Voice of the Press

Canada, The Empire and The World at Large

CANADA

Canada's Airports

Canada has ninety-six licensed airports. It is a fair beginning, but over an area as wide as this Dominion an aviator is liable to be a long way from a landing field when it is most needed. The United States has 2,136 airports and landing fields. Many are lighted for night use. Canada will need to push on with this necessary ground work to keep abreast of the times in aviation as it is coming within the next few years.—Ottawa Citizen.

A Boon to Fishermen

"Deep sea fishermen must face many dazards but for Canadians whose vessels go to the great banks off Newfoundland each year some of the risks are diminished by the action of the Dominion Department of Fisheries in sending a doctor with the fleet so that cases of sickness or accident may have prompt attention by a qualified physician and surgeon," an official statement from Ottawa declares.

Last year this sea-going doctor treated 260 patients on the banks, the report shows. In 115 of the 260 cases surgical treatment was required, and the other patients were fishermen who had been taken ill with one sickness or another. In, the preceding year, when the bank fleet was somewhat larger than in 1932, the doctor's cases numbered 362. Some of the cases handled each year are, of course, not serious, but in others dangerous conditions would doubtless follow if treatment by a qualified practitioner was not promptly available. — Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph.

A Sensible British Act

British magistrates have been putting into effect a provision in a recent Act which seems to have so much common sense in it that the wonder is it was not made legal long ago.

Under the Protection of Animals Act which was passed last session, a person convicted of cruelty to a horse, cow, dog or other animal, may be deprived of ownership of the animal by order of the court. In the case of cruelty to a dog a court can order that the owner be deprived for evermore of holding a dog license. This has been done in a number of cases, over and above the usual sentence. Animals confiscated may be destroyed, or given to an organization or individual which will give them kind treatment.

Such a provision ought to be universal.—St. Thomas Tmes-Journal.

Escaped "Booms"

Eight Michigan towns managed to get along in 1932 without levying taxes because they had no booms in the more prosperous years. In other words, no booms, no boomerangs.—From the Kitchener Record.

A Modern Socrates

The people who work on one of the tobacco farms in this locality got a surprise by seeing a young man drink five pounds of extracted honey in four minutes. He won the bet; the bet being if he drank the five pounds in five minutes, the owner was to give him 25 pounls. If the young gentleman could not drink the honey in the time set he was to pay for the five pounds. He won. We all congratulate him and he is still feeling fine.—Hemlock Item in Tillsonburg News.

Unpopular Socially

That Minnesota youth who won the corn-on-the-cob championship by eating 50 ears shouldn't be surprised if he doesn't get any invitations to corn roasts.—Hamilton Spectator.

Use of Hammer

J. B. Ballard, of Lansing, goes to jail because he used a hammer on the family car when his wife told him he could not drive it. A hammer should never be used for that purpose. It was made for driving nails in the walls of rented houses and for operating on the first batch of tea biscuits which the bride bakes. — Stratford Beacon-Herald.

Two Predictions

One doctor says that pre-digested food in the future will make teeth unnecessary, while another predicts that in 100 years toothache will be unknown?? —North Bay Nugget.

Hardly Saw Him

"He stared at me," she complained. 'He had red hair and bushy eyebrows and a grey felt hat and a mole on his chin, and a brown suit and a gray tie. And he looked at me as if he wanted to take in everything I wore—the rude fellow."—Toronto Star.

Agriculture in New Brunswick

A hopeful sign of the times is the evidence which appears from time to time that farmers and shippers of New Brunswick are paying more attention to the quality of wheat they send to outside markets. The latest illustration comes from Carleton County where there is a demand for compulsory inspection of hay. It is anticipated that better prices will prevail this year if the farmers co-operate and compulsory inspection of every carload is provided.

A number of years ago this newspaper told its readers the story of a carload of potatoes from this province shipped to Calgary, the quality of which was such that the purchaser said he was through with New Brunswick shippers. Publicity was also given to complaints from the West Indies. Now potatoes for export are inspected. The proper gradng of apples has also produced good results. The like will be true of the hay trade if right methods are adopted.

The only hope of success in export trade is building up a reputation for quality and for fair dealing. — Saint John Telegraph-Journal.

