Voice of the Press

Canada, The Empire and The World at Large

CANADA

Still a Chance

Headlines announced that the Prince of Wales had succumbed to a woman at last. However it merely happened on the golf course so there still remains hope in the unattached female breast.—Simcoe Reformer.

Rubbish Menace

The great fire in Cornwall was started in a pile of rubbish behind a garage. These backyard piles of rubbish are a menace in every city.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Minor Complaint

Mrs. Alva Johnson of Oklahoma City has asked for a divorce from her husband. The court asked her on what grounds she desired to lay the charge, and the lady replied that she had no particular complaint against him, only he had not been home since 1920.—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

No Doubt Here

The Canadian loan in London was subscribed five times over, which means that we asked for $75,000,000 and were promptly offered $375,000,000. And, as though that were not enough, the bonds are now being quoted at 1¾ per cent. premium. The British, quite clearly, are in no doubt about Canada.—Ottawa Journal.

New Use For Old Eggs

Rotten eggs have been a favorite missile for ages, and the mess that such a ripe egg made when it struck the object aimed at, gave a new idea to the police of London. They have evolved an egg, which, when thrown at and broken on a bandit car, will leave such a stain on the car as will identify it for a long time.—Fort William Times-Journal.

Bored Stiff

Italian aviator, who set a new world's record by flying a plane upside down for two hours, said: "I was bored stiff up there. Imagine hanging upside down for two hours without a soul to talk to!" We're bored stiff by such performances, too.—Lindsay Post.

Might Help

We sometimes think children will have to be even stricter with their parents than they have been in the past.—Brandon Sun.

Ask Them

Excessive tiddiness is said to indicate a peculiar kind of insanity—from which most men are happily immune. If you doubt it, ask the wives.—Barrie Examiner.

Must Do His Part

"The world owes a man a living" sounds all right—but you will notice that while nature places the berries on the raspberry bushes, the people have to do the picking if they want any berries.—Shelburne Free Press.

He Got Results

An Iowa man who once "publicly advised patrons to stay away from a picture his house was showing" has been promoted to the New York office of a motion picture company. Probably as a result of the enormous crowds he drew on that occasion. Such skill in advertising deserves a reward.—Fredericton Mail.

Not Much Change

Away back in 1665, Abraham Cowley, of England, wrote:

"Gold begets in brethren hate;
"Gold in families debate;
"Gold does friendships separate;
"Gold does civil wars create."

The old world hasn't changed so much in some of its troubles.—Winnipeg Tribune.

Why Not the Kilt?

The Prince of Wales, it is noted almost always wears the uniform of a colonel in the Seaforth Highlanders when he has to preside at affairs of state. He prefers that to the tight and heavy uniform of the Welsh Guards. A recent photograph, taken in an unguarded moment shows the Prince wiping his brow and visibly hot, while behind him two highly-placed officers are seen seeking to detach the collars of their tunics from skin. The kilt is a much cooler garb than trousers and it would be a great thing if some daring soul would popularize the kilt for wear in the Canadian summertime, particularly during heat-waves. But not every man has nether extremities which would go with the kilt.—Niagara Falls Review.

They Live Long

Lord Aberdeen, former governor-general of Canada, has just celebrated his 86th birthday. Occupancy of Rideau Hall certainly seems to contribute to the longevity of the King's representatives and their spouses. Among others the Duke of Connaught celebrated his 83rd birthday last May, Lady Dufferin is about 90, and Princess Louise, widow of the Marquis of Lorne, is 85.—Montreal Star.

THE EMPIRE

As Muskrat is Regarded in England

Something ratlike, yet not a land rat or a water vole, and no otter, swam along a path of moonlight on a Sussex stream; from a moment's view it would be thirteen inches long as to head and body and nine inches as to a naked, flattened tail.

Bitten-off reeds floated downstream. Banks were riddled with holes, and in clear water heaps of earth could be made out on the stream's bed.

