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Canada, The Empire and The World at Large

CANADA

EMPIRE FRUIT

Canada this year has imported 100,000 cases of oranges from South Africa — five times as many as in any previous season. This is a very satisfactory volume of business of benefit to both parties, but after all it is only an introuction to the potential market in this Dominion for Empire fruits.—Ottawa Journal.

THE BRITISH WAY

Pride in achievement is a satisfying reward for most of those intangibles which build up the traditions upon which mighty empires have been been founded and upon which a people is cemented. The British race, of course has no need to shout from the housetops or to boast as noisier nations of their accomplishments. They speak for themselves.—Brandon Sun.

IN TIGHT SHOES?

If a woman wishes to be really smart this winter she must wear a colored ring on the small toe of her left foot to match the color of the nail varnish she uses on her fingers. —Yorkshire Telegram.

WONDERFUL, ISN'T IT?

Modern blessings are manifold. Today you can step into your car and go anywhere your wife says, provided your children agree. —Aylmer Express.

TEAR DOWN OLD SHACKS

Whlie Cornwall is short of houses of the right size and kind, it has some that it would be better without. There is quite an assortment of decrepit old shacks scattered over the civic landscape—houses in almost the last stages of diintegration, apparently only waiting for the first good wind to flatten them. How they stand up is a mystery.—Cornwall Standard.

REMEMBERED HIS ALMA MATER

In accordance with directions contained in his will the technical library of the late Major J. Mackintosh Bell of Almonte has been dispatched to Kingston where it will be placed in Miller Hall, Queen's University, and will form the nucleus of a library in geology and geography for graduate students to be known as the Mackintosh Bell.—Almonte Gazette.

GANDHI AGAIN

Gandhi, it is said, plans to retire from leadership of the All-India Nationalist Congress, but retirement means little in the Mahatma's sedentary, but somewhat exciting life. Time and again he has been "retired" by the British authorities for preaching civil disobedience, has gone on fast and furious fasts, but has always bobbed up again, full of goat's milk orange juice and the old vim, vigor and vitality.—Border Cities Star.

PUBLIC DEBT

A United States journal, writing on government spendings warns the people that each dollar of new debt incurred by the government is a mortgage on the earnings and property of every citizen. To-morrow, it will be foreclosed in the form of confiscatory increases in the levies on incomes an additional imposts on all commerce. Your home, your means of living. constitute the collateral your government offers. Public debt, mortgages your security and that of your descendants. — Brandon Sun.

MYSTERY OF COLDS

There is no greater service medical science can do mankind than by discovering the germ or whatever it is that causes that most prevailent human ailments, the cold, yet doctors know less about the common cold than about any other of man's ills, with the possible exception of cancer. Almost everybody has at least one cold a year, with consequent discomfort and loss of work. It is estimated that more than half of all the time lost though sickness by employes is due to bad colds. —Sarnia Observer.

RIVIVAL OF CHIVALRY

In a recent issue of the London Times, a report was given of a dinner of Knights of the Round Table Club, when the principal address had for its theme the need of Chairs of Chivalry at the universities The speaker said he had a practical purpose in putting it forward, and the idea was welcomed by the audience. "The Professor of Chivalry the speaker hopefully anticipated, would be an authority on the medieval romances, acquainted with the whole literature of chivalry, but his task would be to revive in the unversities, and through them in the whole country the lost spirit of an earlier age."—Halifax Herald.

GOOD EXCUSE

Dead leaves should be allowed to remain unraked because they enrich the soil, according to a garden expert after our own heart.—From the Sudbury.

SHE" STAY

"Greta Garbo" a Hollywood despatch says, "signed a new contract with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer today at a reputed salary of $300,000 a picture, and announced that she would not return to Sweden." The last part of the despatch looks like a waste of perfectly good money in telegraph tolls.—Border Cities Star.

THE SPAN OF LIFE

The span of life is enlarging and that includes the span of physically fit life. The forties are undoubtedly a time for beginning cautious iving but no man should be turned lown for a job because he has turned the fourth decade.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

THE BEST

Premier Doumergue of France, is proposing changes in the constitution, which will give the cabinet greater power. The moves are along the lines of the British parliamentary system, which the test of time has proven is the best system of government for man by man yet devised.—London Free Press.

GOLD AND SILVER

The old saying that the yellow races prefer the white metal while the white races prefer the yellow metal holds good. It would be very difficult to wean the Chinese from their affection for silver. The efforts which have been made in India with the same end in view failed conspicuously.— Hamilton Spectator.