THE EMPIRE

Linking Up the Police

The scheme to link up Scotland Yard with the provincial police and Continental forces has been definitely launched by the Home Office. Only by co-ordination of every police force in the country is it possible to deal successfully with the daring modern criminal. The organization of the underworld, which is often on a national, and sometimes an international, scale, can only be fought with an adequate counter-organization. — London Daily Mail.

Remained Silent

It is said that had the prophet Jeremiah been alive to-day, he would in all probability have remained silent in the seclusion of the wilderness. There are so many problems, evils and calamities that the task of cursing them all would have overtaxed his talent for vehement but pious invective. — Edinburgh Scotsman.

Changed Outlook in India

The evidence of the sincerity of British intention in the matter of constitutional progress for India has at length overcome the forces of concentrated ill-will and busily-propagated mistrust. The Viceroy's own repeated declarations of keen sympathy with Indian desires and of belief in their ultimate fulfilment, have had specially telling effect. — London Daily Telegraph.

A Rare Spectacle

The young cavalry subaltern was showing an elderly aunt round the barracks. The old lady became confused by many references to military technicalities, but she gamely determined to appear to take an appreciative interest in everything shown to her. "And that," said the sub, pointing to the distant landscape, "is our polo field." "Ah, yes," said the old lady, peering through her glasses, "I often think there's no more beautiful sight than a field of waving polo."—Sporting and Dramatic News, London.

Village Blacksmith's New Art

The renewed popularity of handmade painted ironwork has already saved many a village smithy from being closed down. Formerly all such ironwork reached us from the Continent. Now screens, lamps and wall decorations—rivaling the best French and Italian in workmanship—are being made by village blacksmiths in Devonshire, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire, under the guidance of English artists. —London Daily Telegraph.

As Shortened

For more than half a century an abbreviated form of the name of the Anglesey village Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllandisiliogogogoch has been used at the railway station on the London-Holyhead line, on the L M. and S. Railway, but last week the full name was blazoned on a placard 25 ft. long. This is understood to be in honor of the visit of Prince George to the residence of Lord Anglesey. The name is commonly shortened to Llanfairpwllgwyngyll, meaning "the Church of St. Mary by the white hazel pool," to Llanfair P.G., and even to Llanfair. The full name contains 58 letters and 19 syllables. — London Times.

THE UNITED STATES

Old Enough

A 94-year-old man has just received his diploma at Wofford College, Spartansburg, S.C., 72 years after he first entered the school. At least in interviewing prospective employers he won't be told he is too young for the job.—Los Angeles Times.

Argentina to Give Britain Duty Cuts

Buenos Aires.—Final clauses of a supplementary convention of the British-Argentine trade agreement are expected to be completed soon.

The clauses will grant Britain lower tariffs.

British and Argentine delegates met last week to continue drafting the clauses.

The Senate has approved by a vote of 17 to 2 the general terms of the Mortgage Moratorium Bil, designed to aid farmers and other producers.

Mistress Named Beneficiary In Servant's Will

Taunton, Eng.—"I leave all my property to my dear mistress, Mrs. Bale, for her sole use and benefit."

This 17-word will, published recently, was made by a domestic servant, Miss Fanny Eliza Rowe, of Elm Grove, Taunton. She died last June, leaving £220.

Goodbye Comeback!

Jack Sharkey, former world's heavyweight champion, rests on the ropes when Kingfish Levinsky's rushes him with furious attack.

Centenarian Remembers Rebellion of 1837

Norfolk Country's oldest citizen, Mrs. Catherine Gage, of Simcoe, Ontario, recently celebrated her 100th birthday. Enjoying splendid health, with good eyesight and hearing, she approached the century mark with keen memories of events of her youth. She was born at Glanford, near Hamilton, Aug. 26, 1833, the daughter of Francis Generaux and Polly Smith. Her father came to Upper Canada from Quebec. She was the second youngest of a family of 10.

Although only four years of age at the outbreak of the Rebellion of 1837, she can remember seeing red-coated soldiers passing her father's home. She came to Norfolk to live when quite young, making her home with a married sister at Delhi, Ont. At that time the family lived in a rude log house in the woods, in constant peril from wild animals and marauding Indians.

In 1850 she became the bride of Russell S. Gage, and made her home in Burford, Ont. They enjoyed more than 50 years of married life, Mr. Gage dying in 1904. They had six children, all of whom are dead with the exception of Mrs. Will Hambly of Roskford, Ont.

