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STEEL FROM THE SOO

By equipping the Sault steel plant in the last few weeks to manufacture large structural steel shapes, up to 15-inch beams and channels, and to manufacture steel sheet piling for dock and canal walls, neither of which producs was previously made in Canada, the Algoma Steel Corporation has put itself in a position to take advantage of the revival in the construction industry which many believe is in the offing.—Sault Ste. Marie Star.

A FAITHFUL FRIEND.

What a grand, yet fitting, tribute was that paid by the French Blue Devils of the World War to Betty, a three-year-old dog! The troops presented arms in a hollow square at Valloire while an officer hung a silver medal about the animal's neck. On March 8, in a temperature of 22 degrees below zero, the dog lay for 18 hours across the body of a student skier whose leg was broken. The man's life was thus saved. Betty's feet were frozen but happily, she survived after treatment.—Border Cities Star.

BETTER MOVIES

Some of the new and better motion pictures are proving more valuable as box office attractions than their sexy predecessors ever thought of being. It has taken a long time to make producers realize that the public is even more willing to patronize clean films than it is to patronize dubious ones.—Brockville Recorder.

THE INSECT WAR

There are some 600,000 different kinds of insects in the world whose ways have been studied. In all the rest of the animal kingdom—birds, beasts, reptile and fishes—there are said to be not more than 36,500 species. And the insects are the most direct and relentless competitors of man for a place in the sun. Hence we are at perpetual war with the insect world.—Winnipeg Tribune.

WELL, RATHER

Here is a poser. If a party without women is a stag party, would the world without women be stagnation?—Guelph Mercury.

LOCK YOUR CAR

Judge McKinley, chairman of the Ontario Parole Board, urges upon motorists the necessity of locking their parked cars. Many youngsters, he says, find the temptation of an unlocked car irresistible and decide to "borrow" it. To counteract this the judge suggests that insurance companies place a clause in their contracts to pay only 25 per cent. of claims when a car is left unprotected by lock.

It is a sad commentary on modern conditions when people have to "nail down" their property in this way in order to prevent theft.

Yet Judge McKinley's advice is good. A universal locking of parked cars would probably prevent 75 per cent. of the auto thefts or "borrowings." Of course, smart thieves can even get away with a locked car, but the chances of their doing so are small, because they are so much more likely to detection.—Border Cities Star.

THE HARDY PEACH CROP

A ten-year-old note in a Hamilton paper says: "Niagara fruit crops were badly damaged when the temperature slipped 66 degrees to 28 degrees above zero over night." Marvellous to relate there was a pretty fair crop in that year.

One of the handicaps of late of the growers of real peaches is that the housewie is scared early in the season. Her reason is: "Well, I see by the papers there will be no peaches, so I will certainly do down now what I can get."

There is nothing which hurts the fruit grower more in the Niagara Peninsula than fake newspaper reports, written by space commanding correspondents in the winter and early spring season.—St. Catharines Standard.

HOW TIMES HAVE CHANGED

The report that a large truck is to transport pigs, cows and chickens to various New York playgrounds, so that thousands of children will be able to see them for the first time in their lives, provokes the thought that today "the shoe is on the other foot," as it were.

In the old days the city youngsters referred to the farm lads as "hicks." Now it is the boy in the metropolitan area who has much to learn. Many a rural youth can come into a great city and pass by unnoticed in the crowd, because he knows how to adapt himself to surroundings. How different it is with countless big city boys when they visit the farm. Some of them still wonder how a cow can chew gum!

The educational work undertaken by the New York Parks Department should bring to the "underprivileged" children a better appreciation of the men who raise livestock and grow crops.—Border Cities Star.

CROPS IN ALBERTA

While seeding is quite backward this spring, prospects for a crop in Alberta are better this time of the year than they have been for several years past. Fairly generous rains have restored subsoil moisture in Southern Alberta to a considerable extent while in the central and northern areas the rainfall has been copious. On the whole prospects for a good crop are excellent.—Calgary Herald.

THE TRAVEL CAMPAIGN

These Canadian Travel Bureau campaigns already have produced remarkable results, far beyond the expectations of those responsible for the direction of the new national tourist organization.

