Sparks from the Press

Blinding Headlights

Blinding headlights continue to claim victims on Ontario highways with monotonous regularity in spite of the fact that they are supposed to be illegal and that there are supposed to be officers responsible for enforcing such a regulation.—Brockville Recorder.

Incompetent Drivers

The Department of Highways now requires every driver who has had a bad accident record to be examined by a doctor to see if any physical defect is responsible for the accidents. This suggests that it might be a good thing from the standpoint of the safety of those using the highways, if more attention was paid to the physical qualifications of all who drive motor vehicles. Why wait until a driver has established a reputation for accidents before subjecting him to an examination regarding his physical fitness? Plain, ordinary common sense suggests that the time for such an examination is before and not after an accident, in which, perhaps, there has been a loss of life.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

The Empire and the World

The Empire does not involve the world in its domestic problems and crises Other nations have diverted the discontent of citizens by precipitating crises with neighbouring or weaker nations, but the Empire has kept its domestic troubles within its own boundaries. Even though unemployment and poverty within the Empire have been exploited by the enemies of the British system, the Empire has not retaliated but has gone on in its quiet dignity and brought its enemies to reluctant acknowledgment that the integrity of the Empire is essential even to the welfare of those who would be its enemies, not as a nation but as the exponent of an opposing order. Thus it goes: enemies, rivals, competitors, all know that were the Empire to falter in its stride the pace of the world would diminish. The Empire is the driving-wheel, the motive power, and the safetylvalve of international production and welfare. —Melbourne Argus.

Music and Milk

Science gains much by accident. An Indiana farmer is now getting five gallons of milk instead of the three he used to get before he began milking just outside his back door, where his two cows could hear the radio. But he didn't locate the cows there for their amusement, but his own. In a scientific spirit this column now suggests trying bagpipes on the two cows. Or on the farmer, if you prefer.—Sault Star.

Blondes Vanish

The new models of motor cars appear in the advertisements without a blonde on the running board, suggesting at least the motor car has reached a state of perfection that enables it to stand on its own merits.—Kitchener Record.

Concern For A Dog

A curious incident, according to a cable dispatch from Madrid, held up hostilities for a time on that blood-drenched battleground. It seems that somehow or other a collie dog had wandered on to the danger zone and was rushing back and forth between the opposing trenches in a state of terror. Both sides ceased fire for a whole hour, but the dog refused to leave and was eventually dispatched. It is strange to reflect that men who would not hesitate for an instant to kill each other should instinctively refrain from killing a trapped animal. There is, then, a certain remnant of chivalry still surviving. — Hamilton Spectator.

Housing in Quebec

It will be admitted that in Canada we are already behind from the point of view of sanitary lodgings. This delay may be due to a number of causes. It is only recently that the housing crisis became serious: it followed the exodus of country people to the cities. But the crisis is none the less severe. In many centres construction has not kept pace with the increase in population, and before the economic crisis, working men and the poor succeeded in housing themselves much more easily than today. The Federal Government has had the happy idea of choosing the building of sanitary lodgings as a means of lessening the unemployment crisis. For it must not be overlooked that in aiding the population to live in more hygienic dwelling places and more agreeable ones, the public authorities are contributing to procure work for a large number of men, and that they are encouraging all the industries which are allied to those of construction. Let us hope that Quebec will enter upon this movement shortly and with all its power.—L'Evenement, Quebec.

South Africa and Immigration

On the Rand we do not want any more newcomers for the present, either from overseas or from other parts of South Africa, unless they have assured jobs waiting for them. It may be that the decentralization of secondary industry—recently much discussed—will provide a solution. Anxious as we are to see the Rand grow and thrive and prosper, it is as well to remember before it is too late that the Rand cannot continue indefinitely to carry the rest of the Union on its back. The prosperity of the Rand and the prosperity of the rest of the country are, in point of actual fact, interdependent We must avoid the mistake of Australia, where almost the entire population is concentrated in a few large cities. Increased and more diffused industrial activity should readily attract a larger population of the desired type, which in turn will lead to an increased demand for raw materials and food. What is needed at the moment is a strong lead from the Government.

