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Canada, The Empire and The World at Large

CANADA

Depend On Newspapers

Radio may carry the noise and the color of political meetings, but the newspapers, after all, carry the facts the permanent record and most listeners, having received a certain fleeting impression of what occurred from passages overheard in the intervals of a bridge game or some other domestic enterprise, look to the printed pages for news of what really happened.—Ottawa Journal.

These Teachers Resourceful

Unique and highly interesting is the tale of a vagabond vacation trip taken by two school teachers, one from the Pembroke to the Pacific coast and re-Pembroke tothe Pacific coast and return within two months vacation period, over 7,000 miles being done in a decrepit automobile, at a cost of but one hundred dollars each, including expenses for the car, new clothes and necessary food, was the stunt accomplished by Miss Vera Wagner of Pembroke, teacher at the school at Rankin, and Miss Velma Wingrove, a teacher from Cochrane. — Pembroke Standard.

Progress Along This Line

A total of nearly 60,000 acres of bushland burned over, and 245 separate fires to fight in the Algoma district during the past summer, and not a single log of valuable timber destroyed, is the record of the forestry department this year. In the Sudbury district, despite a season of unusually severe fire hazard, it is estimated that less than 100 acres of merchantable timber were burned over. Very few summers have been as dry as the one just closing, and that the menace of the forest flames has been so successfully met is a matter for satisfaction. Undoubtedly the policy of educating camper, fisherman, hunter, prospector and settler to take greater precaution in the bush against the setting of fires is having its results. This fact, together with the greater facilities in detecting blazes and the efficiency of air patrol and fire-fighting forces, would seem to give assurance that Northern Ontario's losses from forest fires shou'd, with reasonable success, be held down to a minimum.—Sudbury Star.

Iron Imports

In the decade from 1923 to 1932 there was imported into Canada 14,747,059 tons of iron, of which a portion came from Newfoundland, but of which about 10,000,000 tons came from sources outside this Britsh Empire. And this vast importation was carried on despite the fact that Canada has tremendous deposits of iron ore waiting to be developed. In Algoma alone there are probably billions of tons of ore, there being close to 100,000,000 tons of siderite proved up in the New Helen Mine alone, while in other sections of Ontario, as well as in other provinces, there are known to be large bodies which have not yet been fully explored.—Sault Star.

Eugenics

Halifax principal says that engenics are necessary to create the ideal boy. Most of us don't know whether eugenics are fed to a youngster with a spoon or whether we should turn him over our knee to administer them. — Lindsay Post.

Turn of the Tide

It is gratifying to learn that the amount of lumber exported from British Columbia last month exceeded that of any other month in the history of the province. It exceeded the shipments of August, 1929, the totals being 75,432,000 feet and 73,077,000 feet, the latter the total for August 1929, the previous high mark. We are told that since the beginning of this year a definite uptrend in the lumber industry for this province has been noted, and that this has taken place in spite of the fact that the market in the United States and Japan has declined very considerably in recent months. It is to be hoped that the increase in Canada's shipments of lumber to the United Kingdom will be maintained. —Victoria Times.

Highway Bully

The auto truck, which is the swaggering and the brutal bully of the highway, is rapidly wearing out official patience by its senseless, but dangerously destructive abuses. Thus we are told that the roads department of this province has decided to withdraw the licenses from all trucks that exceed the maximum legal speed of 25 miles per hour. Relying upon a power, size and weight far superior to those of anything it may meet upon the highway except another of its kind, the auto truck literally acts in far too many cases as though it "owned the road."—Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph.

New Population

It seems to us that the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress is unnecessarily alarmed over reports that preliminary steps for a considerable migration from Britain to Canada are now being taken. No immediate flood in Canada's direction is possible. But the time is coming, and it is not so far off, when we shall be needing new population and it is only sensible that the groundwork for it should be laid now. A Canada with twenty or thirty million population would certainly have no greater unemployment problem, proportionately, than we have to-day.—Border Cities Star.

Even Plague Has Benefits

Such is the interaction of business in our narrowing world that a plague of locusts in Argentina is proving beneficial to the sheet iron industry in Britain. The plague is being fought by setting up barriers of galvanized iron sheets across the country affected and then disposed of the piles of captured locusts.—Moncton Transcript.

