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Canada, The Empire and The World at Large

CANADA

Another Peddler Gyp

One day the past week a tall, middle-aged man with a moustache called on places of business and private residences selling what was described as a new kind of mucilage in stick form. As the demonstration seemed convincing, a good many people bought and paid a dime for the patented sticker, but after the stranger had gone his way and trials were made of the glue it was found to be useless. As a matter of fact the supposed solidified mucilage appeared to be nothing but a resinous mixture with no adhesive qualities at all. The patented sticker was wrapped in a small label bearing the supposed address of the manufacturers in Toronto.—St. Mary's Journal-Argus.

New Highs

During the month of October just closed, a total volume of 203,515 tons of traffic passed inward and outward at this port. This is a new record for Halifax Harbor, and the figures exceed the previous record established in August of this year when a total of 177,000 tons was handled. These traffic increases are not spasmodic, but are being sustained week by week and month by month, and he would be a sorry pessimist indeed who would fail to find in figures of this kind reason for great encouragement and satisfaction.—Halifax Herald.

Birth of Telephone

The people of the United States claim that that country is where the idea of the telephone was conceived, and the claim is still maintained, notwithstanding that Dr. Alexander Bell stated publicly at Brantford, and later at Boston, that "the conception of the telephone took place during the summer visit to his father's residence in Brantford in 1874, and the apparatus was just as it was subsequently made a one-membrane telephone on either end. The experiment of August 10, 1876, made from Brantford to Paris, was the first transmission, the first clear and intelligible transmission of speech over the real line that has ever been made."—Milverton Sun.

Plan Not Understood

Latest estimates place the population of the United States at 130,000,000, and the New Yorker observes that by a remarkable coincidence this is exactly the number of people who do not understand Roosevelt's gold-purchase plan.—Hamilton Spectator.

Unwise

The St. Mary's Journal-Argus voices a protest against the custom of removing hats during funeral services—a custom which has resulted in many deaths. It should be possible to conduct a funeral service without causing more funerals, and to pay respect to the dead without injury to the living. The uncovering of heads in inclement weather is unnecessary and unwise.—Toronto Star Weekly.

Buy Made-in-Canada

A useful campaign, which has been in force for some years, is now being pursued all over Canada—the campaign to buy Canadian goods. It is not necessary to push chauvinism to the point of boycotting all merchandise of foreign origin; this is neither possible nor practical. Nevertheless, it is reasonable, each time we get the opportunity, to show our preference for what is manufactured in our own country by our own fellow citizens.—La Tribune, Sherbrooke.

The Instinct of the Land

Everyone engaged in an urban pursuit has a vital interest in seeing that industry prospers. What is so astounding is that this manifest truth does not appear to be recognized—in such a way, that is, as to provoke any action—except by a very few people; that so many people seem not to know what is going on in the country, that, in short, the agricultural interests find so few people to interpret them in urban centres. This singular phenomenon, a particularly strange one in a coutry where the urban population is still, from its origins, so close to the soil is perhaps due to the fact that a very small number of citizens have retained their country connections. In France and in Britain many people who occupy eminent positions in the liberal professions or in business possess lands which they themselves work or get others to work for them. Thus they know the daily lives of farmers and the repercussion of high and low prices. With us this is far too rare an occurrence.—Le Devoir, Montreal.

Values Herself Highly

The girl at Lynn, Mass., who announces that she will marry any man who will support her parents and her ten brothers and sisters must be sort of mixed up. What she wants to marry is the Rockefeller Foundation.—Macon Telegraph.

Disadvantages and Advantages

It is indeed gratifying to learn that the Trans-Canada highway between Pembroke and North Bay is practically finished and that by December 15th it is expected that all the work will be done, and the men sent to other points. This will assure us of far greater tourist traffic, and it will be interesting to watch its development. In due time the highway through the Algonquin Park will have been finished as well and with its terminus at this point we should then know what the tourist traffic actually means to Ontario. While no doubt this Pembroke-North Bay highway could have been constructed at a much less cost had the work been done by contract labor, yet the fact remains that had it not been for this depression, and relief employment given to the thousands of men, this work would not have been completed for the next twenty years.—Pembroke Standard.