Canada's Young People

Edward Bird, a young Englishman, after travelling in Canada, has an article in the Nineteenth Century about life among the young people in this country. That which most impressed him was the extent to which boys and young men spend their holidays canoeing and camping in the north country, where lakes, streams and forests abound. He tells of the camps for boys on Lake Timagami and elsewhere in the north. The young fellows learn canoeing, woodcraft, and above all acquire self-confidence. He found children aged six swimming and diving well. What he felt was that the young in Canada are looking forward confidently to the fine future ahead of this country. They do not have any doubt about it. —Toronto Star Weekly

Wife Ends His Career

The passing of Mrs. J. T. Carroll recalls the history in Vancouver of an interesting pioneer couple. Her late husband, Dr. Carroll, was a busy physician, one of the group consisting of Dr. Duncan Bell-Irving, Dr. Johnson and Dr. H. E. Langis, all now dead except Dr. Langis, who is still hale and hearty at 79.

In 1898, Dr. Carroll was bitten by the political bug, this being about the time that Dr. R. E. McKechnie, now of Vancouver, was first running for office in Nanaimo.

The News-Advertiser, Vancouver morning paper, was friendly to the candidacy of Dr. Carroll for mayor. F. L. Carter-Cotton was proprietor of the morning paper of that day.

One night Mr. Cotton and Dr. Carroll were in conference and they called in a young reported to dictate an announcement about Dr. Carroll's proposed candidacy. The reporter took his notes, but then remarked:

"The only trouble about this announcement is that Mrs. Carroll was on the phone a few minutes ago to say that no matter what we heard from any source about Dr. Carroll running for mayor, there was nothing to it. She said he was not going to run."

"Did she say that?" huskily repeated Dr. Carroll, who was a towering man of huge frame. He turned to the editor and said: "I guess I had better go home and find out."

Mr. Cotton had to find another candidate for that election—Lethbridge Herald.

Florida and the Soo

—You may have your snowbanks
and blizzards,
Your coughs and your colds and your
'flu.
But take it from me
I would much rather be
Down here in the sun. Wouldn't you?

W. J. McCormack.

St. Petersburg, Florida, Jan. 11.

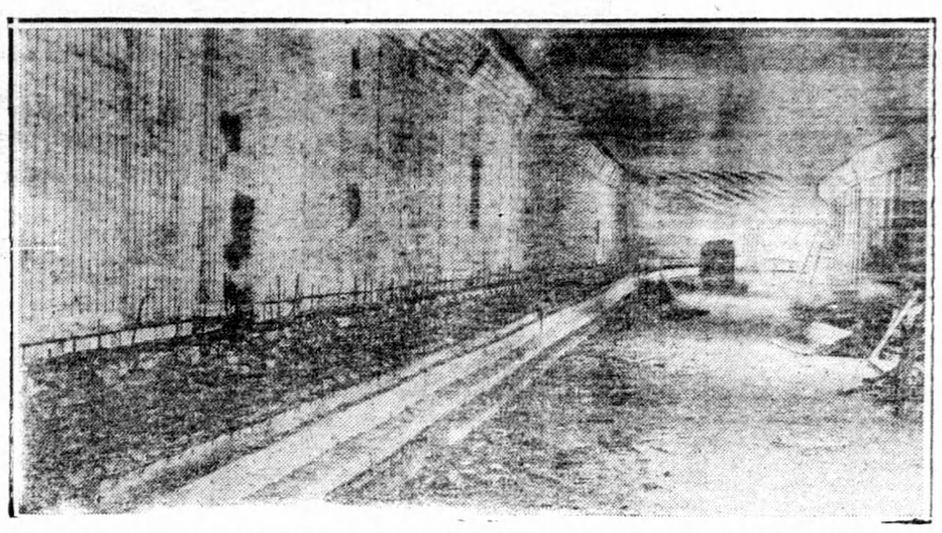
(Dear Bill. Had to pay 2 cents postage on your card. This is the warmest January in 40 years. However, there are neither rattlers nor jiggers in the grass, no alligators in the rivers. Sun is so bright a fellow needs to hunt the shady side of the street. The hoss shoes have taken a rest, but there is great curling, skating and hockey. It must be terrible down south to just have to sit around and play cribbage.—Editor).