Mrs. Gage seems not to find her age remarkable. "I never thought I'd be as old as I am," she said. "Still my grandfather lived to be 101, my mother was 91 when she died, and I believe my father was older than that." She made the rather remarkable statement she does not find her age particularly desirable. "I become lonely," she said. "All my friends are gone, and I have outlived all but one of my children.

Mrs. Gage has 21 grand-children and 31 great-grandchildren.

The most dangerous animal in the United States is the man with an emotion and a desire to pass a new law.—Herbert Hoover.

Business, to revive, must practise new methods, adopt new principles and develop a new mind.—Adolf Hitler.

Toronto Boy Cured After Doom Pronunced

Toronto.—Taken to hospital, a victim of tetanus, a month ago, with only three hours to live, Ronald Kerrigan, aged 12, has been discharged from the hospital for sick children—cured.

It was another victory for the youthful athlete, who was quite a boxer at his weight, 75 pounds, in his district. A week prior to his collapse from the disease he had jumped from his wagon onto a garden rake, one of the teeth passing through the right foot. When a doctor was finally called tetanus had set in.

He was unconscious for a week, jaws locked, and doctors and nurses worked feverishly over the little victim. It was said at the hospital this was apparently the only case of recovery from such an advanced stage.

Thirty thousand units of tetanus serum were injected and on three occasions the boy's heart stopped, to be revived by oxygen administered at a pressure of not less than 200 pounds. There was wide interest in the case in medical circles.

Lord Duucannon Cast as Romeo in Ottawa Play

Ottawa.—Lord Duncannon, son of the Governor-General, will be cast in the part of Romeo in Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, presented by the Ottawa Drama League here during the Christmas vacation. The supporting cast will be drawn from the principal little theatres of Canada.

Rupert Harvey, one of the foremast Shakespearean producers in the United Kingdom, will be guest producer. He visited Canada last season as adjudicator of the Dominion drama festival competitions.

Molars Prove Good Bait

Freeport, Tex.—When a bait bites the fish, that's news. Dr. Joe Simmons, Dallas dentist, went after kingfish off this port and used a collection of old molars, artificial gums studded with hooks, the whole moulded together, to make several big catches.

$33,994 In 21 Months Spent on Chaplin Children

Hollywood.—Charlie Chaplin and his former wife, Lita Grey Chaplin, are at sword's point over the lavishment of $33,994 on their two children during a 21-month period.

Replying to his suit for an accounting, Mrs. Chaplin reported that from September 1, 1931, until July, she spent $16,841.54 on Charles Jr., eight, and $17,153.08 on Sidney Earl, seven. Although neither was in court when the accounting was made, attorneys said both would be subpoenaed when Chaplin's counsel assail the expenditures as excessive.

One of the items that will escape questioning is an outlay of $686 for police protection for the two boys, it was said. Many film notables employ private guards to protect their children from kidnappers.

"Board and room" for the children require $275 a month each, the accounting disclosed. A single haircut was listed at $2.50. A European trip, cost nearly $7,000, was one of a number of pleasure jaunts the boys enjoyed.

The boys were not without legal counsel. Their mother listed $3,488 for each, payable to Attorney Edwin T. McMurray, Mrs. Chaplin's uncle.

The expenditures were made from a $200,000 trust fund Chaplin established August 19, 1927, when he and his wife were divorced.

Moose and Bear Tame In Laurentides Park

Quebec.—Moose and bear are so tame in the Laurentides National Park that motorists and tourists who visit the park report being able to get too near these animals, and of having to back away from them to get good pictures.

The Provincial Government has made the park an animal kingdom by prohibiting firearms there, and all visitors are searched.

Numerous moose and bear are reported in the park, but as they have never heard the sound of a gun, and have never been molested, it is no uncommon sight to see either species of animal strolling along the highways that afford a means of communication through the park.

Drastic measures have been adopted to prevent poaching.

Advertising is Credited With Railway's Boost

New York.—M. H. Cahill, chairman of the board and president of the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad, declares that an aggressive newspaper advertising campaign figured prominently in traffic increases in August and during the first half or September.

"New business attracted to the lines as a result of our advertising, plus the improvement in the business situation and the success of our employe solicitation movement, encourages the hope that the road will again be able to earn its fixed charges," he said.