One Editor to Another

From the columns of the St. Catharines Standard we lifted this:

The whistles blew in Stratford yesterday morning and it is a real pleasure to report that the editor of the Stratford Beacon-Herald is awake once again.

All of which is quite correct, and as soon as we can truthfully do so we shall be pleased to publish a similar report about the editor of the Standard.—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

Canadian Fox Best

Recently the Saint John Telegraph-Journal published the statement that the quality of the furs from the foxes reared in Germany were not as good as those from Canada. On making enquiries in London from the most authoritative sources, it appears that this statement is corroborated. Silver fox pelts received from Germany and sold in the London market are reported to be "not of more than average quality." The superiority claimed for Canadian fox pelts is indisputable, at any rate, so far as pelts of German or Scandinavian origin are concerned. It is held by many experts that even the best British-bred foxes are not quite the equal of the best that comes from Canada, and for breeding purposes it will be found advisable for British fox farms to improve the breed by the occasional importation of the best stock from Canadian ranches. — Canada (London).

Hail, Dauntless Derreen!

Hats off to Dauntless Derreen, M. H. Rutledge's White Leghorn hen which at Agassiz laid its 367th egg and tied the world's championship egg-laying record of No Drone 5-H of Port Kells, also of British Columbia! During the last week or more Daunt-Dorreen was an international figure. She chased Cadborosaurus off the head-lines of the continental press; she became a topic of conversation on the elevated and in the subways of New York. Bets were offered on her prospects of eclipsing the championship, and then, when she missed a day because she over-worked herself on a particularly large egg, on her prospects of equalling the record. If she had only put a little less into that big egg and left enough for a smaller one she would have over-matched No Drone.—Victoria Times.

THE EMPIRE

Australia's North

The presence in Adelaide of the manager of Victoria Downs station in the Ord River country has drawn attention to the vast estate Australia has in the north. The area of the property, which is controlled by Bovril Australian Estates, an English Company, is 11,000 square miles, half as big again as Wales. At present it carries 180,000 head of cattle which are driven 300 miles into Wyndham to the meat works. The white population of the vast track is below 50.—Empire Press Union's Australian News Letter.

Motorists and Insurance

While everyone discusses what steps should be taken to lessen the appalling loss of life on the roads, it is worth while also to consider whether the compulsory insurance provisions in the Road Traffic Act have proved as satisfactory as we had hoped in guaranteeing compensation to road accident victims or their dependents. Recent cases in the courts have shown that the underwriters are not legally liable to pay compensation in cases where a condition laid down in the policy has not been fulfilled by the owner of the car. If, for instance, at the time of the accident the car, insured for private purposes, is being used for trade purposes, the fact that the motorist carries an insuance certificate does not help the victim.—New Statesman and Nation.

THE UNITED STATES

Toll Insects Take

The annual loss caused in the United States by insects is estimated by the Department of Agriculture to reach a total of $2,000,000,000. Without insecticides, according to Dr. Henry G. Knight, chief of the Bureau of Chemistry and Soils, it would be impossible to feed the world as society is organized to-day. Only by concerted war on predatory insects which disput possession of the earth with man can society be protected against famine and pestilence. The damage to growing plants caused by insects every year in this country is estimated to average 10 per cent. of their value. Dr. Knight places the loss to forest trees alone at $100,000,000 annually.—Washington Post.

Watching Them

Unusual occupation No. 46852. Sam Wardlaw watches patrons of Los Angeles public library from a latticed lookout tower to discover mutilators or book thieves.

Non-Competitive Jobs Sought For Women

Washington.—In the White House east room, Mrs. Franklin D Roosevelt presided over a conference on how to create work projects speedily for 400,000 women.

Harry L. Hopkins, United States relief administrator, was there to place a goal—"work for 250,000 women in the next 30 days"—to say that funds were available to take women, like men, from relief rolis to employment but that imagination thus far had been lacking.

The lights came on in the crystal chandeliers before the women conferees—three members of Congress several Federal officials, a score of presidents of national groups—had ended the discussions that started at noon.

"The one group neglected right straight along has been the unemployed women," Mrs. Roosevelt said, asking "as many suggestions as possible for useful work that won't compete with labor on the open market."