—Sault Ste. Marie Star.

Bell's Prophecy

Sending photographs over an ordinary telephone wire was something that even Bell himself would have been loath to prophecy, although he did predict in the early stages of the invention that a single human voice would be ultimately heard around the world.—Brantford Expositor.

Roadway Under River



The south tube of the West 39th street Midtown Tunnel, which will connect New York City with New Jersey, shown as it begins to take shape. This steel section shows the tile ducts and completed ceiling. Tunnel will relieve automobile traffic in Holland tubes.

This Week's News In Review

Flood Menace Lessens

CHICAGO — The flood menace so long overhanging much of the United States, appeared to be lessening everywhere, inspiring hopes that the job ahead is mainly one of consolidating positions against the waters.

The Ohio River, reaching its biggest crest of all time on Wednesday, at Cairo, Ill., still was held back by that city's lofty levees and the persistence of the men who remained at imminent peril to defend it.

The Mississippi was rising south to New Orleans. It was above flood stage as far down as Vicksburg, Miss., but General Malin Craig, United States Army Chief of Staff, reassured the people: "Everything is holding all right in the lower river."

Toronto Leads

OTTAWA — According to a statement issued on income tax collections for ten months ending January 31st, Toronto heads the list with a total of $31,787,855, an increase of $7,663,286. Montreal was second with $25,211,996 and other districts — Kingston, $323,676; Belleville, $431,256; Hamilton, $6,358,673; London, $8,602,476.

Western Voices Richer

EDMONTON — According to Major W. E. Gladstone Murray, General Manager of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, Western Canadians have better speaking voices than Eastern Canadians. "They are richer, rounder" says the Major.

Bigger Money Lures Nurses

TORONTO, — Attracted by offers of more money and shorter hours, a great many Ontario nurses have given up positions in Provincial mental hospitals to take work offered them in Chicago, New York and other large centres, it was learned here at Queen's Park, this week.

During the past seven or eight months approximately 75 Ontario nurses, specially trained in mental diseases have forsaken Canada for the United States hospitals, creating a shortage here, it was reported.

$10,000 Damage

KITCHENER — Damage was estimated at $10,000 when fire broke out in the Brandt Furniture Company plant here. The plant is housed in a building which was used as a church when first erected in 1834.

New Lease Given Fair

BRAMPTON — While it had appeared that the Peel County Agricultuaral Fair's discontinuance this year was likely, W. L. Wilkinson, the president, now declares matters are very much brighter, with the assurance that assistance will be forthcoming from county municipalities. Already the Peel County Council has voted $500, and Brampton Town Council has decided to vote $268, which in effect will offset the local taxation for road improvement 'I am almost certain I will not be amiss if I predict that the fair will be held as usual, after all of our worries," said Mr. Wilkinson.

Flue Still Grips Britain

LONDON — Last week's death toll of 1,155 shows that the influenza epidemic in Great Britain is still severe. Reports for the previous week had listed 1,137 victims.

Dead At 63

TORONTO — This week, internationally known race-horse owner, Edward Froude Seagram, President of J. E. Seagram & Sons, Limited, Waterloo distillers, died here at the age of 63, after an operation for stomach ulcer.

Bear Down on Slot Machines

OSHAWA — On Tuesday, the Oshawa City Council made an amendment to the by-law licensing slot machines; calling for a fee of $50 for each machine, instead of $50 for the first and $25 for each additional device. The amendment was made in an effort to check the use of the machines here. The amendment forbids any person under eighteen years of age from operating them, and restricts their use to the hours between six a.m. and eleven p.m. during weekdays only.

To Protect Quints

TORONTO — It is announced by the Hon. David Croll, that the Ontario Government is seeking Federal Legislation to prevent business firms from using the name quints, quins or quintuplets in unauthorized exploitation. A bill to incorporate the famous babies will be put through Parliament.

Biggest In Empire

TORONTO — According to confirmed reports received here from the Turner Valley field, Alberta, the largest crude producing well in the British Empire was brought in this week, one of the most important economic events in the history of Alberta, or of the West.