Rough On Flappers

Los Angeles writer says flappers are merely petted, pampered, primping, pouting, posing, painted and powdered puppets. One of them must have told him "Pooh!" or "Pah!" as she got out of the car to walk home. — Border Cities Star.

Poor Jokes

"When friend wife goes through your pockets in the dead of night" is the theme of numerous wisecracks in the newspapers. The joke probably has no more basis than the ancient and equally threadbare one about mothers-in-law. Isn't it a fact that friend husband borrows from the household allowance oftener than the reverse?—Hamilton Herald.

Origin of the Dollar

Contrary to popular belief, the dollar did not originate in America. The first coin that ultimately became the dollar was minted in Bohemia and was known as the Poachimstaler. This was shortened to "taler" and finally became the dollar. — St. Thomas Times-Journal.

THE EMPIRE

Co-operative Marketing in Britain

The two milk schemes for England and Wales and for Scotland, and the British pig and bacon marketing schemes, now all technically "in force," herald a new era for our oldest industry. They are the first steps in a transformation of farming from an individualist to a co-operative basis. We can sympathize with the view of the farmer who hesitates, after exercising his individual skill as a producer, to hand over the produce to the destinies of a mass-marketing board. But it is, nevertheless, clear that the bulk of our imported food, against the competition of which our farmers kick, comes here graded and packed by organized sales agency, and if our farmers are to meet this challenge effectively they must adopt the best marketing methods.—Glasgow Herald.

Slums, Asylums and Prisons

It is a remarkable society that provides lavishly for lunatics and criminals, people whose mental weakness or moral perverseness makes them a menace; while it condemns 3,000,000 fit, vigorous, useful citizens to dwell in hovels not tolerated in either madhouse or prison-house.—London Daily Express.

The British Way

The British way in times of depression has always been to plow on without recourse to revolutions or to economic stunts; to work a little harder and a little more efficiently than the opposition, and turn out a better article; to spend a litle less, save a little more and pay debts. It has been the only sure recipe for industrial recoveries in the past, and humanity is the same now as it always was.—Sydney Bulletin.

Re-Colonization of Britain

There is no man in public life who does not testify to the vital necessity of reversing the present drift from the country to the towns. The nation has realized at last the folly of believing that its prosperity depended on the amount of exports we disposed of to other countries. We never, at the height of our prosperity, sold as much to foreigners in goods as we had to buy from them in food. To-day we have lost a great part of that export market. There is no reason to sit down and moan about that. It only means that we must henceforth grow at home the food we used to buy abroad.—London Daily Express.

Modern Egypt

One of the most significant changes in the everyday life of inhabitants of the great cities of the world, in England, in America and in many parts of Europe, has been the remarkable exodus from the centre of towns to suburbs and even country towns. This has been made possible by the generalization of the use of motor cars and by the immense improvements in and increased simplicity and rapidity of other means of transport. In Egypt this movement is to be observed only in a very minor degree. The residential quarters of Alexandria are gradually moving toward Aboukir, but in Cairo, the largest city in the land, residential quarters are moving upwards instead of outwards, and huge blocks of flats, generating heat and dust, are rising with astonishing rapidity in all the more popular districts. Gone, or gradually going, are houses with gardens, and if the present trend does not change, Cairo, within a few years, will be almost exclusively a city of flat-dwellers. That this is a mistaken policy, especially in a semi-tropical country, cannot be denied.—Jerusalem Palestine Post.

THE UNITED STATES

Hope For the Fat

The name of Dr. H.R.C. Rutherford should be known to all women struggling for slenderness — that is, to all women. Not that he would give them a prescription for going scrawny. In an address to the British Medical Association he said: "I would emphasize the importance of rest and preach the gospel of fatness." All his women patients will probably leave him, but let them wait for a few months. He is on the side of the Paris fashion arbiters, who have fallen en masse, with the rest of Parisian femininity, for one of our plumper movie stars. The considerable curves, the large, dashing hats, the very jewels of this houri are being copied all over Paris. — New York Times.

In Interest of Science

Leo Hudgins, one of the ten convicts at the Mississippi penitentiary at Parchman, undergoing tests to see if the sleeping sickness germ is transmitted by mosquitoes, receiving a bite on his arm from a mosquito which had previously bitten a monkey supposedly suffering from the disease.

