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Canada, The Empire and The World at Large

CANADA

RADIO COMMISSION

The radio commission has been the target of much criticism, a large part of it being of the non-constructive type. Much of this criticism has been unfair. But many Canadian radio enthusiasts refuse to admit this. They realize that the commission has put Canada on the air. Several excellent features by Canadian artists have been developed, some of these being so good that they are broadcast regularly by the United States chains. This means that home talent is being employed and encouraged. A large part of the outlay of the commission is for programs, which financially benefits many Canadians directly and many others indirectly.

Another important accomplishment for which the commission should be given credit is the unification of Canada over the air. The fact that the commission has made it possible to broadcast a Canadian program from coast to coast makes for a feeling of unity.

Nor should it be forgotten that the commission has made radio pleasure general throughout Canada by enabling local broadcasting stations to function by providing them with programs. Were it not for these programs many of the stations would find it exteremely difficult to carry on, and those who are largely dependent upon these stations for their radio entertainment would be deprived of much of the pleasure which they are now receiving. — Strafford Bacon-Herald.

HITLER'S KINDNESS

Out of the kindness of his heart, Germany's Mr. Hitler proposes to allow Germans sentenced to death to choose their own means of exit. Thus, if a man is sentenced to be executed, there will be placed in his cell a vial of poison and a loaded revalver. If, within a reasonable time, the condemnde man fails to make judicious use of either of these, the executioner will simply come along and relieve him of his head in the usual way.—Vancouver Sun.

SLOGANS NOT ENOUGH

In Great Britain they put on a "safety-on-the-highways week." The results was that in that particular week 126 persons were killed and 5,595 injured, the second highest casualty list for British highways on record. The experience suggests that carelessness on the highways calls for something sterner than experiments in good precepts.—Ottawa Journal.

RELIEF FOR BOWED BACKS

Those who have become stoop-shouldered from carrying around pocketsful of paper money will hail with glee the Ottawa announcement that the new Bank of Canada notes—shortly to be issued in denominations from $1 to $50,000 or thereabouts—will be much smaller than our present greenbacks. Smaller, in fact, than the dwarfed currency of United States.—Border Cities Star.

USE OF WORDS

It is related of a Frenchman who studied English that he testified: "When I first discovered that if I was quick I was fast; that if I was tied I was fast; if I spent too freely I was fast; and that not to eat was to fast. I was discouraged; but when I came across the sentence, 'The first one won one-dollar prize' I gave up trying to learn the English language." This recalls the conversation reported by "Punch" from a whist drive long ago. One player in a set remarked "we are two to two." At a neighboring table another player called out "Are you two to two? We are two to two, too." What could the Frenchman make of that?—Hamilton Herald.

COURTESY

Making reference to the death of a notable public man it was said of him that he will be remembered for his unfailing courtesy. That feature was stressed and that is as it should be. There is nothing as fine as unfailing courtesy whether it be in man or woman. It smooths the pathway of life and makes contacts with our fellows much more pleasant. No matter what the business may be, courtesy is a great factor in bringing it to success. But courtesy must be something innate, not forced, the outward expression of an inward state of mind.—Niagara Falls Review.

THE OLD FAMILY DOCTOR

The old family doctor type has been given a new lease of life though many have feared he was soon to be extinct. Dr. A. R. Dafoe, of Callander, who brought the Dionne quintuplets into the world is a case in point. The Journal of the American Medical Association has paid the highest tribute to the doctor, who serves along the concessions and settlements. There is still and will always remain room for the old style family practitioner as well as the other type of physician for both are necessary in this world of births and ills and developments.—Ontario Intelligencer.

BICYCLES AND CHILDREN

"During the past few weeks there have been a number of close calls of boys and girls in town being either killed outright or at least severly injured, as the result of careless riding on bicycles. Just last week a boy, through downright carelessness, ran plum into a motor car, but fortunately neither the bicyclist nor the auto driver was going very fast, and the only result was a bad scare on the part of both. It is useless for the press to warn the children of the danger they run, for that is a duty devolving upon the parents, and every father and mother should impress upon their sons and daughters the absolute necessity of using precaution while riding when crossing streets in the centre of blocks. At crossings pedestrians have some rights, but in the centre of blocks they apparently have none.—Perth Expositor.

