Voice of the Press

Canada, The Empire and The World at Large

CANADA

EUROPE'S DEFECT

Travellers who return from Europe are fond of telling the great number of ways in which Canadian life is more pleasant than European. But it remained for a newspaper correspondent to get down to the real essentials. This man remarked recently that the chief trouble with Europe is that you can't buy decent tomatoes or corn on the cob there. — Vancouver Sun.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Overflowing congregations are causing several English cathedrals to enlarge their accommodation. This increasing interest in religion is not confined to any particular area of the country, nor to any class or society. Blackburn in the heart of the cotton industry of Lancashire is to spend 190,000 pounds on additional space for public attendance at its cathedral services.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

SLEEP ORGIES

There can be orgies of sleep, says Lord Horder, the King's physician. Young people should not be denied adequate sleep, "but," he continued, "when young people between the ages of 20 and 25 still come down to their breakast at any old time after father has gone to business—that is encouraging orgies of sleep; and I would put it in the same category as bad habits which are induced by alcohol and hypnotic drugs and should be resisted.—Moncton Transcript.

DOLLS

There are considerably more than 2,000,000 dolls made in Canada in a year, dolls of all kinds. These charming playthings for Canadian babyhood and girlhood run into real money, without taking account of the imports. The factory prices for those two millions made in Canada aggregates about $312,000.—Bureau of Statistics.

THE REAL TEST

You think men are stronger than women? Then show us a man who can cook a meal with two babies under foot without going crazy. — Tweed News.

VINTAGE YEARS FOR SARDINES

There is a Scot named Moar who is a licensed victualler in Old London —who features sardines on his menus

Mr. Moar is an authority on sardines, and speaks of their vintage years with the same affection as an Italian innkeeper speaks of wines. He has his cellar for storing them for years, turning the can over once a month so that the olive oil will properly seep through the fishes.

For those who are interested in sardines, take Mr. Moar's word for it that the best vintage years in modern times are 1908, 1910 and 1917. The 1908 vintage is so rare now that Mr. Moar only serves them to his special friends and on special occasions. He lays down the principle that sardines are not "fully matured" until they have been kept in the can for 25 to 30 years. —St. Thomas Times-Journal.

THRILLING FORTY YEARS

It may well be doubted whether the Canadian club ever entertained a man with a more unique careers or a greater hero, than Sir Wilfred Grenfell, its recent guest. As a young medical man he chose to cast his life among the fisherfolk of the Labrador Coast. There he has labored for two score years and his work has awakened the interest of the English speaking world For years he has advocated that Labrador should become part of Canada. He has established hospitals and also schools, and acted as a preacher, teacher, physician and surgeon, magistrate, evincing the keenest and most sympathetic interest in the various problems of a seafaring coast people. He has aroused an interest in agriculture and horticulture and other spheres of activity, until the residents feel that their efforts are no longer restricted to fishing. He has invented a cloth for suiting, and performed many other notable services. The narration of some of his experiences thrilled the large audience present. As a marked recognition of his great work to this little known section of the Empire, His Majesty conferred on Dr. Grenfell some years ago the Order of St. Michael and of St. George. In fact, he was the first to receive this distinguished order for missionary work. He ranks as one of the great heroes of our time.—Toronto Mail and Empire.

STAY AWAY

A correspondent writing to the Beacon-Herald from the Sturgeon River gold field gives advice regarding the equipment one should take there. He says that it is well to bring $200, mostly in small bills. Better still, he adds take a chance and lose your $200 at home. He is certain the greenhorn or the little fellow has not got a chance in the new field.—Stratord Beacon-Herald

SOMETHING TO AIM AT

Those who take pride in the height of their hollyhocks and gladiolas may be interested in hearing that a certain seaweed in the Pacific attains a length of 1,500 feet while another variety has a stem more than 400 feet long.—The Winnipeg Tribune

CHEAPEST AND BEST

Sir Charles Higham, British advertising specialist, finds that bread the cheapest of all foods heads the list of nutritive foods. Widespread acceptance of that simple truth would soon bring about disappearance of the surplus of the world's wheat.—Brockville Recorder and Times.

