Summary of the News

Back Aberhart

Calgary. — Endorsation of the Government of Premier William Aberhart has been voted, by resolutions, by all groups of the Alberta Social Credit League hard from but one — Red Deer—the Premier announced Sunday at the Calgary Prophetic Bible Institute.

"Not all groups have been heard from yet, but the response has been most gratifying," the Premier said. "The majority are opposed to any change."

Canada Will Shun War

London.—Canadian and Australian soldiers are unlikely ever again to come to Europe to fight, the Sunday Times said Sunday in an editorial on the Imperial conference to be held after the Coronation.

Stressing its view that international affairs and Imperial defense will take up most of the conference's time, the newspaper says the Dominion's reject the doctrine that "peace is one and indivisible," at least in its more inflexible forms.

"Here," the editorial continues, "their view accords substantially with that of the British Government. The people of the Dominions also share with the people of Great Britain a profound aversion to the idea of conscripting young men to fight once more in mass battles on the Continent of Europe. "No more Canadian or Australian army corps are likely to travel overseas, even for France or for Flanders."

George VI Stamps Ready On April 1

Ottawa.—The Postoffice Department has announced a new, non-commemorative regular issue of Canadian postage stamps, bearing the portrait of King George VI. will be available April 1 in demnominations of 1 cent green, 2 cents brown and 3 cents red.

Further denominations of this series in 4, 5 and 8 cent issues were expected to be issued later.

Details of the new Coronation issue will be announced later.

New Benefit

Oshawa.—General Motors has extended another benefit to the workers, it was learned here over the week-end

Effective Monday the weekly sickness and non-occupational accident benefit, payable under the General Motors group-insurance policy, will be increased from $10 to $14 per week. This is an increase of 40 per cent. in the benefit rates, and will be made available to the employees without any additional payment by them, the company absorbing the added cost.

The plan will then provide "weekly sickness and non-occupational accident benefit of $14 a week, payable for thirteen weeks for any one illness or non-occupational accident."

Letters Mailed In Fire-Box Sounds Alarms

Edmonton. — Confused citizens "mailing letters in fire-alarm boxes" were given as the "cause" of two false fire alarms in Edmonton in 1936, according to the annual report of Fire Chief Albert Dutton.

Third Year Critical In Married Life

Seattle.—The first ten years of married life are the most difficult —and the third year is the worst of all—Divorce ErProctor Evangeline Starr stated in her annual report to Prosecutor Gray Warner. She said her statistics indicated husbands' fondness for liquor is the principal cause of divorce.

Packers Boost Pay

Edmonton.—Wage increases affecting about 1,000 men and women employed by four Edmonton packing plants were announced Saturday. Increases, effective at once, of 8½ cents an hour for all hourly-paid male employees and 6½ cents for females were decided upon by Swift Canadian, Burns, Gainers and Canada Packers Companies.

Minimum wage rates of 45 cents an hour for men and 36 cents for women will be in force in all plants under the new plan, officials of the companies said.

Queen Marie Ill

Bucharest, Rumanian.—Dowager Queen Marie, one of the most colorful members of European royalty, was seriously ill of intestinal poisoning Sunday night She is in her 62nd year. Members of her family have been summoned to her bedside.

Authorities notified the Queen's three daughters — Queen Mother Marie of Jugoslavia, ex-Queen Elizabeth of Greece and the Archduchess Anton of Hapsburg. The Jugoslavian Queen Mother was understood to be hurrying here from Belgrade.

Farmer's Wife Writes Winning Play

Regina.—A grey-haired farm woman, her husband and a boy and a girl from the Marshall Dramatic Club will represent Saskatchewan at the Dominion Drama Festival in Ottawa next month.

George de Warfaz of London Saturday selected as the best of eight plays presented in the Saskatchewan Regional Festival the offering "Relief," written and directed by Mrs. Fred Bicknell, who also took a role. Mr. Bicknell, Archie McArthur and Anne McIntyre complete the cast.

The four represent a club of only ten members fostering the drama in the hamlet of Marshall, with a population of seventy-five. It lies near the Alberta border, 250 miles northwest of Saskatoon.