A poster at the village police station left no doubt that the stranger seen was the most dangerous and dreaded alien now in Britain, a foe of fish, a devastator of crops, an undeminer of waterways; there was its portrait, with the warning notice, "Muskrat at Large."—London Daily Telegraph.

University Extension

If students themselves through their own organization, can manage to extend the knowledge, the culture and the entertainment of their university life into towns and villages, establishing study circles and societies for that purpose in districts that need them most, they will be rendering a national service of the highest value. And incidentally the universities will then be found to be turning out well-equipped citizens instead of young men and women with merely a B.A. in their bonnet.—Cape Argus.

War on Leprosy in India

The British Empire campaign against leprosy was started less than ten years ago and the big strides which it has made in India are a tribute to the value which this country derives from her British connection. The Indan Council are most actively prosecuting research work in regard to the treatment of the disease and carrying on propaganda to induce people of all classes to take precautions against it, and in particular to avail themselves of the means now provided of undergoing a curative course. The wonderful method of cure by the injection of specially prepared vegetable oil is now fully proved and widely known.—Times of India.

On Traffic in Ancestors

Quite a business is being done, it seems, in supplying Americans with genealogies, tracing their descent back for generations in this country, sometimes to distinguish ancestors. Some of these genealogies may be genuine, but in most imagination plays a large part. Human credulity, however, in such matters is only too anxious to be duped. As a matter of fact, it may be said that everybody in Great Britain must at some point have had famous people among his ancestors, if only he were able to trace his lineage. For in the fifteenth generation back a man has no fewer than 32,000 progenitors; and, in the twentieth, over a million, provided they do not intermarry. Six or seven hundred years ago the whole population of England did not exceed that figure.—Daily Mail.

International Co-operation

The present scheme for tea restriction in India, Ceylon and the Dutch East Indies is a carefully thought out one. At present production exceeds consumption by as much as 20 per cent. Continuance of the cut-throat competition of the past few years would have brought irremediable disaster, tea would have gone the way of rubber. Previous restricted schemes have broken down because they have been unofficial. The present scheme is official; it has the sanction of all the principal producing countries, and it gives the industry five years in which to set its house in order.—Calcutta Statesman.

THE UNITED STATES

New Railroad Era Foreseen

The high-speed, steam-lined train being built for the Burlington railroad is the second such venture announced within the past few weeks. The Union Pacific expects to have a similar train in service within the year. These trains are to have the same general characteristics—lightweight construction, Diesel power, new lines and high speed. For years the trend was toward bigger and heavier trains, more powerful locomotives, sturdier construction. The handwriting of the new competition, in the automotive field, was either misunderstood or ignored. If the experiments succeed, they may be the beginning of a new era in American railroading.—New York Evening Post.

Hollywood Divorces

Hollywood divorces in the year 1932 outnumbered weddings by 27 to 21. Compared with railroads and industrials in 1932, one would call that a moderate deficit.—New York Times.

Accommodation for firemen to dress in their uniform inside the tender, to save time, is provided in a new fire-engine designed and built by the men of the Exeter (Eng.) City Fire Brigade.

Ontario Shorts

Had Shod 967,500 Hoofs

J. Dignan, 89, of Exeter, grandfather of Mrs. Guy Brown, Kingsville, has shod more than 976,560 equine hoofs. Until two years ago, this veteran's average was one horse per hour. If horseshoes are good omens, Mr. Dignan needs no lucky star.

Cow Falls Asleep

Dundalk, Ont.—A contented cow at Kimberley, Ont., was being milked so soothingly she fell asleep, slipped to the floor and broke Henry Walton's ankle.

Due to Heat

Towns throughout Ontario report that a tremendous water gallonage was pumped recently owing to the extreme heat. In Barrie, on one day, the pumps turned out 750,000 gallons, which was a high record for all time in that town, and the town had to limit the use of water on lawns to two hours one in the morning and one in the evening.