CAN BABIES ALWAYS DO WELL?

Dr. Alan Brown, of Toronto, told a gathering in that city that there are 307 diseases which a child can have but of that long list only 100 are formidable. He also stated his belief that the 100 diseases are preventable.

At times we read of folk who reach the age of 90 or 95 years and they recall with a triumph which sounds something like boasting that they have never been sick in bed a day in their lives. We take it that such people having felt miserable at times, kept on puttering about and probably took their bitters standing up rather than leaning on the elbow in bed.

When Dr. Alan Brown says children's sickness is preventable to the extent of 100 per cent, we cannot with technical intelligence combat such a claim, but with the perversity of a layman's mind we can doubt it. The Dionne children have had splendid treatment and much care has been invested in their health, but it was not many weeks ago that they had some sort of trouble in their little tummies and innards generally. One started the performance and it ran right along until it had tagged the entire five.—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

WHERE JOHN D. MISSED

When Mr. John D Rockefeller built Radio City in New York, the world was told the ultimate in music halls had been achieved. Never had anything so fine been erected as a theatre. It was supposed to have all the latest wrinkles in equipment, and a few things that were considered years ahead of any one else.

But one old-fashioned, yet ever popular performer could not stage his show in Radio City. He was Thurston the magician. When the man of magic went to arrange for his act he found they had not put a trap door on the stage.

So Thurston did not play the world-famous music hall. For the slickest of magicians is just an ordinary individual when the stage has no trap doors. —Border Cities Star.

LOOKED THE JAIL OVER

A Regina lawyer who took his client defendant in a wife-beating case, to visit the provincial jail, was able to report to the magistrate trying the man that he expected no further difficulties. His client had been much impressed. Judges have been known to sentence people to church attendance and jail inspection might be an effective deterrent, particularly if wardens could be induced to set the stage a little beforehand.—Saskatoon Star-Phoenix.

THE EMPIRE

INFANT MORTALITY In SCOTLAND

It is unfortunately the case that the infant mortality figures for Scotland compare badly with those for England and Wales. The 1933 rate in Scotland was 81, and in Glasgow it was as high as 97. The difference is probably due partly to the greater severity of the Scottish climate and partly to inferior housing conditions.—Glasgow Herald

PATERNAL THOUGHTFULNESS

Lord Cambridge is among the fathers who likes his daughter to wear something exclusive so that he can always recognize her in the park.

SINGAPORE'S EXAMPLE

"Buy British' is not merely a slogan. It is sound advice and at the present time it is supported by an appeal to the loyalty of the people of Hong Kong to support British Empire Trade in the battle for overseas market with foreign rivals. We congratulate Singapore on its enterprise in holding its second British Trade Fair and wish them the success they deserve. "God helps those who help them selves," and it must be truly said that the Straits have acted up to this saying. Two years ago they were in the depths of slump and now, by their energy and foresight they have pulled themselves out of the mire. Rubber and tin have both pulled round, and to prove their enterprising tendencies, they immediately run a British Fair. Could not Hong Kong take a leaf out of Singapore's book?—Hong Kong Press.

SOUTH AFRICAN PROBLEMS

South Africa is faced with many problems that do not affect more fortunately situated countries. Its vast distances and scattered population introduce difficulties of organization and finance that are unknown in older lands. Its poor whites constitute a problem that can only be paralleled in the Southern States of the U.S.A. And our native problem is peculiarly our own. All these matters are important enough to have attracted the attention of the greatest living auhorities, and their accumulated knowledge is now to be placed at our disposal, for which we have to thank the South African members of the New Education Fellowship who attended the big world conference of the Fellowship at Nice in 1931, ad who then had the vision and iniative to draw attention to the Union's difficulties.—Johannesburg Times.