A particularly striking piece of Canadian Travel Bureau publicity appears as a rotogravure insert in Outdoor Life of New York—and is described by a prominent American publicity expert as "one of the best pieces of advertising literature that has ever appeared in any national magazine."

Other agencies throughout the country are co-operating closely and effectively in this general national travel promotion campaign, among these the great railway systems.—Halifax Herald.

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NEW 'PLANE FOR THE PRINCE.

Flight Lieutenant Edward H. Fielden, personal pilot to the Prince of Wales, has taken delivery of the Prince's new airplane, a Dragon-Rapide twin engined biplane capable of a maximum speed of more than 160 miles an hour, and of cruising for long distances at 140 m.p.h. It is the fastest craft he has yet owned.

The usual seating accommodation for eight passengers is displaced for the Prince's journeys by six comfortable armchairs and special cabin furnishings, including a writing table and a cocktail cabinet. Navigational equipment includes a powerful radiotelephonic sending and receiving apparatus, and a complete set of "blind" flying instruments. Parachutes are available for every occupant.

The tanks carry fuel sufficient for non-stop journeys anywhere within the British Isles.

Like all of his previous machines, the Prince's new craft is painted in the distinctive red and blue of the Brigade of Guards.—British Aircraft Society.

HIGH-SPEED RESEARCH

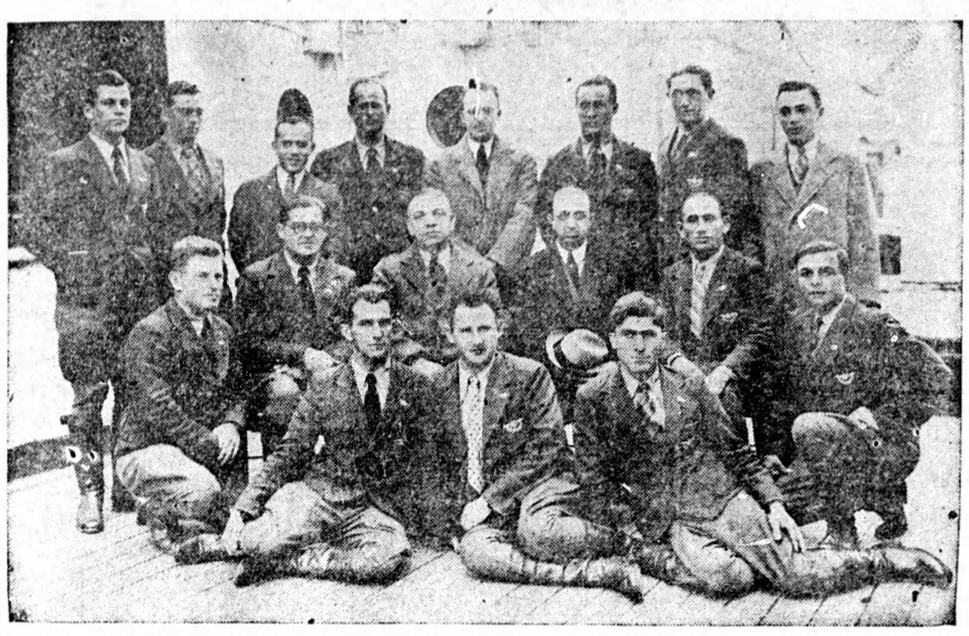
Nine hundred and seventy-five feet a second—665 miles an hour — is the speed attained by the airflow in the new high speed tunnel which has just been completed at the National Physical Laboratory and is now being used for the investigation of aerodynamical phenomena that occur at speeds in the neighborhood of the velocity of sound.—British Aircraft Society.

TWO WILLS

Frederick Abbott of Norton, Malton, corn dealer, who died on December 18, aged 85, left estate of the gross value of £4,275, with net personalty £16,971. Among his bequests were: A grass field at Huttons Ambo to his wife for life with remainder to the local authority of Norton for a pleasure ground for the inhabitants of Norton forever; £60 for distribution among the soldiers and sailors of Norton who were discharged from His Majesty's forces as wounded or invalided during the Great War; £20 for division among the postmen for Norton and Malton; £20 for division among the cabmen and taxicab drivers in Norton and Malton; £20 for division among the Boy Scouts of Norton and Malton; £20 to his trustees for the deserving poor of Norton.