Good Pheasant Season According To Report

Cobourg.—The outlook for pheasant shooting this fall is claimed to be 50 per cent. better than last fall. Looking through Northumberland County today, a great number of flocks of these birds were seen feeding in the fields where grain had been taken off, but plenty had been left on the ground to make good picking for these birds. The farmers are dissatisfied the way the Government handled pheasant shooting last year; nearly all farms were placarded, prohibiting trespassing by hunters, but it did not stop the hunters. The Government had hundreds of inspectors out to see that all hunters were carrying a license, but they did not make any effort to keep shooters from shooting on properties that were displaying prohibitory notices, the farmers state.

Lloyd George In Peaceful Role

Ex-premier Lloyd George has just unveiled a memorial to Lewis Carroll, who made the bunny famous in his immortal "Alice in Wonderland." The six foot mounment stands at Llandudno, Wales.

Declares Somerville Cold-Blooded Golfer

Best Shotmaker is Amateur Field, Says Detroit Writer

Writes H. G. Salsinger of the Detroit News, who attended the United States amateur golf tournament:

Somerville's defeat was neither surprising nor shocking. The London (Ontario) golfer was fortunate to escape defeat in each of his 19-hole matches on Wednesday. Five times during his two rounds Somerville looked like a certain loser, but each time a great competitive spirit carried him on. Strictly off his game, the sandy-haired Canadian kept bucking disaster. Twice on Wednesday, he went to extra holes to beat his opponents, but it was certain that the same thing could not keep happening. He finished the Thursday morning round two down and he finally lost two and one.

Somerville is not a good putter. He was a bad putter in this tournament, and he was off with his tee shots and did not control them well. In the heavy rain yesterday afternoon he hooked his first drive about 30 yards off the fairway and cleared the green with his second. He became three down with 17 holes left in which to rectify his mistakes. The fact that he lost by as close a margin as two and one is a tribute to his competitive valor.

Somerville is an excellent golfer. He has poise. He is deliberate and calculating. He has perfect competitive temperament. He is a good shotmaker. Tommy Armour says he is the "coldest-blooded" golfer who has been seen in national competition since Walter Hagen reached the top. He has what golfers call the "fish eye." He is the best shotmaker in the amateur field. But even a Hagen could not win when he failed to keep his tee shots on the line and when his putts were anywhere from three feet to four inches short. That is what wrecked Somerville.

The wise men of golf said that the first young man with a spirit of recklessness who met Somerville in this tournament would beat him and that is what happened. With his clubs betraying him, Somerville became extraordinary cautious while his youthful opponent banged away.

Pensions Change Effective Oct. 1

Amendments to Act Require New Set-up of Administration

Ottawa.—Notice is contained in the current issue of Canada Gazette that amendments to the Pensions Act would come into force on Oct. 1 next. These amendments require a drastic change in the set-up of pension machinery, and reorganization has been going forward a week with no official announcement coming as yet.

The old board of pension commissioners of three members will become the Canadian pension commissioners with not less than eight and not more than twelve members. The travelling pension tribunal of nine members will be disbanded, while the Pensions Appeal Court of three members will remain a part of the system.

It is understood that some difficulty in deciding the necessary appointments has held up reorganization, but the activities of the tribunal ceased over a week ago and several of the members have already left for their homes. The expectation is that all the former commissioners who wish will be absorbed in the new pension commission and some of the members of the tribunal may receive appointments.

Attendance Record Set At South Waterloo Fair

Galt.—The 81st exhibition of the South Waterloo Agricultural Society held recently at Dickson Park was the best in its history, with a record attendance of close to 10,000. The horse show was the feature. Three rings were kept going all afternoon and every class was well filled, one for green jumpers having no less than 28 entries. Horses came from all over the province. Other live stock classes were well filled also.

Lady Clayton Killed As Plane Runs Amok

Brooklands, Enw.—Lady Clayton-East-Clayton, noted young amateur pilot and the widow of the explorer, Sir Robert Clayton-East-Clayton, was killed recently in an unusual airplane accident here.

As she was entering the plane it started up. She tried desperately to climb into the cockpit as the machine rapidly gained speed, but was thrown to the ground violently. As the plane turned over on its nose, her skull was fractured, and she died shortly after being taken to a hospital.

OUR LOT

Never fancy you could be something if only you had a different lot and sphere assigned to you. The very things that you most deprecate, as fatal limitations or obstructions are probably what you most want. What you call hindrances, obstacles, discouragements, are probably God's opportunities.—Horace Bushnell.