Increased Sales Passenger Cars

3,358 Sold in August, With Value of $3,329,191 Bureau Reports

Ottawa.—The total number of passenger cars, trucks and buses sold in August was 3,910, with a retail value of $3,844,685 as against 3,205 valued at $3,047,788 in the corresponding month last year, according to a report issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Passenger cars sold totalled 3,358 in August with a value of $3,329,191, while trucks and buses numbered 552, valued at $515,494, as against 2,646 passenger cars valued at $2,580,988 and 559 trucks and buses with a value of $466,800 in August, 1932.

Kitten Survives Fall

Providence, R.I.—A Persian kitten dropped into an East Side backyard, made a deep dent in the sod, and remained unconscious for several hours, but later recovered in time to eat a hearty supper. Desidents assert that the kitten must have stepped out of an airplane.

Miss Mary F. Makepeace, librarian at the Rhode Island College of Education, into whose yard the kitten dropped, said there were no trees or poles from which it could have fallen. Several planes had circled over the neighborhood during the morning.

New-Born Babe Ties Up Traffic

Madeline Froise Comes Into World on Brooklyn Bridge

New York. — Madeline Froise was born on Brooklyn bridge and tied up traffic for 15 minutes, which makes her quite a somebody in these parts, for there hasn't been so much excitement on the spider-web span since Steve Brodies parked his stogie on the rail and jumped into the river.

Madeline's mother and father were hurrying to a hospital in the family sedan to await the young lady's arrival. Then right in the middle of the bridge. Therese Froise — she's the mamma—turned to Nicholas Froise—he's the papa—and told him to park the car.

And Madeline was born, with the echo of bleating auto horns and hoarse steamboats whistles in her ears. Nicholas wasn't much help. He dashed madly along the line of snarling traffic, begging aid from the women folks. He got only scowls and blushes.

A cop, homeward bound to his own colleens, wormed an escort through the traffic and hurried the trio to a hospital.

There doctors said everything was all right.

Freshman Get Advice At Western University

London, Ont.—In her opening address to the "freshettes" at Western University Dr. Dorothy Turville, recently appointed dean of women, advised the newcomers to "live intensely," to take advantage of the close relationship which exists between the faculty and student body in a small college such as Western, and to profit by the experience of those who have preceded them in the pursuit of higher education. .. ..

"Conquer your shyness," she said, "ask questions. Nobody expects a freshman to know anything."

She spoke of the classroom "as only one phase of college life in the aim at a development of cultivated taste." In introducing them to new responsibilities and the new dignity required to meet them, Dr. Turville concluded by "wishing the 1933 class much satisfaction and much success in the labyrinth of strangeness."

$500,000 Robbery In U.S. is Solved

Police Arrest Four After Working Year on the Case

Denver. — United States District Attorney Thomas Morrissey announces a $500,000 mail robbery in Chicago last December is virtually solved with the arrest here of three men and a woman and the suicide in Chicago of Edgar B. Lebensberger.

Those held were:

Raymond Holwell, 44, Denver stock

Theodore Norell, 27, Denver.

Mrs. Bernice Sullivan, 32, of Chicago, who officers said resided at Norell's home with his mother.

Francis Sullivan, 43, of Chicago, husband of Mrs. Sullivan.

Morrissey said a fifth person, Robert E. Bartlett, former private detective, is sought here for questioning in connection with the case.

Woman Given Judgment Against City of Toronto

In awarding Mrs. May Irving judgment for $500 and costs in a damage action following her tripping over defective sidewalk, Chief Justice H. E. Rose, in Supreme Court of Toronto, said personally, as a ratepayer in Toronto, he was humiliated that on his behalf the city should set up such a defence. "The city should be ashamed to raise such a petty defence," said the Chief Justice.

His Lordship stated that the injuries were caused by the failure of the city to perform its statutory duties in respect to highways, and the plaintiff did not show any negligence to cause the accident. The defence claimed the service of notice had not been made according to statutes and pointed out that a letter had been written by plaintiff's husband, setting forth the details of the accident, which ended "awaiting your reply." This, he held, was sufficient notice.