From New York came a telegram saying the best estimate of women unemployment there was 250,000.

"Empire" Displays To Mark Christmas

London.—Over 20,000 assurances have already reached the Overseas League from retail traders throughout the country that special Christmas displays of Empire foods, wines and other products are being arranged.

The Prince of Wales has sent the following message to the league:

"I am very glad to hear that the Overseas League are making a special effort this year, through their branches, to encourage displays, during Christmas week, of Home and Empire products, and are seeking co-operation to make better known the abundant resources of British supply both here and overseas. I wish the League all success in the endeavors that they are making to this end"

British Royalty Selects Christmas Card Designs

London.—A reproduction of a painting by Bernard Gribble of the Henry VII Chapel at Westminster Abbey will be the design on the cover of the King's Christmas card this year. Inside is the greeting: "Wishing you a Happy Christmas and a Bright New Year."

The Queen has chosen a garden scene by Flora Pilkington for hr card. "Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year" is her greeting.

The Prince of Wales's card shows an incident in the life of Sir Walter Raleigh.

Women Should Work Against Crime in U.S.

New York.—Mary Roberts Rinehart, the novelist, said recently that women have before them the greatest crusade they have ever attempted—"throttling the crime situation."

"They have shown by their work in the repeal movement," she said, "what they can do when organized. So now let them go to work on crime."

Mrs. Rinehart discussed a plan of attack on crime which she believed would be effective.

"To begin with, local vigilant committees could be formed by women throughout the country. These could make investigations, first within their own police district, and if a flabby—I mean crooked—police force is found, they could agitate about it. This would lead to the whole community's removal of unworthy police magistrates and judges."

Legally Marries Twice, Now Must Support Two

Montreal.—Louis Kulmonovitch recently was sentenced to three months in jail for failure to support one of his two wives, to both of whom he is well, truly and legally married. Kulmonovitch married a Montreal girl some years ago and went to U.S., where he secured a divorce and remarried—a perfectly legal procedure. But his Canadian marriage was never annulled, and to the Montreal girl he remains married She charged failure to support and won her case.

Prince George's Tour

It is announced from Buckingham Palace that Prince George has been officially invited by the Government of the Union of South Africa to visit South Africa during the early part of next year, observes the London Times. With the King's approval His Royal Highness has been much pleased to accept this invitation. Prince George, under present arrangements, will sail from England about the middle of January. He will travel to South Africa by liner, and will take only a small staff with him. It is expected that he will be away for about three months.

Telephone Cable Breaks

London, Eng.—Half the number of telephone lines between England and the Netherlands and North Germany were put out of action when one of the principal telephone cables broke. A cable ship of the British General Post Office was immediately sent out to locate the breakage. The cable is a new one and runs between Aldeburgh and Domburg in the Netherlands.

King Rewards Gallant Police

Police Officers in Football Kit Arrest Midnapore Magistrate's Murderers

London.—The King's Police Medal has been awarded to additional Superintendent Philip Norton Jones and Inspector Charles Oliver Smith in recognition of their conspicuous gallantry in attacking the assailants of the late Mr. Burge, district magistrate of Midnapore it was announced in a recent London Gazette.

Two Bengali youths shot Mr. Burge on September 2 when he was about to play football. Mr. Jones and Mr. Smith dashed at the assailants and held them until assistance arrived.

Both officers were in football kit and unarmed, and showed complete disregard of personal danger.

Mr. Burge was the third district magistrate for Midnapore to be assassinated.

"I am very glad that they are being awarded the medal. I hoped that they would get it," said Mrs. Burge, the magistrate's widow, who is staying at Camberley, when informed of the awards.

"It was terribly brave of them to tackle my husband's assailants, because they were changed for football and were unarmed"

New Firms Granted Charters in Quebec

Quebec.—The following new companies with head offices in Montreal and having a total capital of $85,000 have been incorporated in the province during the past month, according to the Quebec Official Gazette.

The Landlords' Union Inc., Petroleum Income Distributors Inc., M. Fenster Inc., Terroux Realties Ltd.