Japanese fur farmers are raising rabbits and foxes, and government scientists of Japan are learning to breed Japanese sables and American mink.

Six families of the western coast of Schleswig-Holstein have started cultivation of 250 acres of land which have been reclaimed from the sea by building dykes.

IT'S A FACT

By Ken. Edwards

It looks as though sparks will fly any time now on the heavyweight horizon. It seems that Braddock and Schemling were matched to fight in New York on June 3rd for the title, now however, plans have been made for Braddock and Louis to battle out in Chicago on June 15th ..... hence Schmeling is all hot under the collar and reports have it that Maxie will take the Zeppelin "Hindenburg" on a 48-hour trip to New York to try and stop the fight.

Maxie, Baer, who is on the comeback trail, just had his 100-suit wardrobe destroyed by fire, along with the home of Ancil Hoffman, his manager. With this cramp Maxie's style? NOT MUCH!

The popular question that is always being asked at this office is: "In a six-day bicycle race how many miles would each rider travel?" This question was answered only the other day by Torchy Peden, who estimated the mileage to be somewhere between 2300 and 2600 miles per rider.

When it comes to top salaries for managers in baseball, Joe McCarthy scoops up the marbles with a high $25,000 a year.

S'fact..... In New Orleans one of their high school football games drew a crowd of 33,000 fans..... When Jim Londos cleaned up North America and had the championship dangling from his belt he turned his head toward South America, next to his home in Greece; now we see he is in South Africa "busting" more bones, and not his own, either.

Life is sweet, tho', isn't it? Yeah! They only want $99.00 for a box at the Kentucky Derby this year..... quick! gimme six, I've got long ears!

So-long again.

Outdoor celebrations, arena games at night, and indoor feasts in ancient Greece and Rome were illuminated by torches in metal baskets and receptacles filled with resinous woods, pitch, or other inflammable substances.

There are about 5,500 islands round the shores of Great Britain, including five hundred in the Hebrides group.

The temperature of the Carlsbad Caverns, N.M., remains at 56 degrees F. the year round.

Has New Method For Knitting

Graduate of German School Says It Involves No Lost Motion

GENEVA, N.Y. — "It's all in the way you hold the yarn," says Mrs. H. O. Jahn, German trainer expert knitter and instructor of a group of Geneva women.

Wife of the head gardener at the New York State agricultural experiment station, Mrs. Jahn is a graduate of the 'Handels and Gerwerbe Schule' in Germany, a school devoted to the teaching of home economics and the knitting as a fine art.

Knitting is her favorite pastime and the beauty of her knitted wardrobe attracted attention of friends. She soon was busy giving instructions in the method which she says saves a lot of time and turns out a perfect garment.

Under the Jahn system there is no lost motion, and the work goes ahead rapidly. The yarn is held over the left index finger and instead of looping the strand over the top of the needle with the right hand Mrs. Jahn pushes one needle point down with a finger.

One of the reasons for the fine needlework done by European women is their lack of other interests such as the women have in America, says Mrs. Jahn. Few of the women have automobiles to drive, there are few women's clubs and similar organizations to occupy their time and they do not attend moving picture shows as regularly as do their American sisters.

Debt Increase Exceeds Income

Bank of Canada Gives Report on Provinces

OTTAWA—Provincial debts have been increasing at a greater rate than revenues between 1925 and 1935, according to a compilation made public by the Bank of Canada. This was the first of a series of monthly statistical summaries which the bank plans to issue.

In 1925 the total indebtedness of the provinces in excess of the amount they had deposited in sinking funds was $813,400,000. Ten years later, in 1935, it was $1,622,100,000. The increase was 99 per cent.

Debts have been increasing faster than revenues. In 1926 the debt was 563 per cent of the annual revenue of the provinces. In 1935 it was 777 per cent.