Benjamin Batchelor of Broughty Ferry, farmer, who died on February 9, aged 57, left personal estate in Great Britain valued at £81,954. He left £100 to the 326th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery, the yearly income to be used in providing smokes at the annual dinner of the battery.—London Times.

Palestine's Cycling Athletes



Twelve Jewish athletes from Palestine arrived in Montreal aboard the Cunard White Star Liner Alaunia to begin a 16,000 mile motor cycle tour of Canada and United States, from Montreal to Hollywood and back to New York.

Cooking Rut Usually At Root Of Family Dislike Of Vegetables

A woman said the other day: "Vegetables are stupid—buttered carrots one day, spinach the next and beets the day after. My family hates vegetables!"

Well, and why? Because the housekeeper is in a deep vegetable rut.

To her a vegetable meal is dull and uninteresting. To us it brings visions of infinite well-cooked colorful and flavorsome combination. Think of tender young buttered beets, cauliflower topped with golden Hollandaise sauce, string beans arranged around a mound of fluffy boiled rice. Is that plate stupid and dull?

AUGMENTED.

Remember, that while all vegetables contain at least a trace of protein there isn't enough of it. Besides vegetable protein is of poorer quality than that found in other sources. Consequently nuts, eggs, cheese and milk must be introduced into vegetable plates to maintain the proper balance.

Cheese may be used with some vegetables, if added to the white sauce served with them. Cauliflower, potatoes and tomatoes are delicious with cheese sauce. Summer squash and eggplant are good with melted cheese. Toasted cheese sandwiches may be served with any combination of vegetables.

Eggs poached, scrambled or hard cooked, combine with any good and all vegetables.

Stuffed vegetables such as tomatoes, peppers and potatoes may be the means of taking care of the protein calories if the stffing is chosen with care. Tomatoes or peppers stuffed with a combination of rice and peanuts are particularly good for a summer dinner. Peanuts are cheap, very rich in protein and combine well with nearly all vegetables.

ANOTHER COMBINATION

Here's another vegetable plate: New peas, diced carrots, brussels sprouts, small white onions and in the centre scrambled eggs and stewed tomatoes.

Here are contrast of color, texture and flavor. Hollandaise sauce is passed in a separate sauce boat for the sprouts.

A simple desert of fresh fruit is always good, with a vegetable dinner when the proper balance has been maintained throughout the meal.

Warm Water Boon to Fish

Speckled Trout Thrive in It — Experiments at Hatchery

Magog, Que.—Experiments conducted at the Dominion government fish hatchery here have increased by 25 times the growth of fish from the time they hatch to the fingerling stage.

Last October some 100,000 eggs were obtained from speckled trout and placed in the hatchery here. June 1 next 50,000 fingerlings, 25 times the weight they would ordinarily have attained, will be distributed in waters of Quebec province.

The weight increase was obtained by keeping the spawn in a constantly flowing stream of water, maintaining a temperature of 50 degrees. Authorities discovered fish grow more quickly in water warmer than it would normally be during winter months. Usually the young trout start to feed towards the end of May and distribution takes place in October. Under the new method feeding starts around the first of January, thus allowing over four months of additional growth.

Gulls Teach Crows Trick

On Pacific Coast—Black Birds Attempt to Swim in Ocean

Victoria.—Antics of crows and seagulls have aroused the interest of students of natural history in this vicinity. Under the watchful eye of the sea birds the crows have become proficient in clam-retrieving and take to the water for swimming lessons.

The unusual performance takes place on a log off the Dallas waterfront. A nature lover who prefers anonymity is authority for the story. The gulls first taught the crows to fly with clams to a height sufficient to break them when dropped on the rocks below.

The procedure was not a huge success, however. The crafty crows soon discovered better results were obtained by waiting on the rocks below while the gulls flew in the air to drop the clams.

Swimming lessons followed. The gulls would spring from the log into the water and back on to the log. After a raucous conversation the crows tried it. They managed to sail on the water for a time, but with very little grace. They tried it repeatedly.

