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EDITORIAL NOTES

Another milestone in Britain's long history of "Mistress of the Seas" was commenced this Wednesday with the sailing of the fine new ship, the Queen Mary. It is hoped that it will bring back the Atlantic speed record to the Union Jack.

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This Thursday the Liberal-Conservative party is forming a new platform and choosing a new leader at a convention being held in Toronto. The deliberations of the convention are being watched with great interest by thousands of Ontario citizens due to the party's expected declaration of opposition to Premier Hepburn's recent change of the Assessment Act.

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The towns of Bothwell and Ingersoll are not forgetting that horses and buggies of visiting people from the country require to be taken care of. Bothwell set apart a space for the parking of buggies, and Ingersoll is putting in hitching posts. The buggy is still an institution not to be despised, and the horse is still a valuable animal, ready and willing to more than earn his board.

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The escapade of "Red" Ryan, on parole from a life sentence in Kingston penitentiary, in holding up a Sarnia liquor store and killing a policeman should be a lesson that gunmen should not receive any sympathy from those who administer justice. Ryan proved himself to be a cold-blooded murderer and his disregard of his pledged word may have a serious effect on further paroles. He was never molested by the police since he left the penetentiary and it was thought that he was agair finding an honored place in society. It was a great shock to his friends who believed his declarations that he was throcgh with crime for life.

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Since Miss Macphail, M.P., set out to classify the personal charms of budding fellow members, in an effort to relieve the tedium that comes from long speeches, there has been all kinds of hilarity in Parliament and out of it. Now the poets have entered the lists. An Owen Sound rhymster breaks loose in the Toronto Star as follows:

Here's to the youthful M.P., Mr Massey,
Whom "our" Miss Macphail thinks so handsome and classy.
Though he thinks more of duty
Than he does of his beauty,
One values opinions expressed by that lassie.

WOULD FIND OUT

If every commodity purchased and every bill received for anything, could bear on its face a note stating the amount of the total charge representing taxes, paid at one point or another in the process of production and distribution, it would not take long for the general run of people, who imagine that taxes are paid only by the rich, to realize that they are carrying a tax burden even heavier in proportion to their means.

Presbyterial W.M.S. Met At Priceville

The annual meeting of Orangeville Presbyterial W. M. S. was held in Priceville on May 14th. Encouraging reports and inspiring addresses were features of the sessions. Over 100 delegates were registered. Mrs. Coulter, Provincial Executive, gave an inspirational and thought-provoking talk, "Are Missions Worthwhile?". Mrs. Coulter's helpful suggestions throughout the session were much appreciated. Banner Mission Band, Maple Valley, have won the banner two consecutive years. Miss Irene Middaugh, President, was the recipient of an Honorary Membership and pin accompanied by an address of appreciation. Mrs. K. S. Gemmel and Mrs. J. Grant made the presentation.

Greetings from Orangeville Presbytery were brought by Dr. George Aitken, Caledon East, and greetings from Saugeen Presbyterial by Mrs. Marshall of Durham. Lantern slides were shown on "Land of the Rising Sun". A pantomime, "The Old Rugged Cross", by Markdale Y.W.A. brought to a close a most successful day.

Officers for the coming year are: Hon. Pres., Mrs. Jas. McKechnie, Erin; President, Miss I. Middaugh, Dundalk; 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs H. Watt, Orangeville; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. Jones, Grand Valley; 3rd Vice-Pres., Mrs. A. Sutherland, Priceville; 4th Vice-Pres., Mrs. A. Stuart, Flesherton; Recording Sec., Mrs. O. Armstrong, Mono Road; Corresponding Sec., Mrs. Faulkner, Inglewood; Treas., Mrs. K. S. Gemmel, Markdale; Finance Sec., Mrs. Watt, Orangeville; Y. W. and Girls' Organization Sec., Miss Maude Mitchell, Maple Valley; Mission Band, Mrs. Ferris, Hornings Mills; Home Helpers, Mrs. E. Crane, Grand Valley; Exchange Sec., Mrs. S. Boice, Priceville; Library and Literature, Mrs. Grainger, Hornings Mills; Welcome and Welfare, Mrs. Petch, Claude; Student Sec., Mrs. H. Wellwood, Dundalk; Life Membership Sec., Miss B. McQuarrie, Caledon East; Glad Tidings Sec., Mrs. Willmott, Grand Valley; Press Sec., Mrs. Grant, Erin.