New companies outside of Montreal:—Chateau Inn Ltee., Amos, $10,000; Club Megantic Ltee., Gatineau Point, $3,000; Le Jeune Commerce des Trois Rivieres Inc., Three Rivers, $5,000; Northeastern Fisheries of Canada, Ltd., Grand River Gaspe, $27,500; Northern Securities Ltd., Quebec, $27,900; Verdun Hockey Club Inc., Verdun, $5,000.

1,000 German Bachelors Ordered to Get Married

Frankfurt-on-the-Main, Germany.—The burgomaster here has ordered 1,000 bachelors employed by the city to get themselves married.

The order affects city workers all up nd down the line, from officials, to white-collar employes, to common laborers.

Dies After Being Found

Windsor, Ont.—After lying 14 hours helpless on the floor of a barely furnished and cold apartment, Mrs Elizabeth Bennett, aged 77, was found by neighbors and removed to hospital where she died a few hours later. The place bore evidence of extreme privation. Shock and malnutrition are given as the cause of the woman's death.

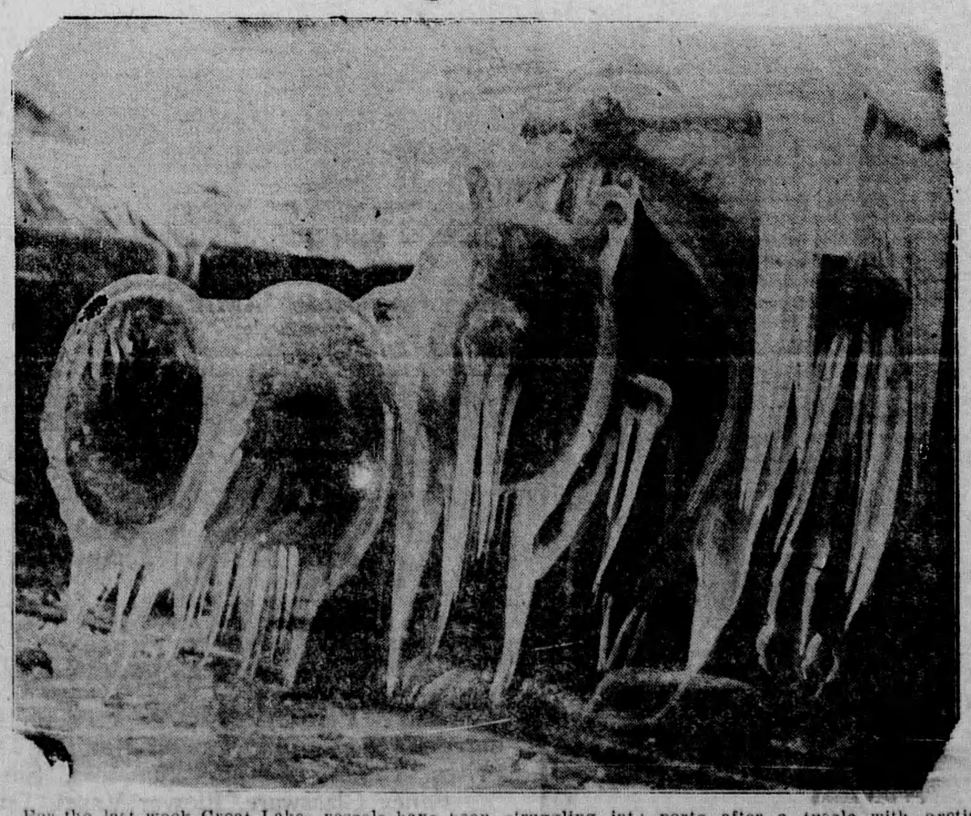
Potatoes, Turnips Frozen

Amherst, N.S.—Thousands of bushels of potatoes and many acres of turnips are frozen in the fields in the Shinimicas and Linden districts, according to Councillor C. Smith, prominent district farmer. Smith said this Fall, as far as farming was concerned, was one of the worst in his long experience.

More Canadian Canned Pears Wanted

Although imports of canned pears in Scotland from Canada during the first six months of this year totalled over 13,000 cases, a Scottish firm in the trade stated that 30,000 cases at least could have been sold, had they been available.