A BUSY TOWN

Quite recently, one of our business men was telling us that he had ome work for a young man to do, and had a hard time finding such a person who was unemployed, and finally had to get an older man to do the work. Just at the present time, Tavistock's four major indusries are working full time, and in fact, one is working 24 hours a day, and another 10 hours a day, with sometimes two and a half hours overtime, two or three times a week. Show us another village of this size where a young man unemployed is hard to find.—Tavistock Gazette.

COMMON COLDS

Two California professors have challenged existing theories. It is said: "They have not been able, they say, to infect one person with the cold of another. Inoculation will not work, and they doubt very much the theories held almost as household axioms about the disease being highly catching. They think also that germs are a result, not the cause of the disease. Some day presumably we shall know. — Saint John Telegraph-Journal.

THE EMPIRE

THE TOLL OF THE ROADS

Official figures show that the terrible weekly increase in road deaths ceased some time ago. And now for several weeks a downward tendency has set in. But a really successful crusade against road accidents will have to go much deeper. It will have to tackle the whole road system. So long as pedestrians and all kinds of traffic are mingled chaotically together on one road surface Traffic will have to be sorted out properly. That will be a long business of building modern roads with verges and separate tracks for different sorts of traffic. The longer the job the quicker it had better be started.—London Daily Herald.

THE COMMON COLD

The announcement that the executors of the late Sir Henry Royce's estate have in terms of his wishes decided to devote a tenth part of his estate to founding two research fellowships for discovering a cure for the common cold and influenza will be universally welcomed. This is an act of real benevolence which we all hope will triumphantly achieve its purpose, for there are few indeed who are proof against what must be regarded as being both the least and the greatest of human ailments. Even if we ignore the serious consequences of complications that often follow a cold there remin the loss of time and efficiency with which the milder types of infection are inevitably associated.—Glasgow Herald.

INVENTIVE WOMEN

Nearly all the psychologists agree that the feminine mind is quick and instuitave, but always imitative, never inventive, and now, with the example of Mrs. Richardson of Shepherd's Bush, before them, they can guess again, for she has won the first prize at the International Exhibition of Inventions with her device for finding and identifying radio stations. She may puzzle the psychologists, but will surprise nobody who has seen the improvements any woman can make with string, hairpins, match-sticks and other simple tools, on the crude man-made gadgets of her own kitchen. But woman still rocks the cradle by hand. —Manchester Sunday Chronicle.

AWAITING CONQUEST

Britain gained the mastery of the seas not by the multitude of her people, but because of the intrepidity of her navigators. The air is now waiting to be conquered. We should see that we master it just as we controlled the seas. It is not in warships that we have dominated the oceans, but in commerce and ships of commerce. So also in airships of commerce we must make our advance. — London Express.

TIPS

The illogicality of the system of tipping and the desirability of extirpating it are emphasized anew in the volume of "The Survey of London Life and Labor," published today. Nothing would please the public more than to be rid of the practice. It operates unfairly as between man and man, since one person gets tipped and another does not.— London Daily Mail.

BRITISH GUIANA'S PROBLEMS

Houses roofed with gold and streets lined with diamonds were what the early explorers confidently expected to find in British Guiana. But the vision faded and, though a quantity of diamonds and gold has been taken out of the country during the last 400 yrs., British Guiana today is almost as much awaiting development and settlement as it was in Raleigh's ime. As Sir Edward Denham the former Governor, once declared, if the resources and wealth of British Guiana are to be tapped, it can only be by the advent of men and money on a scale to determine the problems of this "undeveloped asset of the British Empire.' Assyria immigration will not solve a title of British Guiana's prolems. It may bring some local benefit in the long run, however and may also serve to direct world-wide attention to the vast possibilities of this woefully undeveloped of all Britain's possessions in the neighbourhood of the Caribbean — Trinidad Guardian.

Out Of Uniform

"Wie Geht's, Leutnant"—Hand extended, Chancellor Adolf Hitler of Germany eagerly greets an officer of his guard after official reception of foreign diplomats in Berlin.

Toronto Surgeons Lengthen Man's Leg

Toronto, Ont.—Orthopedic surgeons at a hospital here are bringing to fruition a test case in which they seek to make the legs normal of a man born with one shorter than the other.