A Pleasant Visit

We had a pleasant call on Friday from Mr. W. J. Blakeston of Stratford, who attended the funeral of the late Mr. John Williamson. It is many years since our good friend corresponded for The Advance while teaching school at Priceville. He has retired from the teaching profession and is now enjoying the evening of life.

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Softball Schedule

An interesting year of sport is anticipated, when the following seven teams get under way on May 26, for a full season of softball. Owing to the number of teams in the league it was necessary to set two games to be played on the same nights. Weather permitting the games will be run as follows:

May 26—Dunedin at Badjeros.
Maxwell at McIntyre.
28—Redickville at Maple Val
Singhampton at Maxwell
29—Dunedin at McIntyre.
Badjeros at Redickville.
June 1—Maple Valley at Singh'ton.
2—McIntyre at Badjeros.
Redickville at Dunedin.
3—Badjeros at Maxwell.
4—Singh'ton at Redickville
McIntyre at Maple Valley
5—Dunedin at Singhampton
8—Maple Valley at Badjeros
Singhampton at McIntyre
9—Redickville at Maxwell.
10—Badjeros at Dunedin.
Maxwell at Singhampton
11—Maple Val. at Redickville
McIntyre at Dunedin.
12—Maxwell at Badjeros.
15—Dunedin at Maple Valley.
Redickville at McIntyre.
16—Redickville at Badjeros.
17—Singhampton at Dunedin.
18—Badjeros at McIntyre.
Maxwell at Maple Valley.
19—Redickville at Singh'ton.
22—Maple Valley at Dunedin.
McIntyre at Singhampton.
23—Singhampton at Badjeros.
24—McIntyre at Maxwell.
25—Maple Valley at McIntyre.
26—Badjeros at Maple Valley.
Maxwell at Dunedin.
29—McIntyre at Redickville.
30—Singh'ton at Maple Valley.
Dunedin at Maxwell
July 2—Badjeros at Singhampton.
3—Maple Valley at Maxwell.
Dunedin at Redickville.
6—Maxwell at Redickville.

Mrs. A. McDermid Dies

After an illness of over three years, Mrs. A. A. McDermid died on Saturday evening, May 16 at her home near Priceville.

The late Mrs. McDermid was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McPhail, who came from Scotland and were pioneers of the Priceville district.

Mrs. McDermid was seventy-four years of age and lived for forty years in Toronto. Ten years ago she moved to her parents' old home where she passed away.

She is survived by her husband, three children Edna (Mrs. E. C. Piper); Ross and Reta, one grandson, Douglas Piper and a sister, Mrs. Effie McLean of the Sault, Michigan.

The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon. Rev. Norman McDonald of Priceville Presbyterian Church preached the sermon and Mr. W. G. Watson was the funeral director.

The pall-bearers were: her nephew, Mr. Archie McPhail, and neighors, Messrs. Thos. McDougall, Hector McEachern, Norman McIntyre, Chas. Ferguson, Thos. Nichol and Peter McDermid.

She was laid to rest in West Church Cemetery, Collingwood, where four generations of Mr. McDermid's people have been buried.

Friends from Toronto who attended the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Brooks, Mr. Jno. Booth, Mr. Gordon Booth, the Misses Lulu and Kathleen Booth.

There were many beautiful flowers, including a basket from the head office of the United Cigar Stores, where Reta McDermid is employed.

The late Mrs. McDermid was active in church work, and was a member of Bonar Presbyterian Church, Toronto. On her departure for Priceville, she was made a life member of the W. M. S. as an appeciation of her work.

VICTORIA CORNERS

On Friday evening a large number of neighbors and friends met at the home of Mr. Wm. Talbot to present a miscellaneous shower to Mr. and Mrs. Dave Talbot of Mooresfield recent bride and groom. The evening was spent in cards, dancing and music and socil chat. Not mentioning the usual lunch enjoyed by all.

The weather was ideal for the 24th of May holiday. The visitors in the neighborhood were: Mr. and Mrs. Les. Brooks and family at Milton Bannons, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Killins and son Gordon of Smithville, Miss Margaret Moore, nurse and Mr. Walt. Arnold, Buffalo at Chas. Moore's, Mr. and Mrs. Mel. Hawe and daughter Mry of Bright, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Coon and son of Acton, at Albert Stinson's.

SPRING STORM

In contrast with a persistant coolness of late, this day has been unbearably hot; one of those scorching breeze that seem to pour like acid into the very tisues of the human frame and leave one drugged and bereft of ambition. A threatening haze, more like the smokiness of spring, has overhung the landscape. All afternoon it has been suspected as a portent of rain.