FLIES ARE SO STUPID

Flies become a nuisance this time of year. Until now it seems they have been content to go hopping about elsewhere but in recent days they have taken to coming in here. What they expect to find we have not the slightest idea. And yet they sit on the parliamentary guide, the dictionary, look over all the papers and sit on the top of one's head. Flies are mean that way. We are sure flies are stupid. Right near to the building there is a restaurant which keeps open long hours each day and night. If they knew anything at all they would not be wasting their time around an editorial office where no victuals enter. They would be snooping around the restaurant next door or departing on an excursion to the grocery store on the street. Even a brindle cow knows more than to pasture on a concrete highway surface, and a dog knows enough not to start chasing a cat when dinner dishes are being cleared. But the flies seem to be such stupid things.—Walkerton Times-Herald.

THE EMPIRE

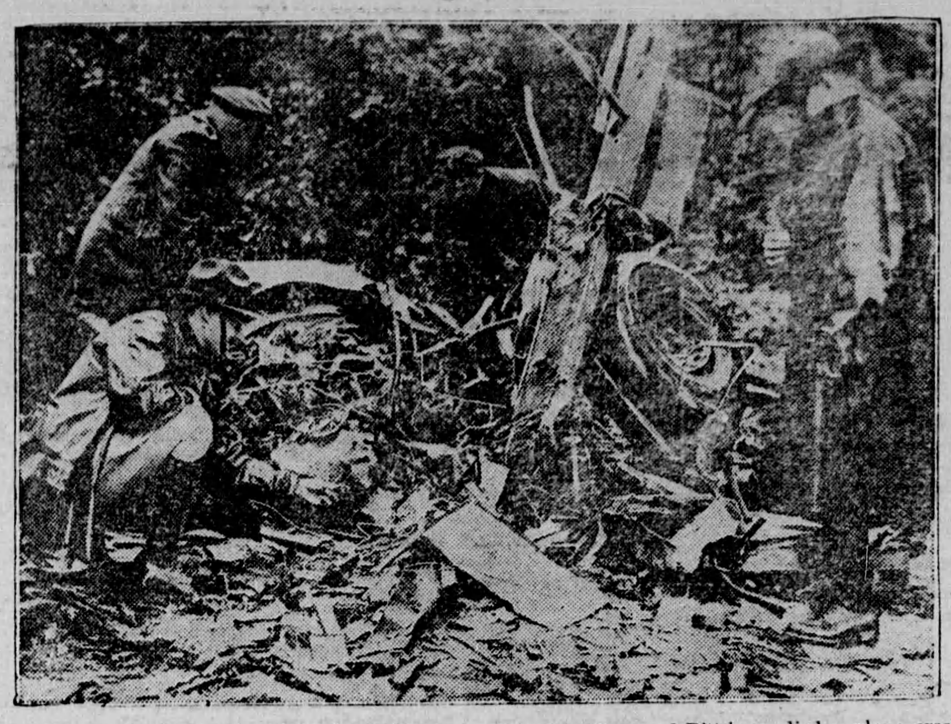
AN AGED VINE

The grapes on the 166-year-old vine at Hamption Court Palace are now ripe, and cutting was begun on Sunday. The fruit was sold to visitors at 6s a pound, including a carrying basket made by the blinded inmates of St. Dunstan's Hostel. The grapes on the vine, which was planted in 1768, are of the black variety and of fine quality, the bunches averaging from 1 lb. to 1 1-2 lbs. in weight. The vine is bearing about 500 bunches—some years ago the yield was about 2,000 bunches. During the Summer the vine has been inspected by thousands of visitors, who have paid a penny each to enter the vinery.—Inverness Review.

BUILDERS OF ENGLAND.

Devonshire raises the agricultural laborer's wage. It is the fourteenth county to do so. The laborer is too often forgeotten when we think of agriculture, but the yeomen of England built her greatness in the past.—London Express.

'Chute Tangles, Pilot Dies



Enroute to Rhode I land with load of tear ga , Pilot Ten Taney of Pittsburg, died as plane crashed near Bedford, Pa., his chute becoming entangled in plane.

Jobless Man "Ends It All" By Sitting Nude on Hornets' Nest

Tampa, Fla.—The stings of scores of hornets killed Ramon Perez, 34, unemployed cigar maker who leaped nude into a colony of the insects with the avowed intention of killing himself.

Perez died after suffering hours from the stings. He was in the swarm of hornets for about 10 minutes. He went from his home to an adjoining vacant lot, removed his clothing, and sat down in the midst of the insects.

While someone called the fire department, Perez's mother rushed to the aid of her son.

He refused to heed her appeal to flee. Finally, after firemen had begun burning weeds in order to smoke out the hornets, she dragged him from the lot.

Every part of his body was distorted to more than twice normal size. He refused medical treatment.