One crow hesitated. The ribbing from the rest of the flock was almost human. Eventually he was goaded into trying, made an ungainly jump, but toppled head first and went under the water. Its annoyance was registered in a harsh cry as it came to the surface and made a straight line for the gull it held to blame for the ducking.

To Study Peat

Irish Will Send Group To Watch Processes in Soviet Union

Dublin.—The government has decided to send a commission to Russia and Germany to study utilization of peat resources in those countries following a lecture in Dublin by Allan Monkhouse, former chief engineer of Vickers Limited in the Soviet Union.

Mr. Monkhouse, welcomed to Dublin by the ministers of finance and industry and commerce, described the Soviets' methods of using peat as a fuel for generating stations. At present, the Free State is obliged to import coal to run the generators which supplement the Shannon hydro-electrification scheme.

The Free State is among the countries of the world possessing the largest peat resources and these are practically undeveloped. An effort is now being made to popularize turf (dried peat) instead of coal, Free State deposits of which are practically useless.

Praises Gaelic

P.E.I. Minister in Favor of Retention for Value to Culture

Charlottetown.—"The Gaelic language should be preserved for its cultural value—it is a priceless heritage embodying the true spirit of the Gael," declared Rev. D. M. Sinclair, one of the keenest students of the language in Canada.

The tall, youthful, minister-educationist in his little church at Valleyfield, P.E.I., conducts a service once a month in the Highland tongue. And fortnightly he perpetuates the language by gatherings called "Ceilidh" when villagers meet to sing and read and exchange news in Gaelic.

"Gaelic possesses a rich and varied literature in poetry and prose, and that, despite Dr. Samuel Johnson's assertion that 'there was not in the world an Erse manuscript 100 years old'", Mr. Sinclair declared in an address here.

Fellowships

Royal Society of Canada Announces Names at Hamilton

Hamilton.—Fellowships were awarded recently by the Royal Society of Canada when the annual meeting opened at McMaster University. The following were honored: F. J. Sichel, graduate of McGill University; R. D. MacDonald, of Queen's and McGill, chemistry; John H. Creighton, University of Toronto, English literature; John K. Thomas, Trinity College, Toronto, philosophy; James A. Gibson, University of British Columbia, history; Andrew McKellar, University of British Columbia, physics; Miss May Annets, University of Toronto, physics; Reginald Salt, University of Alberta, zoology; Dr. V. J. Okulitch and George Langlois, demography.

Fellowships are for the purpose of enabling students to continue research work at universities in Great Britain, the United States and Europe.

Blame Buffalo

Old Tramping Thought to Have Distributed Rich Topsoil

Saskatoon.—Large areas of land across the three Prairie Provinces are reported lost to productivity and the finger of suspicion points to the buffalo. Over-pasturing and trampling by the monarch of the plains have been the primary cause of "burn-outs" common over a large area in southern Saskatchewan, Dr. J. Mitchell, University of Saskatchewan soils department, suggests.

The immediate cause was not fire, he believes, but wind, which carried away the friable, easily pulverized surface soil down to the tough, compact subsoil which is quite infertile. The sod was destroyed and the soil began to blow.

The trek of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police to Alberta, in 1874, recalled reports which described "the rolling plains everywhere trenched and rutted by the buffalo." There was plenty of buffalo meat for the men, but the horses faced starvation.

Self-Studies

Saint John, N.B.—A valuable collection of self-portraits of 60 prominent American artists is on exhibition at Saint John vocational school.

The property of Elmer Adler, private New York art collector, the group includes etchings, lithographs, woodcuts, water color and oil sketches, and was obtained by the Saint John school through the College Art Association.

Among the artists whose self-studies are exhibited are: George Fellows, Childe Hassan, Rockwell Kent, Robert S. Austin, Foujita, Eric Gill, Augustus John, Marie Laurenein, Andre Zorn and Diego Rivera.

Dentistry Not A Good Career For Women To Adopt

TORONTO,—Ontario has about 15 women dentists and even among the 15 the opinion is general that the profession is for men. A half-dozen women attended the Ontario Dental Association convention here recently.