Rude Boys

London.—Two young boys, trapped high up in a 45 foot tree outside the Victoria Hospital nursing residence, appeared in juvenile court here recently and were ordered to go to church each Sunday for the next three months. Nurses retiring for the night noticed the boys and an interne trapped them until police arrived.

Published in 1898

"Amherstburg, A Souvenir," is the title of a booklet that was published in 1898 and it has been a souvenir of Joseph Bellecoure of Amherstburg for many years. It is a complete story of the town as it was 35 years ago. Historical events, short biographies of the prominent men, sports, with accompanying pictures are all contained in the booklet. The town has undergone many changes since that time. The roads in the pictures are all gravel; the Richmond Street School is just a four-roomed frame structure; nearly all the men have moustaches and sideburns and the ladies are wearing long, flowing skirts, dolmans and bonnets. It is a valuable keepsake and provides a fine reference when one wants to compare notes with other days.—M. A., in Amhurstburg Echo.

Minor Customs Changes

The Dominion Government has announced minor changes in custom house practices intended to facilitate American tourist travel in Canada this summer, E. S. Matheson, head of the Automobile Club of Michigan's touring bureau, reports. Under the new regulations announced by Oliver B. North, assistant commercial attache, of Ottawa, tourists are not required to make a deposit for duty purposes on previously used equipment such as guns, rifles, fishing tackle, golf clubs and cameras taken into Canada on a vacation. In the past the tourist was required to deposit the amount of the duty and taxes on such articles until departure from Canada. Hunting dogs and pets taken into Canada by tourists need only be reported for entry.

Bulk of Wheat Sent To United Kingdom

Ottawa.—Of the 240,136,568 bushels of wheat exported by Canada during the 12 months of the crop year, ending July 31, of this year, 156,461,736 bushles were shipped to the United Kingdom. This was an increase compared with 101,564,164 bushels exported to that country in the previous year.

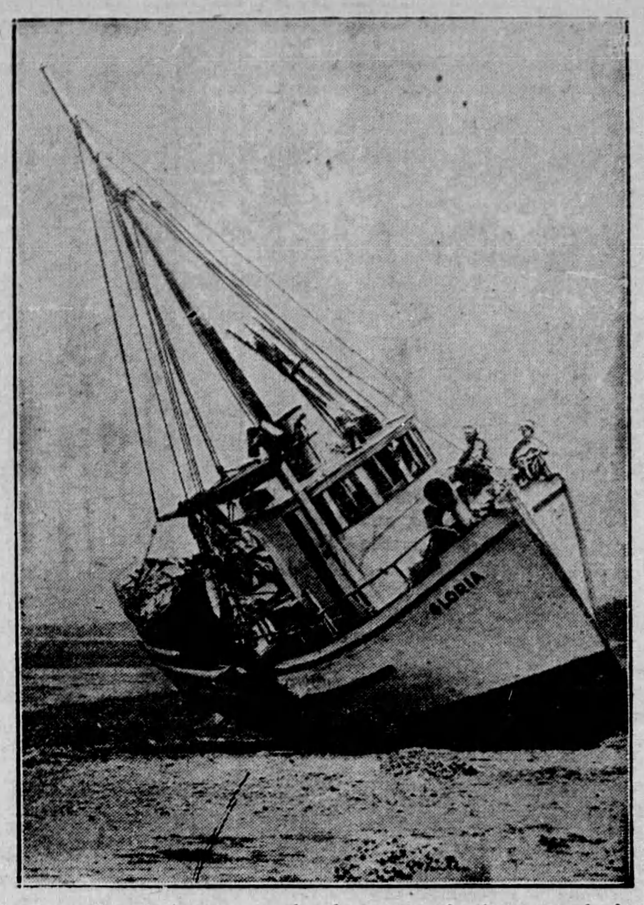
The United States took 304,976 bushels during the period ended July, 1933, as against 4,473,293 bushels. Other countries received 83,369,856 bushels compared with 76,765,935 for the 12 months ended July, 1932.