The patient, or clinical subject, is George McKay, 20, whose left leg was three inches shorter than his right when he entered the hospital several weeks ago. He is being subjected to corrective principles evolved eight years ago by a St. Louis orthopedist, in which weights are used to stretch the abnormal leg.

McKay's leg has been stretched two inches in five week, doctors say, It will be normal.

Although the mineral content of honey is very small it is worth noting, says the Dominion Apiarist, that such elements as lime and iron necesary to the well-being of the human body are present.

Hair-Dyer Loses When Cook Sues

Risks, Says English Judge

London.—Judge Sir Alfred Tobin gave his views on women's hair during the hearing of a case against a hairdresser. "We always heard of grey hairs being treated with respect," he said.

When counsel commented that women did not seem to like it the the judge said: "The most beautiful thing a woman can have is beautiful white hair."

"Burning Sensation

The action was brought by Mrs. Blodwon Gullick 40, a cook in a private house, who claimed $500 damages from a hairdresser or injury to her head by alleged negligent application of a hair dye. She went to the hairdresser to get her hair dyed because it was showing streaks of grey. He applied a solution which caused a burning sensation. A doctor said she was suffering from oedema of the scalp and diffuse erythema—the one a swelling and the other a rash.

Mrs. Guillick was awarded $250 damages with costs, and Judge Tobin said he thought the case was of general importance. He held that it was the hairdresser's duty to warn women of any risks run.

Wear Old Clothes Until Threadbare, Germans Advised

Berlin—Dr. Karl Gordeler, Herr Hitler's new price "dictator," took action against rising prices today, ordering National Socialists to wear their old clothes "down to the last thread" and threatening profiteers with "merciless" treatment.

He told Germany "no one loses one bit of his dignity if he wears threadbare clothes," while "he acts against the nation's interests if he hoards clothing."

In an address explaining his functions as commissar for control of prices, Herr Gordeler criticized the tendency to alarm and spoke reassuringly about the raw materials situation.

He said prices and wages would be maintained at the same level and 'every unjustifiable price rise will be mercilessly dealt with."

Declaring his chief duty would be to prevent the rise of prices of necessities he warned manufacturers that they must be content with small profits and instructed merchants to refuse to sell unusual quantities of any commodity.

The surplus of imports over exports was reduced to 52,000,000 marks (approximately $20,800,000) as compared with 161,000,000 marks during the second quarter.

When Experience Didn't Count

A motor car had just knocked down a man, fortunately without injuring him. The young woman driver faced him determinedly.

"I am sorry it happened," she said. 'You should take more care when you are walking. I have been driving a car or seven years.

"Well," replied the victim, "I am not a novice myself. I have been walking myself for fifty-seven years."

Car Accident Toll Mounts in Ontario

Toronto.—Automobile accidents in Ontario or the first nine months of 1934 were 9.2 per cent above the same period last year, with the death toll at 360, Hon. T. B. McQuesten, Minister of Highways announced recently. The minister declared the figures "clearly indicate that stricter measures must be adopted." These stricter measures be continued would mean increased fines and jail penalties. Increases in the suspension period for licenses of drivers convicted of offence also will appear. 'There were many more cars on the road this year than last," the minister said.

Potato Harvest of 1934

According to the preliminary estimate recently issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the total production of potatoes in Canada in the year 1934, will be 47,241,000 cwt from 568,800 acres or 83 cwt. per acre, as compared with a revised estimate of 42,745,000 cwt. from 527,700 acres or 81 cwt. per acre in 1933, and 46,017,000 cwt. from 564,000 acres or 82 cwt. per acre, the average for the five years 1928-1932. By provinces the yields in cwt. per acre are, in order as follows, with last year's figures within brackets: New Brunswick 128 (115); Prince Edward Island 120 (100 British Columbia 113 (96); Nova Scotia 112 (91); Quebec 97.7 (101.0); Ontario 69.6 (64.2) Manitoba 50 (63); Alberta 53 (58) and Saskatchewan 31.4 (50.0).

There is an increase of 7.8 per cent in the 1934 potato acreage over that of 1933. In addition the yield per acre in Canada was 2.5 per cent higher in 1934 than in 1933, so that the total production is placed at 10.5 per cent above the 1933 level.

Mary Looks Ahead

Mary Pickford Interviewed by the Kansas City Times

—I had some interesting talks with Marconi," she said, "and he tells me television is much nearer than we think. It's going to be a staggering blow to the movies, but I think they will survive it. It seems certain to bring back the legitimate theatre but for a time at least, there will be a tendency to have all mechanical entertainment played direct to the home.