"Relief" tells of the struggle of a farm family in the drought-ridden plains of Southern Saskatchewan. Good news from two children in British Columbia comes by telegraph, meaning release from the prairies' bare subsistence; but at that moment the farmer, his spirit broken by his weary wait for better times, commits suicide.

Junior Farmers Judge

Georgetown. — Close competition in all classes marked the Halton County Seed Fair and Junior Farmers' Judging competition held in the Town Hall on Saturday. A unique feature of the fair is that no seed may be entered in competition unless the exhibitor is prepared to sell a reasonable amount of it. The exhibition is sponsored by the agricultural societies of Halton County, Esquesing Township, and Acton. in the cream grading division. Speakers included Dr. G. L. Christie, President of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph; Professor E. J. Zavitz and J. E. Whitelock, Halton County Agricultural representative Dr. Christie congratulated the exhibitors at the fair, on the high standards of the products displayed, and the capability of the entrants in the judging competition.

Punchboards Fined

London, Ont.—Six punchboards in his hotelroom resulted in $50 and costs or 30 days in jail for Leo Hamany of Toronto. The accused denied to Magistrate Menzies, trying to sell the punchboards.

"Someone in Toronto gave them to me to try and sell," declared Hamany. "However, when I heard they objected to punchboards here I did not try to sell them."

Higher Wages Seen

Toronto.—"A province can only be prosperous as long as the people in that province are prosperous," asserted Elroy Robson, president of the National Labor Council of Toronto, this week in commenting on the statement of Hon. Arthur Roebuck that "any industry which cannot pay the minimum to be set by the government can go out of business or out of the province."

"Any exploitation of the workers by finance or capital that causes poverty and misery among the people is not good for the province, not good for the capital nor for the people," Mr. Robson added.

The minimum wage law now before the legislature is good, in his opinion. "The legislation on the whole is good for the great masses or workers, but it should be adequately policed," Mr. Robson stated. "The best way to police it would be to include a clause giving workers in industry the right to organize and provide a very severe penalty on any employer who discriminates against workers, either directly or indirectly for becoming members in trade unions."

Wage Increase Granted

MONTREAL — Increased wages for 3,000 employees has been announced by the Aluminum Company of Canada. The new scale affects regular hourly paid workers in the company's plants at Toronto, Shawinigan Falls, Que., and Arvida, Que.

Walkerton Couple Married 54 Years

Walkerton.—Mr. and Mrs. William Denny celebrated the fifty-fourth anniversary of their wedding Sunday, and for the event all members of their family, six sons and two daughters, were present at a dinner served and the bride and groom of over a half century ago were at home to receive the felicitations of their family and friends.

Mr. William Denny, who celebrated his natal day in March, was born in Brant and is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Denny, who pioneered there. For fifty years after graduating from the rural school Mr. Denny carried on farming and threshing business. For the last 23 years he has been engineer with the Canada Spool and Bobbin ompany. His bride, the former Miss Mary Sparling, was born in Brock Township, June 19, 1864. Following their marriage by Rev. Mr. Moffat, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Walkerton, they took up residence on the old Denny homestead, where they lived until their removal to Walkerton about a quarter century ago.

War Not Inevitable Says Dr. Royden

Woman Minister Discusses How Cause of Peace May Best Be Served

HALIFAX. — Dr. A. Maude Royden of London, England, only woman to hold a doctor of divinity degree in the Church of England, said here last week she did not believe "war is inevitable in Europe."

En route to England after a tour of America in the interests of the national emergency peace campaign of the United States, Dr. Royden said the best way women could contribute to the cause of the peace was "by joining organizations committed to that cause and when anyone says war is inevitable, challenge their statement."

Dr. Royden who preached at Deer Park United Church Toronto last summer, conducted services at St. Andrew's United here before sailing for England.

SPORT REPORTER
By KEN EDWARDS

Hi folks! Here are just a few facts that are worth placing in that old scrapbook, from time to time:

Did you know, by any chance, that Mr. Seagram's horse, "Inferno," was the greatest race horse to ever win the King's Plate. Also, when "Inferno's" remains were sent to the Veterinary College for autopsy, it was discovered that the great racer's big heart weighed 17 pounds—just about five more than the heart of the average blood horse.

Interesting, too, is the fact that Belle Mahone, which won the Plate in 1917, is the oldest living King's Plate winner.