Leather Bows, Flowers, Bracelets and Clips, Fashion's Latest

There are frills and thrills for the feet in Paris—if seeing is believing.

Afternoon dresses of marvelously colored prints are all a rustle with frills and ruchings, large and small. Some are of the frock itself, while others stand out in crisp white contrast around the neckline and cuffs.

And the new shoes are not to be outdone. They, too, repeat this ruffled theme. The just-out blue and brown kidskin shoes have nifty little butterfly bows and odd trimmings lined with white, knotted coils of stitched and pleater kidskin tabs.

Leather flowers are doing their smart duty several places too —on plain kidskin pumps, either at the side or in front, and also are to be found trimming leather and fabric purses, belts, hats and the gauntlet cuffs of gloves.

Leather bracelets and clips are new —some trimmed with metal and some even set with stones while others are content to ornament themselves with knots of leather or bits of bead, glass or straw.

Heads Two Sets of Five Generations

Proud head of two sets of five generations, and with 14 children, seven living between 50 and 60 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren, David Noakes of London, England, celebrated his 100th birthday. He was married twice.

New Homes Provide Room For Games

Ten out of twelve of the houses being built today provide game rooms, a prominent architect declares. He is not talking solely about luxury homes, he insists, but about moderate-priced structures to be occupied by families with average incomes.

"The game room has come to have a definite place in the home scheme," he explains. "Especially is it important when there are young people growing up in the house. The game room gives them a place to which they may bring their friends and find equipment especially designed for the kind of amusement they like best Most important of all, since the ideal game room generally is isolated as much as possible from the rest of the house, the young folks can make all the noise they please and nobody else will be disturbed."

The ideal place for the game room, of course, especially when it must be inserted into a house that already has overtime use for every room, is the cellar. The cob-webby, cluttered basement, useful only for holding the furnace and those intricate winding pipes that nobody ever seems to know the use of anyway, is no longer fashionable.

WILLING HELPERS AVAILABLE

The clever householder, contemplating the installation of a game room, will interest not only his young people but the sons and daughters of his neighbors in the project. Then, before he knows it, he will have a volunteer corps of carpenters, fixers and planners whose eager enthusiasm will make up for minor lacks in technical skill.

In some successful cellar playrooms, the ugly fixtures of which every basement seems to unnecessarily full, are hidden by false walls. But if they must show, it the youngsters paint them to match the genral color scheme.

STAGE IN ONE CELLAR

One cellar playroom that has proved especially successful in a large family has one corner devoted to a stage where amateur theatricals are performed. Another, belonging to a family of fishermen and hunters, is decorated with the trophies brought home by proud anglers and good shots. If it is not possible, as it sometimes is not, to dedicate an entire room to the game idea, the living room may be made to serve the purpose if one corner is fitted with a table for games and comfortable chairs for the players.

The room where Norma Shearer and her husband entertain their friends at cards has walls panelled in dull-finished wood and a floor carpeted in dull blue-green, with furniture covered in various shades of beibe and brown and draperies in henna.

YOUR DRAPES

You can carry out any color scheme with little expense if you are clever with your fingers. Unbleached cotton may be dyed at home to any shade you wish. A ball fringe to match may be bought for a few cents a yard. Checked or plaid gingham or an inexpensive cretonne may be used to cover old furniture and you may buy lovely shades of paint and lacquer and have a perfectly lovely time "doing up" your game room to the Queen's Taste at an expenditure of a few dollars.

Such a room may well provide fun for all the members of the family. Mother could have her bridge club there or Dad his poker party without disturbing the rest of the house. There might be a folding ping-pong table and if there is a small stage, there could be charades, tableaux and all sorts of "stunts" for both your own children and the neighbors. It would be a good way to keep the youngsters at home during the long winter evenings.

Improving Economic Position Shown By Latest Relief Figures

Ottawa.—Arresting statistics made available by the Department of Labor show, as one of the most satisfactory features of the Dominion's improving economic position, the extent to which expanding Canadian business is affording re-employment to the heads of families.

As compared with May, the figures show, the number of heads of families drawing direct relief dropped from 265,796 to 226,959 for the month of August just ended. During the period, accordingly, approximately 39,000 Canadian family heads achieved a sufficient measure of economic re-establishment to do without public aid.

The number of dependents who were dropped from the relief rolls as a consequence was no fewer than 174,934.

The drop throughout the summer in the number of direct relief recipients has been steady, as each month has afforded a higher volume of employment. Costs to the Federal Treasury are also, accordingly, on the down grade. Whereas the May cost was $$6,500,000.