HIGH HEELS

If we could only begin to adopt the footwear which had scarcely a heel at all a large measure of our foot disabilities would disappear." This is the view expressed by Prof. John Fraser, Edinburgh in addressing the autumn convention of the Incorporated Society of Chiropodists.

He condemned the style of socks or stockings for children in which the point was not opposite the great toe, and deprecated shoes in which the inside line is twisted and the toe space cramped. But who is going to set a new fashion? The woman who chooses high heels feels that she must be in the fashion, and the hosier and shoemaker makes what he knows will sell. That elusive customer who mysteriously dictates the vagaries of fashion has much to answer for.—Weekly Scotsman.

Germanized Church Leader Faces New Challenge

Reichbishop Ludwig Mueller is in a new battle for supremacy of his church over all others. The Protestant church of Bavaria has issued a manifesto challenging his authority. In this picture he is seen, hand upraised, at a Nazi Christian meeting in the Sportspalast, Berlin. With him is his deputy, Dr. Kinder.

Part-Time Jobs Good for Students

Madison, Wis.—It would be a good thing if all students would have to do something to help support themselves while in college, Scott H. Goodnight, dean of men at the University of Wisconsin, declared in a talk to educators attending the Institute for Superintendents and Principals, held at the State University recently.

Dean Goodnight spoke on the relationship between student employment and the quality of students' work in the university. Twenty years ago, the dean said, he thought employment was a bad thing for the student, but his experience with students since then has convinced him otherwise. He discovered that it wasn't employment but other factors which interfered with college work. He cited several cases of working and nonworking students and found that their scholastic grades did not vary much.

In one study taken at the university, 57 cases of students who were entirely self-supporting were compared with 57 cases of nonemployed students, all in their freshman year. The average grades at the end of the school year were virtually the same, Dean Goodnight said. Of 152 freshman students in an engineering class two years ago, 21 received honor rating at the end of the year. Out of this number 16 did not do outside work and five did. Of 13 students from the group who dropped out of school, only three were doing outside work.

In another class of 177 students, 24 were on the honor rating, and of those eight did outside work. Of the 17 who dropped out of school, only two were those who were working their way through school. Miss Susan B. Davis, assistant dean of women, in studying the cases of 80 women students who had a percentile average of from 90 to 100, said that neither health nor employment affected their programs in school, the dean explained.

Arbor Day Revived to Aid Forestry in New Zealand

Auckland, N.Z.—Arbor Day, introduced into New Zealand many years ago, but gradually neglected, is now being revived, which is taken to be a sign of awakening of national consciousness toward trees.

New Zealanders are beginning to realize how they have wasted their national forest estate. This year, Arbor Day was celebrated by ceremonial tree-planting in several places, and the Governor-General gave an eloquent address on the value of native forests.

News of the Air

By Jack Cooke

All kinds of peeves, criticisms and arguments to get off our chest this week. Must reply to that letter from four enthusastic admirers of this column first. Here 'tis just as they wrote it. Dear (you'll wonder too, after reading the rather choice lines that follow) News of the Air Editor: We just wonder what ever gave you the idea that you were a critic of music? Personally we think you should be writing essays on daisies and pansies, as they seem to be more in your line.

Personally we do not like Carmen Lombardo's singing ourselves, but if you could sing half as good, you would not be editing a half pint hick town paper.

Just what in your opinion (look, they give us credit for having one) is a good orchestra? The Crazy Water Crystal Balladeers, or Alf Hannigan? (We believe there might be some real good ole subtle sarcasm in that last paragraph, but then boys must be boys or half-wits).

You apparently don't like Wayne King, but what is your opinion compared to 100,000,000 North Americans.

So as one music critic to another,

We remain,

James Pickering, H. E. Spall, C. E. Gray, K. MacMillan.

And thus ends the letter.