If you don't believe in ghosts, maybe you lean towards fairy tales. . . .—

Do you remember Milo? Well, he is said to have been the greatest of all wrestlers. Milo could actually carry an ox about on his shoulders and write his name on a wall with a 100-pound weight hanging from his wrist. . . Oh me, a glass of water, Hives! . . .

Time marches on, and with it more "believe it or nots", to find that Strangler Lewis of modern-day wrestling, once threw an 1800-pound steer on his farm!

Send any interesting sport facts to Ken. Edwards c o Wilson Publishing, 73 Adelaide St., W., Toronto, and the sender's name will be published in this column along with the fact given. Thank you.

End of Air Fatalities By 1939 is Forecast

NEW YORK— Advancement in aeronautical design will make it possible by 1939 to operate transport planes throughout the year without a single fatality, according to E. R. Breech, chairman of the Board of North American Aviation.

Mr. Breech made his prediction before a group of airmen and executives of transport lines and aircraft manufacturing companies at a luncheon given by the Advertising Club to honor Howard Hughes, the transcontinental speed ace.

Mr. Hughes, wealthy sportsman pilot, spanned the continent on Jan. 19, in 7 hours, 28 minutes and 25 seconds. His average speed was 332 miles an hour or 5½ miles a minute. He said recently that it would be a hard battle with nature to accomplish greater speed.

On this point Mr. Hughes finished his speech, which had to do mainly with technical and other difficulties in rapid flight.

"I am glad Mr Hughes deflated speed," Mr. Breech said. "Americans expect the impossible, and usually get it. But I am glad he told about the difficulties so that the public won't expect too much."

Mr. Breech noted that designers were concentrating their efforts on comfort, safety and quiet, rather than speed. In the designs for the coming year (1938), he said: "you will see comfort, not speed, representing the greatest advancement." Engineers also are placing great emphasis on the safety factor, he added.

Capt. E. V. Rickenbacker, war ace and general manager of Eastern Air Lines, told the gathering it would not be long before airlines gave passengers "in comfort what you (Hughes) gave them in speed." He said aviation to him now was "a parade of youth and we old-timers feel obsolete."

Tongue Trapped—For having said in a restaurant that the German armed forces were working for war a man has been sentenced at Brunswick to five months' imprisonment.

Taxi Owner Found Dead In Ditch

Kitchener Sportsman's Murder Baffles Police—$17 Remaining in Pockets Ruling Out Robbery Theory—Car Half Off Road Near By

KITCHENER—Local and Provincial police are faced with one of the most baffling murder mysteries in this city's history following the discovery early Sunday morning of the body of Lawrence Hewitt, 30-year-old taxicab proprietor and prominent Kitchener sportsman.

Shot through the heart with a .32-calibre bullet, Hewitt was found shortly after 2 a.m., sprawled in the muddy ditch beside the Kitchener-Preston Highway, two miles east of here and near Centreville. Half off the road was his sedan car, its light switch turned on and the battery dead. A robbery theory was blasted when the police found in the dead man's pockets $17 in bills and a few cents in cash. Hewitt was extremely popular here and, so far as his family is aware, he had no enemies.

Called Out by Telephone

At 10 o'clock Sunday night the telephone rang in his home, where he sat listening to a hockey broadcast with his wife and Bernard McGinnis, a close friend. After answering the telephone, he returned to the room and announced that he had to go after a fare because one of his two drivers was out on a call and the other was off duty. "I'll be back in five minutes," he said. Then he put on his coat and went out. It was the last time he was seen alive. An effort was made to trace the mysterious call that took the young man away from his home and lured him to his death, but telephone officials were unable to throw any light upon its origin.

Didn't Catch Conversation

McGinnis declared he was unable to catch any of Hewitt's conversation while he was answering the mysterious call. "The radio was going pretty loudly," said he, "and drowned out his words. The telephone is in another room. He was not speaking very long before he returned. I didn't think there was anything unusual about the call, because he often went out on runs while I was there.

Ontario Leads In Home Loans

$1,675,398 Total — Windsor For Cities Up To Feb. 13

Ottawa.—With 4,377 home improvement loans recorded across Canada up to February 13, Finance Minister Dunning announced recently $1,675,398 had been loaned up to that date. Increase in loans from January 31 numbered 418 and amounted to $171,290.