Winter On The Lakes



For the last week Great Lakes vessels have been struggling into ports after a tussle with arctic gales and ice-clad like polar relief ships. Here we see the ice-coated deck winches of the Collier, after limping into port of Toronto from Charlotte, N.Y., with a 6-inch covering of ice and 12 hours overdue.

Father of Canadian Printing Buried in Unmarked Grave

William Brown, a Scotsman, Inaugurated First Canadian Paper in Quebec City

William Brown, the father of Canadian printing, lies buried in Quebec graveyard without even a stone to mark his resting place.

Born in Scotland, the son of "laird of Langlands," William Brown first went to the United States, where he worked with Virginia planters and later studied at the William and Mary College in that state. From college he entered the printing house of William Dunlop of Philadelphia, a brother-in-law of the famous Benjamin Franklin. This led to a promotion in 1760 to manage a printing plant in the Barbadoes, but finding the climate unsuitable he changed his plans and went to Quebec City. Here he inaugurated the first paper in Canada, the Quebec Gazette, printed by Brown and Gilmore at St. Louis Street. It was this proximity to the governmental offices that substantiates the opinion that the powers of the day were taking more than a passing interest in the new venture.

The paper prospered and the firm branched out to include a well equipped booksellers' and stationers' establishment. The partnership with Gilmore, who had been a fellow apprentice in Philadelphia, continued until his death in 1772.

Brown's qualities as a citizen and a craftsman won him the highest praise. At the siege of Quebec he was therefore in all the fighting, shouldering his musket on the walls of the city. He died on March 27, 1789, a bachelor.

After an honored career of 111 years the old Gazette was merged into the Quebec Morning Chronicle and its founder has gone forgotten till lately a resident of the city came across an item in an old edition of the paper which gave the full story of the "Caxton of Canada.' A movement is now under way to raise funds to institute an archaeological and bibliographical exhibition by the Quebec Literary and Historical Society of Laval University, thus bringing belated recognition to this great pioneer.

Says "Unnecessary Bunk" In Education

Halifax. — There is a lot of "unnecessary bunk" in education, says Prof. C. Wilson Smith, head of Dalhousie University's department of education and he would be well pleased if he could do some "debunking before his days are ended"

"It is unfortunate, "the dean told a service club "there is so much unnecessary bunk in so simple and necessary and vitally important a matter as education. It is too bad to have all these amorphous and nebulous thoughts about education such '... knowledge for knowledge's sake' and 'the well-rounded man'

"They don't mean a thing. I defy anyone to give an even remotely intelligent definition of a 'well-rounded man.' Knowledge is of no value whatever if it is never used"

Winnipeg Man Wins N.Y. Gallery Prize

New York.—John A Forlond, of Winnipeg, won first choice in the annual drawing for pictures at the Grand Central Art Galleries and picked Paul King's "Drying Sails."

Mr Forlong, who is the only Canadian member of the Gallery, won the Founder's Day draw and chose for himself a colorful painting of fishing boats drying their sails in sunset glow

King is a Long Island artist who studied in New York at the Art Student's League and afterward under the famous Mawbary.

Capitalizing A "Jinx"

These are days of newspaper anniversaries with such leading publications as the Calgary Herald celebrating its Golden Jubilee and the London (Ont.) Advertised observing its seventieth birthday writes the Halifax Herald.

But down here in Nova Scotia we have an even more unique anniversary—with the Middleton Outlook celebrating Thirteen Years of Progress through the medium of an attractive special tabloid edition.

The fact that "13" is supposed to be an unlucky number apparently has had no influence in the offices of the Outlook. The publishers of that paper just take hold of this alleged "jinx" and make good copy and capital out of it

B. C. Co-eds Primary Object is Education

Vancouver —Miss M. L. Bollert, dean of women at the University of British Columbia, believes 90 per cent of the co-eds go there for an education. She doesn't think their primary object is a pleasant social life.

Some of them are prepared to do house work, even such tasks as dishwashing, in order to pay tuition expenses, she said

New Regulations By London 'Change

London.—The Stock Exchange here is said to be prepared to enforce a regulation that all Imperial loans here will be payable in sterling and free from the imposition of new taxation by the Dominions.