Well, mine friends, as one music critic to four quarters of another m.c, we fail to see exactly what you're driving at. We can assure you with the deepest sincerity that our experience in the horticultural line has been entirely inadequate, hence our services as an essayist on daisies and pansies, would, we believe be sadly ignored. Still, it should be an absorbing subject and might be taken up seriously as a hobby. But then, of course, you would with your apparent familiarity of the matter, know better than us, as to whether or not it is an interesting as we in our abysmal ignorance, anticipate it would be.

But then we're hedging aren't we? Well suppose you m.c.'s write me again some time and state just a trifle more definitely what part or parts of our analysis of dance bands you find it hard to stomach.

In the meantime think of that chap no doubt as moronically inclined as we seem to be, who, on attending the Lombardo's grand opening at the Cocanut Grove last season, listened very quietly while Guy asked the crowded floor what they would like for an encore, whereupon the same chappie probably more moronic than ever piped up—Isham Jones!

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Roxy's latest reprimand of radio is just as timely and true as his others have been. He says in part "Today, the stop watch, rather than the masques of comedy and tragedy are the gods of radio. The ease and naturalness of an artist's performance are undermined when he becomes clock conscious. Yet the time limits of a radio performance are such that clock-consciousness developes. It is the fault of the producers, who, instead of leaving a lot of latitude in a program try to stuff in every possible feature."

We are of the opinon that Roxy is the greatest showman on radio. Witness his glorious programs which retain their air of delightful informality.

In one of the current radio mags. Paul Whiteman is quoted as saying: "It's hard to tell whether Ramona is a better blues singer or piano player. Good heavens! Mr. Whiteman do you consider Ramona a singer, be she ever so blue. Admittedly she does play a very fine piano. But sing? No never.

It is said that Rudy Vallee is on the outs with N.B.C., and now comes the big surprise. Will Osborne his old rival is being heard regularly on the Red network. We can't imagine Vallee losing much sleep over it though. By the by the crooner and Alice Faye are really that way inclined. Honest!

Borrah Minnevitch and his Harmonica Rascals are still very much in our picture, as witness their grand broadcast to Byrd way down souther than south.

Lawrence Tibbet's singing on the Packard program marks a new high in entertainment for the winter season.

Listened to the Pontiac half hour last night. It lack that something with which hit programmes are built. And in passing put us on record as saying that Al Goodman has the finest of all commercial orchestras. Frank Black or no Frank Black.

Plums, orchids cheers or what have you to Sigmund Spaeth for his pat on the back to John Charles Thomas. 'He possesses the finest vocalism, the smoothest, most velvety quality to be found in any singer today."

Mary Carry and Isobel Price on that Kleenex program emanating from CFRB are just about as 'ousylay" as expected. Perhaps if Miss Carry sang a bit more in tune, it would help matters infinitely. Oh, well, we've dished out the hemlock profusely enough for this week so, with a plug for "Let's take a walk around the block" we bid you all "Heigh-ho" till next week.

Economic Misfortunes Depress Dutch Women

Amsterdam.—Women of the Netherlands are retreating a little after having attained most of the objectives of feminism in the years immediately following the war.

They are being driven back by the economic misfortunes of this little state. Female employees of the Government must resign upon marrying, and the practice carries on to commercial fields.

But it is not a "back to the kitchen" movement such as goes on in Germany. The woman of the Netherlands expects to reclaim her rights when the clouds of the depression scatter.

Dresses are modish and hair is shortened, even though Queen Wilhelmina will admit to her presence no women with bobbed hair or cut-out dresses. Society women must make a choice, either to follow the court or follow fashion.

Lifting of U. S. Hay Duty Explained to Canadians

Montreal.— The proclamation of President Roosevelt regarding the lifting of the duty on Canadian hay exported to the south only authorizes such importations into the United States to be free of duty under considerable limitations, the object of the law being to provide for areas where, due to the drought, extraordinary conditions prevail.

