 0-12-1; 2-12-6, 4-8-10. 0-12-15 means, as we have indicated, that the fertilizer contains 12% available phosphoric acid and 15% potash, but no nitrogen. Such a fertilizer is suited to clovers, or to root crops on farms where a large amount of manure has been applied, because manure supplies a relatively large amount of nitrogen. 2-12-6 supplies a relatively large amount of phosphoric acid and is therefore suited to grain crops where phosphoric acid, the plant ripener, produces the greatest effect. 4-810 contains a fairly large amount of nitrogen and potash with a small amount of phosphoric acid. This type of fertilizer is best adapted to root crops such as potatoes, which store up a large amount of starch in the secondary roots, which we call potatoes. In order to promote starch formation it has been established for a considerable length of time that a plant must have a large supply of potash.

Therefore, in looking over your fertilizer analysis, you can tell what type of crop it is adapted to, and can pick it out intelligently. Price, of course, must enter in, but an unsuitable fertilizer analysis even at a very cheap price is a bad investment. We knew a farmer not so long ago who purchased 5-8-7 to put on oats on clay land. First of all, the analysis was not adapted to a grain crop at all, since it contained far too much nitrogen and potash and far too little phosphoric acid. Bad results were obtained where this was applied and the farmer was much incensed. True, the fertilizer agent should not have sold this analysis to the farmer for oats, because on the face of it, this fertilizer is a high nitrogen carrier and a relatively high potash carrier, while oats require a small amount of nitrogen, a high amount of phosphoric acid and rather little potash.

It is just such points that we have taken up in this article that the average Ontario farmer needs to know and to put into practice when determining his fertilizer needs for 1933.

#### Colic or Stretches in Lambs

This condition spoken of by various names, as colic, stretches and belly-ache in lambs, is frequently traceable to intestinal stoppage caused by strands of wool felting into a ball-like mass, to be carried into the intestine. Intestinal stoppage is always serious and very difficut to relieve. Lambs pick up strands of wool which they find around feed racks, and fences, swallow the same, which may remain in the stomach of the lamb and become incorporated with pieces of curd and form a ball. More wool may be added and the ball become quite large. The small wool balls are the dangerous ones, as such only can enter the intestine. Medicines are of little use in relieving wool ball obstruction, but an oily physic can always be tried. Prevention should be practiced in every flock. Lambs that are infested with ticks and lice, pull wool and are more likely to become victims of wool ball obstruction. So get rid of the ticks and lice, before the lambs are born. Trim all the wool from the immediate region of the udder and inner flanks of the ewe. If lambs persist in pulling wool they can be discouraged by saturating the wool at likely places with a mixture of aloes and linseed oil.

#### Crippled Pigs

At this time of the year crippled pigs are too numerous, and this is due to the fact that winter pigs do not get the benefits of soil and sunshine as do the summer pigs. Bad living conditions and improper feed are the two reasons for crippling. Pigs that are kept dry and comfortable, given plenty of mineral matter and a green feed substitute do not go wrong. Pigs that are kept in damp surroundings and fed on grain only are the ones that usually become stiff and develop distorted misshapen leg bones. A chance to sleep in a day bed, and eat feeds containing lime, phosphorus and vitamines should be the privilege of every pig. Alfalfa, other clovers, lime, woodash, or bone meal if fed from the start will prevent crippling. The alfalfa is valuable in that it supplies abundant lime and vitamines necessary for proper bone making. If your pigs are eating up the straw bedding, they are doing so because they have a craving for the lime necessary to build up their bones, or it may be worms and hunger. Crippled pigs have been helped by the feeding of a small amount of cod liver oil, bone flour and alfalfa meal.

## Good Market For Our Cattle in Scotland

Canada cattle to the number of 449 head ex. SS. Sulairia were sold by public auction at Merklands Wharf, Glasgow, on February 11. Mr. G. B. Johnson, Canadian Trade Commissioner at Glasgow, writes that the attendance of buyers was large and representative, and bidding was brisk. The cattle were of excellent quality, the shipment containing many prime beef bullocks of good class and weight. Fully half the shipment, however, comprised useful weight stores, which were bought by farmers for Winter keep. On the whole prices were slightly better than those realized at the last sale on January 23.

An interesting feature of this sale was the fact that the restrictions which formerly applied to Canadian bulls have now been removed. These animals, if they are passed by the Ministry of Agriculture, may now be shipped to any outside market for slaughter. In consequence, the sixty-four bulls in the shipment were bid for by butchers from Edinburgh, Dundee, Perth, and other centres, as well as by the regular Glasgow butchers, and brought from £2 to £3 per head more as a result. Mr. Johnson believes there will always be a good sale for Canadian cattle in Scotland, provided that they are kept up to the same high quality and class as those of the recent shipment.—Toronto Mail and Empire.

## Paris Fire Chief Wages Warfare on Noise

Paris.—Jean Chlappe, police chief, is trying to cut down noise in Paris streets, but he admits he gets nervous when the city is too quiet.

"I am constantly seeking for a reasonable equilibrium; but in my warfare against noise, I must remember that a noisy city is a healthy city. Cities are like children, and experts become anxious when the child is silent and the city is mute."

No less than 8,216 persons have been prosecuted in six months for unnecessary noise.

## Northern Highway Progress Outlined

Toronto.—With armies of men working in 30 inches of snow to excavate rock and fill in muskegs of Northern Ontario, work upon the trans-Canada highway—"the one good thing that has come out of the depression"—continues through winter months unabated, James Sinton, chief engineer of the Department of Northern Development, stated when before the Toronto branch of the Engineering Institute of Canada at the Physics Building. He described methods and progress of the undertaking.

## Catches Record Mink

Winnipeg.—Louis Mombaze, trapper in the Rennie district, claims he has caught the largest mink in Manitoba. It weighs four pounds and measures 37½ inches long, two and a half inches across the head and six inches across the hind leg.