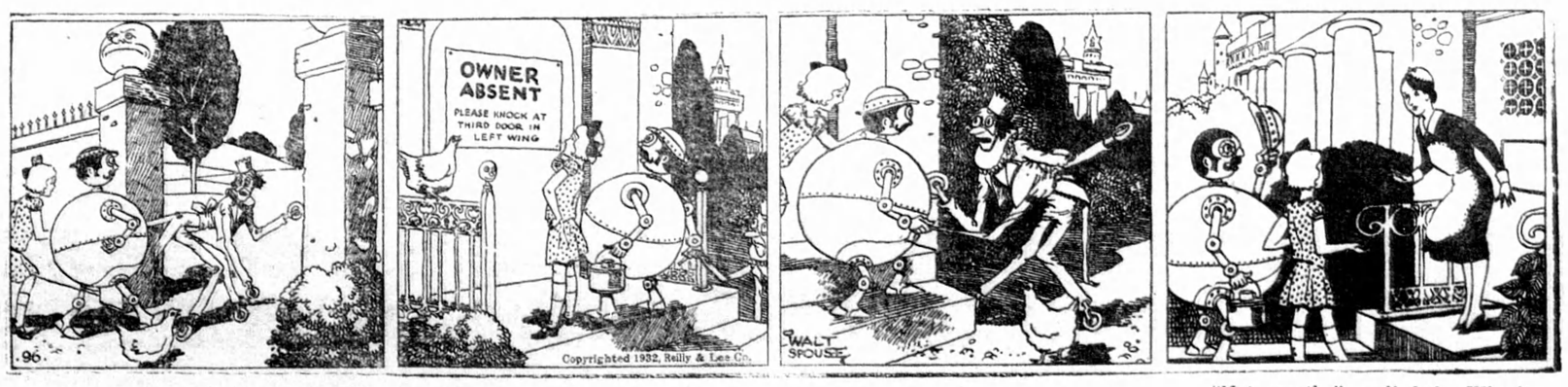
The public debts of the provinces in 1935, less the sinking funds with the relation of the debt to the annual income that year in brackets follow: Prince Edward Island, $5,200,000 (381 per cent); Nova Scotia, $81,100,000 (815); New Brunswick, $64,900,000 (951); Quebec, $163,900,000 (465); Ontario, $699,800,000 (852); Manitoba, $111,000,000 (761); Saskatchewan, $183,400,000 (1,105); Alberta, $165,600,000 (984); British Columbia, $158,200,000 (598).

Man-Made Climate Increases Yield

Air-Conditioning Applied To Agricultural Field Brings Surprising Results

An interesting application of air-conditioning in its use in the agricultural field. According to the manager of a big electric air conditioning department, man-made climate has made a surprising advance over nature by making possible an increase of 35 to 40 per cent in the yield of certain vegetables.

Vegetables raised under such conditions produced an extra crop and every crop is of better quality, because the air-conditioned vegetable knows no season and is not subject to the limiting effects of heat and drought.



"Very well," said Tiktok, "I will keep your sec-ret if you promise not to both-er lit-tle chil-dren." "I won't — Iwon't indeed," cried the Wheeler. "Thank you for your kindness." "I am on-ly a machine," said Tiktok. "I can-not be kind an-y more than I can be sor-ry. I can on-ly do what I am wound up to do." "Are you wound up to keep my secret?" asked the Wheeler, anxiously. "Yes, if you behave your-self. But tell me, who rules the Land of Ev now?" asked the machine

"There is no ruler," was the answer, "because all the members of the royal family are imprisoned by the Nome King. But Princess Langwidere, who is a niece of our late king Evoldo, lives in the royal palace. She doesn't rule, but she is the nearest thing we have to a ruler at the presen ttime." "I do not remember her," said Tiktok, starting to walk towards the trees. "What does she look like?" "That I cannot say," replied the Wheeler.

"You see," the queer creature continued, "although I have seen her twenty times, I do not know what she looks like. The only way her subjects can recognize her is by a beautiful ruby key which she wears attached to her left wrist by a golden chain. When we see the key we know we are in the presence of the Princess." "That is strange," said Dorothy. "Do you mean to say that so many different princesses are one and the same person?"

"Not exactly," replied the Wheeler. "There is, of course, but one Princess, but she appears to us in many forms, which are all more or less beautiful." "She must be a witch!" exclaimed the girl. "I do not think so," said the Wheeler. "But there is some mystery connected with her just the same." No one made any further remarks, for at this moment they left the woods and saw in the distance the city of Evna and the royal palace of Ev where the strange princess lived.