Now, as evening approaches, dark clouds gather, casting gloom everywhere. Suddenly they obscure the sun. Within the breast of man is a tinge of fearful foreboding, a feeling akin to that of our superstitious primeval ancestors who sought among themselves mysterious explanations for eclipse or earthquake. Today we turn on electric lights to offset the dark but only do so with an involuntary shudder.

In a moment a strong gale rocks the elms, roaring through their tops. It ceases as abruptly as it began to be followed by an intense calm, impressive in its silence. The rain comes, first with a dull hum as it approaches across the distant fields, then with the steady patter of myraid drops upon crisp shingles. It is a relief to know that the storm has broken upon us, its occurrence less disturbing than its announcement.

Like Peter McArthur, I seem to hear a murmur other than that of the falling rain. "It is full of the thanksgiving of the grass and of the leaves that are held up like cupped palms to catch the reviving shower." Athirst for warm moisture, ten million folded buds open to spread forth as foliage.

The sun appears again with as little ceremony as that with which it was hidden. On every inch of wire in the fence there hangs a jewel of the first water, sparkling until it drops to earth or is absorbed by air as thirsty as soil or living plants. A farther row of elms stands in relief against the skyline. There is a freshness, a new greeness everywhere.

If April showers bring May flowers, what do May showers bring? There is a clearing of the air, a release of nervous tension. There is a reminder of the forces of nature still unharnessed, uncontrolled. But there is a growth and a promise of growth, new life and a promise of new life more abundant.

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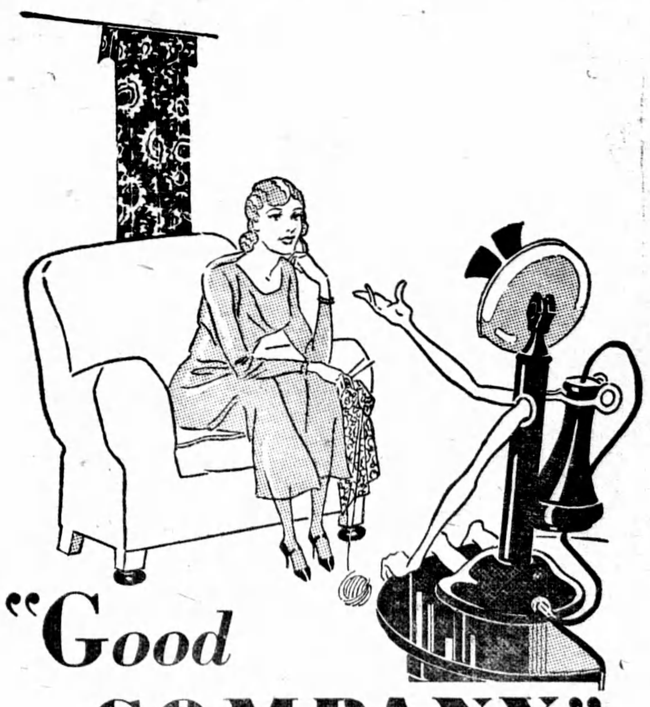
Cattle Exports to U.S.

Canada sold the United States approximately 103,000 head of cattle durng 1935, the largest number in many years, and in addition moved across the border approximately 21,000 head of calves, the largest number of that class since 1930. There were also approximately 6,000,000 lbs. of beef sold to the United States in 1935, as against approximately 330,000 pounds in 1934.

Exports to the United States since the 1st of January, 1936, up to mid-March have been more moderate than during the corresponding period of 1935 and have been made at somewhat lower price levels. This situation is reflected in the domestic prices in Canada. Late in February, order-bought cattle were going forward to Great Britain in moderate volume, with bookings to the extent of between 2,500 and 3,000 head extending to the middle of April. The outcome of these shipments will not necessarily determine the direction of export movements during the rest of the year.

An upward reaction to prices is expected as the year advances. The situation as it existed during the first quarter of 1936 was therefore complex and rather hard to analyse. Undoubtedly some further increase in cattle marketings in Canada over the very substantial increase which occurred in 1935 is anticipated.

Magistrate: "Did you call the accused a rogue and a thief?"
Witness: "I did."
Magistrate: "And did you call him a liar and a cad?"
Witness: "No, your Worship, I didn't—a man can't remember everything."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