King Grants Right To Title "Honorable"

Montreal. — On recommendation of the Governor-General, King George has granted to Charles Archer, retired puisne judge of the Superior Court of Quebec, permission to retain the title of "honorable" throughout his lifetime. Mr. Archer retired last month. Former Justice Francis Brooke Gregory of British Columbia has been similarly honored.

Tear Gas Disperses Strikers

Citizen deputies, wearing [illegible] charged pickets at Ambridge, Pa., when strikers sought to prevent workers from entering a steel plant. When strikers ignored sheriff's command to disperse, the citizens charged. The haze in the photo is tear gas.

Finland Extends Market in Britain

New Treaty Insures Part in Lumber and Butter Trade of U.K.

London.—Important mutual concessions are contained in the new trade agreement between the United Kingdom and Finland, the latest of a series of new trade agreements negotiated by the United Kingdom and made public last week.

Finland agrees to buy 75 per cent of her total coal requirements from Britain. The United Kingdom also gets substantial reductions in various tariffs, notably for certain lines of cotton textile.

In turn the United Kingdom agrees not to make any increase in the existing 10 per cent duty on Finnish birchwood and plywood, and reduces the duty on sewing-cotton reels from 20 to 15 per cent. Finnish newsprint, wooden pit-props and wood pulp, important Finnish exports, will henceforth enjoy the same treatment as is accorded to Sweden.

Finns Get Butter Quota

So far as agricultural products are concerned the United Kingdom guarantees to grant Finland an equitable share in any quota limit that might be imposed on imports, while in the case of butter the Finnish share of Britain's imports will not be reduced below 189,000 hundredweights, or 22,176,000 pounds, yearly.

Women's Arts and Industries Exposition Includes Beauty Booth

New York.—For the first time in the 12 years of exhibiting things of interest to women in New York the annual exposition of women's arts and industries, will devote a complete and serious exhibit to cosmetics. Maybe it's an art, or maybe it's an industry. Miss Florence Wall, Chairman of this particular show, had this to say:

Mysteries and Secrets.

"Modern women are tired of mysteries and secrets that have surrounded beauty aids. They want to know what cosmetics are made of, what the jars they buy actually contain and why a particular cream may be good or bad for them. And, of course, how to obtain the best results."

Miss Wall, a fellow of the American Institute of Chemists, majored in chemistry at college and during the war did analytical and research work in soaps, dyes, airplane dopes and essential oils.

Argentina Opposes Cuts In Government Salaries

Buenos Aires, Arg. — Argentina's 1934 budget, estimating revenues at $311,703,369 and expenditures at slightly less than that figure, has become law with final approval by the Senate. Senor Federico Pinedo, Finance Minister, announced that it was "inadvisable" to reduce salaries of government workers, but declared that the Administration intend making all it possibly could.

The Senate also passed the tariff accord with Great Britain, the new rates now becoming a law. A measure exempting National Mortgage Bank bonds from the income tax was also passed and sent to the President for his signature.

Farmers Advised To Plant Trees

Farmer's Advocate: A farmer with light land, not too profitable for farm use, should pause and think what it would be worth to his son 20 or 30 years from now if set with pine. One aim in the life of almost every man is to build up an estate. Trees will grow into wealth on light soil which might otherwise remain a worthless legacy.

Dates of Manitoba Regional Festival

Dominion Drama Competition for Bessborough Trophy to Take Place in February, 1934

Feb. 15, 16 and 17, 1934, were announced as the dates of the Manitoba regional festival in the Dominion drama competition for the Bessborough Trophy, by Lady Tupper, chairman of the Winnipeg committee.

To place the festival on a more self-sustaining basis financially, Lady Tupper said, the central committee had urged local bodies to prepare themselves to meet more of the burden which in 1933 was carried by the festival sponsors. With this end in view, it had been decided to place the travelling grant given last year on a different basis. Competing groups from Ontario and Quebec would be asked to meet their own expenses, while the rest of the country would be divided into zones, the more distant of which would receive larger grants. The proposed grant for the Manitoba region was $200.

In addition, it had been asked that each competing group should pay an entrance fee of $20 to the central committee to meet the expenditures of an adjudicator who would tour the country.