"I believe there will be perhaps three producing organizations, one of the type of hokum that is just plain moron fodder, one for popular entertainment of a fairly high level and one for things of real artistic worth. I believe each unit will be ample to place receiving sets in your home and that these sets may have meters. You will pay for your entertainment as you pay for long distance telephone bills.

"Probably each unit will have broadcasting stations in the main divisions of the country. This should be a promising thing for the talent of the country."

Heat From Cold Coal

Russian farmers have discovered a way to speed up the ripening of their cotton crops by a month or more. They use coal to warm the cotton plants without burning the coal.

This seeming paradox is being performed at Kazakstan. Obtaining heat from coal without burning is the application of a simple fact of physics that dark colors absorb the heat in the sun's rays better than light colors.

The Kazakstan farmers simply spread coal dust lightly over their fields; about one hundred pounds to an acre. The darkened surface of the land is a better absorber of heat during the day and reradiates more of it as warmth during the night.

The higher average temperature of the land during the growing season, therefore, shortens the time necessary for the crop to mature by over a month.—Science.

Scientifically Raised Twins Not At All Alike in Foot Tricks

Judging by the experiences of Johnny and Jimmy, twins who are growing up in a scientific playroom in New York, the right age to take up roller skating is about seven months.

Johnny was a good roller skater about the time he was celebrating his first birthday. Jimmy confined himself to more natural courses concerning roller skates, such as biting them, until he was 2 months old. Then he tried to use the skates or getting around, but his efforts cost him a great series of ingenious spills, and two months of application brought little progress.

What scientific observers want to know is wheher the highly trained Johnny had any real advantage over Jimmy, who just grew up like Topsy while his little brother was learning a series of astounding feats. Johnny seems no brighter at solving problems the pair are made to work out in their play, and when they started even at riding the tri cycle. Jimmy learned to pedal like a champion of the six-day meets while his precocious brother was still crying for his skates.

$26,000,000 Revenue Gain

Canada's Earnings For Seven Months Soar; More Also Spent

Ottawa—Recovery of business is reflected in the Dominion revenue statement for the first seven months of the fiscal year. Total ordinary revenue shows an increase of $26,000,000 for the period April to October, inclusive.

The big producer was the sales tax, which, with excise taxes, yielded $63,863,000 since April 1, or $8,000,000 more than the corresponding period last year.

Customs revenue, totalling $45,000,000 was $9,000,000 ahead of last year, excise duties totalling $26,000,000 were $5,000,000 up, income taxation yielded $49,404,000 and $1,000,000 better than last year, while the gold tax thus far has brought in $3,873,145.

Ordinary expenditure for the first seven months of the fiscal year was $11,000,000 more than in the like period of 1933, $5,000,000 of which was accounted for by increased interest on the public debt and $2,500,000 for old age pensions.

Loans and advances to provincial governments so far this year have totalled $23,862,558. Unemployment relief for the seven months under review totalled nearly $23,000,000, or nearly $6,000,000 more than in the corresponding period of last year.

No 'Plane Allowed On Coat-of-Arms

Airplanes Are Not Heraldic, Say Noted Authorities

London—"Airplanes are unknown in heraldry." That is the official reason why the Duke of Bedford cannot honor his wife, the "Flying Duchess," in a new coat-of-arms.

The duke had prepared a new armorial shield. One of the quarterings showed an airplane. But the Herald's College, final authority in such matters, said "No."

Never since the days of chivalry had any coat-of-arms borne a flying machine. So airplanes are barred.

"I wonder what today's knights and dames of the air will think of that," says the duke.

He has hung the shield he had prepared for the duchess among all the other coats-of-arms among all duchesses which blazon the walls of Woburn Abbey.

The present duchess was the only one who did not bring a coat-of-arms to the Duchy of Bedford when she married.

She was Mary du Caurroy Tribe, daughter of Archdeacon Tribe of Lahore.

But since she became world famous by reason of her flying exploits in all parts of the globe, the duke—in true line with the spirit of chivalry — determined to commemorate her deeds for their descendants by a coat-of-arms. He has failed.

Winter Sport

On the trail of health and sport, two skiers invade the winter sanctuary of the Riffelberg above Zermatt, Switzerland. Looming in the rear are the famed twin peaks, Castor and Pollux.