Canada's wheat crop for 1932 was estimated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at 428,514,000 bushels. The revised figures for the 1931 crop was 321,325,000 bushels.

Miller Sets Channel Mark

London.—Mr. Angus Miller, former naval officer, made a double crossing of the English Channel from Dover recently in his speedboat White Cloud in 1h. 45s., thus breaking the previous record of 65 minutes set by Kaye Don.

Tilted But Not Down?



Puget Sound became enveloped in one of the seasonal fogs, blinding the wheelsman of this halibut boat. However, "Gloria" was later pulled into the sea and refloated when the tide came up.

Ontario Museum To Get 250 Bird Specimens

Toronto.—Bird specimens, numbering 250, collected along the Hudson Bay coast between Churchill and Eskimo Point, are ready for shipment to the Royal Ontario Museum to be added to the collection of 19,000 used for research and ornithological studies. The collector, Arthur C. Twomey, of Edmonton, student of the University of Alberta, who undertakes this work as a private enterprise, has had many specimens accepted by the museum during the past three years. A selection will be made from the shipment when it arrives.

L. L. Snyder, ornithologist at the museum, says the collection of birds from the sub-Arctic is still small. The birdskins used for studies are kept in steel cupboards and placed in long trays, several members of a species together for comparison and examination for variations. The birds appear in natural form, but are, in fact, merely the skins with feet, beak and feathers intact. The skins are turned and stuffed with cotton to provide a body.

The birds from Hudson Bay will not be on exhibition, but share the extensive moth-proofed cupboards that already contain close to 20,000 birds. Of the 768 species which belong to North America, the Royal Ontario Museum has a fair representation, but there is a requirement for larger collections of the Arctic birds to make more complete the knowledge of Canadian species.

Mr. Twomey will spend the remainder of the summer, it is learned, in collecting other specimens found in Northern Alberta. He is one of several ornithologists and naturalists who make collections for the museum.

Sign Painter Clings to Rope Until Rescued

New York.—A sign painter dangled at the end of a broken rope 85 feet above the sidewalk here for 20 minutes until a fireman swinging from another rope seized him and both were hauled to safety.

Philip Stack and George Wilkins were painting a warehouse when a rope on their scaffold parted.

Wilkins slid off the platform and landed on his head, suffering injuries which may prove fatal. Stack managed to hold on to the end of the rope.

King's Highway No. 3 Reaps Results of Publicity

The Southern Ontario Highway Association, with headquarters at St. Thomas and representatives in each of the towns along King's Highway No. 3, for five consecutive years have advertised No. 3 Highway in every Motor Club in the United States.

Pamphlets and letters have urged this route as an all-year route.

No. 3 Maps and Pamphlets went also to many Chambers of Commerce, Travel Bureaus and large Hotels.

They went sent to many hundreds of individual members of Lodges and Service Clubs.

These Maps have had excellent distribution at the borders.

The London Free Press of July 21st, 1933, claims that 75% of U.S. traffic this year is using No. 3. Actual count of cars for the same hours on both highways show that the above figures are conservative.

Although tourists are not spending as freely as a few years ago, they are suporting dozens of retailers along No. 3, who were not even in business on the Highway in former years.

All bankers along No. 3 report extra amounts of U.S. currency coming in on deposit.

All tourists using No. 3 Highway speak in praise of both the road and the scenery.

This advertising campaign which has also included broadcasting for three months over CJGC and WJR has been financed by grants from City and Town Councils, Boards of Trade, Chambers of Commerce and from business firms and individuals.

Every dollar contributed goes into direct advertising. No salaries are paid even for the clerical work. And good as the results are, they can be made much beter in the years that are to come.

Caterpillar Horde Demoblish Trees on Chatham Course

Chatham.—An army of caterpillars coming from the surrounding country, marched across a bridge at Indian Creek here and attacked trees in the Chatham golf course.

Two small trees were eaten bare of leaf in a few minutes and the crawling, wriggling insects advanced towards larger trees.