This was pointed out in Montreal by wholesaler dealers in hay who claimed that the original announcement had left Quebec farmers "in an excited condition".

Sees Need For Trained Crew

Sopwith Admits Rainbow Handled Better Than Endeavour

New York.—Future challengers for the America's Cup must have crews at least approaching the efficiency of those of the United States defenders, T. O. M. Sopwith, owner and skipper of the latest British challenger, Endeavor, told a group.

"I've never seen such precision as you have got your crew down to", he said. "It's a terribly hard standard to live up to, but it's a standard we have got to get close to if we want to compete with you."

Sopwith said he meant no disparagement of his own crew, largely composed of amateurs recruited at the last minute, but that there was no question Rainbow, the successful defender, was much better manned.

Sopwith amused the gathering by reciting a remark made by one of his crew while adjusting a fitting on the metal mast of the boat during one of the races.

"In God's name what would Lord Nelson say if he saw us setting a mainsail with a wrench?" he quoted the man as saying.

City Welfare Gardens Yield $15,000 Harvest

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—Fifteen thousand dollars worth of vegetables is the 1934 production of the city's welfare subsistence gardens, according to Mr. Roy Lodge, super|visor.

The garden idea began a year ago when the Kent Garden Club saw the possibilities of utilizing vacant acreage for this purpose. City officials approved and donated land. Civic-minded persons loaned other lands free for the project. Tools were provided. Last year there were 273 plots, which yielded nearly 4000 bushels of garden stuff, valued at about $6000.

Motor Accidents Increase

T. B. McQuesten, Minister of Highways of Ontario reports an increase in motor accidents for the first seven months of 1934 over the corresponding period of last year. During this period there were 4,674 accidents or 4.7 per cent more than last year. The increase in fatalities was 10.9 per cent while the estimated property damage loss from reported accidents was $443,094 or 7.2 per cent more than in 1933. The greatest rate of change in total accident was in collisions involving bicycles with an increase of 14.9 per cent. Possibly this increase in accidents is simply due to the fact that 1934 traffic was much heavier than for several years past.

New York "Poor Man's Courts" Eases Order to Pay Claims

New York.—The Court of Small Claims known as the "Poor Man's Court," has taken a leaf out of the book of the large scale manufacturer and recognized the installment plan as a legitimate method by which defendants may pay off judgments outstanding against them.

At its weekly session presiding Justice Pelham St. George Missell of the Manhattan branch of the court, signed two orders taking into account the phenomena of "hard times" in requiring the defendants to pay.

Mrs. Henry Gollin, of the Bronx, who had run up a bill of $18 for dental work, was instructed to pay her dentist, Dr. Charles Weiman, $1 a week until the entire amount was paid off. Dr. Weiman brought into court an X-ray illustrated report of the work he had done for the defendant to support his claim.

The other "installment judgment" was rendered against Mr. George E. Horn, who was ordered to pay $1 a week to Mr. Adolph E. S. Faigle, plaintiff, until the sum of $48 for sales commissions due him was paid in full.

Proofs of a photograph which did not please the client, a radio which would not work and a Jewish prayer shawl which developed holes after a visit to the cleaner were among the subjects of litigation which won verdicts for the plaintiffs or were settled in the court room.

The dissatisfied sitter in the photographer's studio recovered $3 of his $5 deposit from the photographic company.

The owner of the radio receiver won a judgment for the purchase price of $15 after the defendants produced a model as exhibit A, plugged it in to three different outlets in the court, but no sound issued from it.

Remarking that "the court notes that it does not work," Justice Bissell awarded the plaintiff the full purchase price.

Supreme Court Justice Isidor Wasservogel announced the opening of a conciliation court to which attorneys may take cases when there is a chance of settling them The new tribunal is intended to clear court calendars and seed trials. It will be called each afternoon while the Supreme Court is in session.