In May there were 43,845 individual cases of single unemployed men being cared for and in August only 30,432. Single men employed on highway works, Federal and Provincial, dropped in the period from 36,597 to 24,920.

The relief picture, it is further understood, would be immeasureably bright were it not for the unfortunate conditions which have overtaken Saskatchewan. That province alone has 143,000 people receiving assistance. This handicap to the general statistics is regarded by officials as making the improvement which is shown all the more impressive.

Marine Disasters In Past Century

While the loss of life in the Morro Castle tragedy was appalling, other marine disasters of the past century have taken bigger toll.

Following is a list of the more notable marine disasters in the last 80 years:

March, 1854 — Steamer City of Glasgow left Liverpool for Philadelphia; never heard from; 450.

Sept. 13, 1858—Steamer Austria, Hamburg to New York, burned in mid-ocean; 471.

Oct. 25, 1859 — Steamer Royal Charter wrecked; 446.

April 27, 1865 — Steamboat Sultana, with exchanged Union prisoners, destroyed by boiler explosion on Mississippi, near Memphis; 1,700 (approximately).

Oct. 29, 1867 — Steamers Rhone and Wye and about 50 other vessels wrecked at St. Thomas, West Indies, by hurricane; 1,000.

Sept. 7, 19 9 — British warship foundered off Finisterre; 472.

April 1, 1873 — Liner Atlantic wrecked off Nova Scotia; 547.

Dec. 6, 1874 — Cospatrick burned at sea, 470.

Sept. 3, 1877—Princess Alice sunk in collision in the Thames; 700.

Sept. 19, 1890 — Turkish frigate Ertogrul foundered; 540.

March 17, 1891 — Utopia sunk by collision off Gibraltar; 574.

June 25, 1894—Steamship Norge wrecked in North Atlantic; 600.

Feb. 15. 1898 — Battleship Maine blown up in Havana harbor; 260.

July 4, 1898 — La Burgogne in collision with Cromartyshire; 560.

June 15, 1904—Excursion steamer General Slocum burned in East River; 1,021.

June 28 — Steamer Norge wrecked off Scotland; 646.

Sept. 13, 1905 — Japanese warship Mikasa sunk by explosion; 599.

April 14-15, 1912—Titanic sunk by iceberg; 1,513.

Sept. 28 — Japanese steamer Kickermaru sunk off Japan; 1,000.

May 29, 1914 — Empress of Ireland sunk in collision with Danish collier Storstadta; 1,024.

May 7, 1915—Lusitania sunk by German submarine; 1,198.

July 24 — Excursion steamer Eastland capsized in Chicago River; 812.

Feb. 26, 1916 — Cruiser Provence sunk in Mediterranean; only 870 saved of nearly 4,000 aboard.

June 5—Cruiser Hampshire sunk by German mine; Earl Kitchener and several hundred others lost.

Aug. 29 — Chinese steamer Hsin Yu sunk off China; 1,000.

July 9, 1917 — British warship Vanguard blown up at her dock; 800.

Dec. 30 — British transport Aragon torpedoed in Mediterranean; 610.

April 25, 1918—Chinese steamship Kiang-Kwan sunk in collision off Hankow; 500.

May 10—British troopship Santa Anna torpedoed; 638.

June 14—U.S.S. Cyclops left Barbadoes and never heard from; 293.

July 12 — Japanese battleship Kawachi blown up; 500.

Oct. 6 — Otranto, British ship with Us.S. troops, sunk in collision off Scotland; 431.

Oct. 10 — Steamer Leinster torpedoed; 480.

Jan. 12, 1920—French steamship sunk in Bay of Biscay; 500.

March 18, 1921—Steamer Hongkong sunk by rock; 1,000.

Jan. 26, 1926 — Steamer Antinoff lost in storm in mid-Atlantic; crew rescued by the President Roosevelt, which lost two lifeboat men.

Oct. 16 — Troop ship blown up in Yangtse River at Kiukiang, China 1,200.

Oct. 25, 1927 — Principessa Mafalda sunk by explosion off Porto Seguro, Brazil, 314.

Nov. 12, 1928 — Vestris foundered in storm off Virginia Capes, 110.

Celebrate Hop Harvest

Boom Hop Harvest in Oregon with record prices likely is being celebrated by 20,000 Oregonians in festival at Independence, Ore. Queen Marjorie Plant (right) awards picking trophy to Mabel Allen.

Python Pet

Bring on all your poisonous snakes, venom and all.. This young man known as Johannes, attendant at snake park at Port Elizabeth, South Africa, toys with them as a baby does a rattle. Here he's caressing a python.