Cubans Celebrate Overthrow of President

Making matchwood of President Machado's man sion. To celebrate the departure of their despotic president, frenzied Cubans raided the presidential palace and destroyed furniture. Some officials were slain by the crazed mob.

Big Gain Shown At Croydon Airport

Mails and Freight Also Increase—Tourist Trips Popular

London.—Highlights in the annual report on the progress of British civil aviation for 1932 are the extension of the African service from Central to South Africa, and the big increase in mileage and passengers carried on the various services.

Passengers arriving at or departing from the London airport were more than 40,000 as compared with approximately 28,000 in 1931, says the report, which has just been issued here. The total mileage on regular European services was 656,520, or 33,520 more than in 1931. On the Indian and African services, 1,077,000 miles were flown as compared with 653,900. The weight of mails rose from 52½ to 64 tons, and the one ton weight of mails carried one day in December was the largest consignment ever carried on a single flight.

During the summer for the first time special parties of tourists accompanied by couriers left London for various continental tours. As an example, a party leaving Croydon after breakfast were in Lucerne or Lugano for dinner the same evening. An increasing use was made by business houses of the air-rail freight service by which parcels can be sent from 150 railway stations in Great Britain to any of the 50 air stations on the Imperial Airways routes. The air-ocean service by which freight can reach, say, Karachi from New York in 14 days also proves popular.

Air survey was carried on continuously during the year which saw the mapping of 19,305 square miles of difficult country in the upper reaches of the Nile in the Southern Sudan, in Uganda and the Belgian Congo. This survey, begun in 1930 and finished in 1932, would, it is estimated, have taken some 12 years by the old ground methods. In addition to this survey, 1000 square miles in Irak were completed, also a town planning map of Durban and its environs. In India large scale maps of some 20 towns were made in connection with the laying of transmission lines for a big hydroelectric scheme.

In research successful work was done with the vertical wind tunnel at the Royal Aircraft Establishment. In this the problem of the spinning airplane can be studied. Progress was also made in the reduction of noise in aircraft.

Urges More Humanism To Cure World's Ills

Chicago.—A world-wide humanism—derived from man's ability to reason and discriminate—was advocated here as an aid in solving the world's temporal ills.

Raja Jai Prithvi Bahadur Singh, Prince from Nepal, India, who long ago renounced title and wealth, as he explained, "To serve humanity rather than rule a portion of it," recounted his philosophy preliminary to the start of the World Fellowship of Faiths.

Nearly 250 leaders of 100 or more sects will be present for the religious conference to exchange ideas with intent of uniting the inspiration of all faiths upon the solution of man's present problems.

The Indian Prince regarded the fellowship of faiths as transcending from the religious viewpoint the importance of the London World Economic Conference, from the standpoint of political history.

Fairbanks May Now Become British Subject

Hollywood, Calif. — Hollywood now hears that Douglas Fairbanks, in London, had gone to England for good.

There has been no confirmation, but the report met little argument as it swept down Hollywood's Boulevard. Gossipers cited the prospect that the veteran actor planned to make a talking picture version of "Robin Hood," near London. No one here would be surprised, it seemed, if the native of Denver, Colo., decided to become a British subject.

Fairbanks is separated from his wife, Mary Pickford. Their plans for a divorce, if any, have not yet been disclosed.

New Potatoes Sprout From Parent Plants

Galt.—A new menace to the late potato crop, sprouting, has been found in North Dumfries. E. G. Hall, Sprague's Road, digging up some half-developed plants, found young potatoes were sprouting. The only explanation is that the tubers, stunted and retarded in growth by the drought, reached a state of maturity in the dry earth and broke away from the shaws, and with the recent moisture they have started to grow.

10th Chicago Officer Killed Since First of Year

Chicago.—The tenth Chicago policeman to be killed since January 1 fell last week before the pistols of two robbers who obtained $610 from a currency exchange. A few minutes later squads of police cornered four men in an alley. Three of them escaped, but the fourth was wounded slightly and captured.