One woman delegate explained the lack of her sex's interest in dentistry as being mainly because of the great amount of mechanical work involved. Women, she said, don't make good mechanics.

"It's a long and difficult course—long hours and lots of studying, and it's not a career upon which to embark if one's ambition is to marry and have a home," said another.

VALUE OF NICKEL EXPORTS ARE HIGHER

Ottawa.—A substantial increase was shown in the value of nickel exported in April when it amounted to $2,724,000 against $2,446,000 a year ago, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported recently.

Nickel in matte or speiss was exported as follows: United Kingdom, $736,540; United States, $193,838; Netherlands, $161,316; Norway, $116,132; fiine nickel, United States, $931,152; Netherlands, $272,505; United Kingdom, $154,778; Japan, $47,995; Norway, $29,302; France, $21,521; nickel oxide, United Kingdom, $5,596; United States, $3,674.

YOUNG MONTREAL-BORN BESSBOROUGH WANTS TO STAY IN CANADA

Ottawa.—Because he likes "the winter here best," Hon. George St. Lawrence Neuflize Ponsonby, four-year-old son of the Governor-General and Lady Bessborough, does not want to leave his native Canada. His mother, who related the story at the Joan of Arc Institute, recently, had told him they were leaving the Dominion.

List Of Best Books

John O'Ren in the Baltimore Sun writes: "Students of New York University have made a list of the "sixty best" novels published in the United States and England in the last 35 years. There is not much that one can say about such selections except that "one regrets" to see the omission of this book or the inclusion of that other one. But I cannot find any real or revelant fault with the choice that the N.Y.U. students have made. Both lists seem well balanced and representative.

"Best" novels however, is a misleading discription. It seems to me that what have been chosen are to be regarded as "important" novels, in the sense of establishing fashions and expressing the moods of a period. Certainly, only on this assumption can one explain the choice of "Mr. Britling Sees It Through" instead of "Tono-Bungay" or "The New Machiavelli"; the inclusion of Floyd Dell's "'Moon Calf" and the naming of "Manhattan Transfer" rather than "1919".

But I was chiefly interested to notice how many women writers were found in the two lists.

Out of the 60 names, 17 were of women novelists. Eight were Americans — Pearl Buck, Willa Cather, Zona Gale, Ellen Glasgow, Kathleen Norris, Anne Parrish, Elizabeth Madox Roberts and Edith Wharton. Nine were English women — Clemence Dane, Storm Jameson, Sheila Kaye-Smith, Rose MacCaulay, Edna Phillpotts, Dorothy Richardson, Ethel Sedgewick, May Sinclair and Virginia Woolf."

Own Airplane

Miner Pilots Self in to Goldfields With Equipment

Regina.—The modern prospector travels the air trails into newly opened gold fields in Canada's northland One of these is John C. Russ, pilot-prospector, who deserted Northern Ontario and Quebec bushlands to try his luck along the western shores of Lake Athabaska.

News of a new find, 450 miles north of Prince Albert, sent him flying north last fall. He spent the winter at the lake, staked claims at Cracking Point and returned by airplane to his home at Port Credit, in Ontario, flying 3,000 miles in three days.

He has returned, an independent flying prospector. His plane carried everything the modern miner needs, from drill to condensed milk. "I'd be lost without it," he said as he laid plans to open up his claims.

The Camerons Were Tough

Observes the St. Thomas Times-Journal: There are many Camerons in this district, and they may have been stirred by the famous song "The Camerons of old Scotland were hardy and they were doughty fighters as all the clansmen were. Here is an interesting story about Sir Ewen Cameron, one of the greatest chieftains, who lived in the 17th century, which we cull from "Scotland's Road of Romance," by Augustus Muir:

"One night he was stormbound among the hills, and he ordered his followers to lie down beside him and sleep in the snow. As he was wrapping himself in his plaid, he saw that one of his young relatives had rolled a snow-ball to rest his head on. Leaping to his feet, Sir Ewen kicked the snow-ball aside. 'What'! he cried, roused to fury at such degrading effeminacy. 'Can't a Cameron sleep without a pillow?'"

We are somewhat afraid the 1935 race of Camerons would want not only pillows but downy beds.