Number of loans made in Ontario is now more than double that in any other province, the minister said. On February 15, Ontario had made 1,609 loans with a total of $584,119. Quebec 748 loans amounting to $387,264 and British Columbia was third with 584 loans totalling $156,739.84.

Total loans and amount for the other provinces follow:

Prince Edward Island 41, $14,949.88; Nova Scotia 476, $147,725.31; New Brunswick 235, $82,152.95; Manitoba 180, $66,570.99; Saskatchewan 125, $39,385.28; Alberta, 379 $156,739. 84.

Home improvement loans in cities and towns with population of 10,000 and over on February 15 numbered 2,506 and totalled $1,019,968. Of this 1,696 loans totalling $711,872 had been made in cities of 40,000 population and over. In cities from 20,000 to 40,000 there were 409 loans totalling $156,697. Towns and cities with populations ranging from 10,000 to 20,000 accounted for the remaining 401 loans totalling $152,197.

Toronto heads the list of cities both in number of loans and in amount with 398 loans totalling $149,514. Montreal was next with 271 loans and a total of $148,297. Vancouver was third with 199 loans totalling $66,408 then came Winnipeg with 104 loans amounting to $44,734 and Edmonton with 99 loans totalling $47,116.

Total loans and amounts for other cities of 40,000 and over follow: Halifax 69, $25,521.04; Saint John 73, $32,343.93; Quebec 77, $20,586.32; Verdun 21, $9,400; Hamilton 83, $22,867.21; London 64, $24,207.27; Ottawa, 84, $41,231.77; Windsor 79, $26,421.77; Regina 14, $5,514.82; Saskatoon 8, $2,911; Calgary 65, $30,761.14; Victoria 38, $13,265.92.

Dominion-Wide Accord Reached on Securities Law

Protection For Public Is Assured—Toronto Meeting Asks That Companies Act Be Under Provincial Jurisdiction—Rules Are Laid Down

TORONTO.—Complete accord on the minimum essentials of effective securities fraud prevention laws and their administration all over Canada was reached by the conference of Dominion and Provincial officials convened at Toronto last week by W. P. J. O'Meara, K.C., Assistant Under-Secretary of State. And therefore this has been the most momentous conference yet held in Canada with regard to company or securities legislation, because few thought a basis for common action could be decided on so soon. But experts from every part of the Dominion pooled their experience and were able to find in the midst of diversity of opinion, common ground for co-operative action in every Province.

The meeting in Toronto was an outgrowth of the meeting of the Dominion-Provincial Committee on company law in Canada in Ottawa last November. On the question of getting a uniform Companies Act for Dominion and all the Provinces the first real spadework was then done, but differences of opinion on many points have to be ironed out and sub-committees will work on these at various times throughout 1937 with the object of having draft legislation ready for Parliament and Legislatures by 1938.

Set Forth Minimum Needs

The need of affording in the meantime the greatest possible protection to the Canadian investing public led to the conference in Toronto last week. The decisions made at this conference do not need new legislation in many cases. In most Provinces the power already exists to put them into immediate effect by means of regulations or by simply deciding on the new policy. They are the minimum requirements for effective securities fraud prevention, and each Province can go much further if it wishes. Some of them definitely intend to do so.

About the much-discussed proposal for a Dominion Securities Commission, the conference is understood to have been unanimous. After considerable discussion a resolution was passed to the effect that a Federal Commission is neither necessary nor desirable. The results desired can be obtained, it was decided, by co-operation between the Dominion and each Provincial Securities Commission. Legislation is asked to bring the Dominion Companies Act under the jurisdiction of each Provincial Commission for administration purposes in its region. All Securities Acts in the Dominion for all practical purposes are uniform now, but it is considered important that in future there should be common consideration by Securities Commissions of all the Provinces of amendments considered necessary to the Securities Acts so that uniformity in administration can be maintained.

Two Countries Represented

The conference of Dominion and Provincial officials administering the laws relating to the prevention of fraud in connection with securities included the following:

Prince Edward Island—P. S. Fielding, Deputy Provincial Secretary.

Nova Scotia—F. F. Mathers, Deputy Attorney-General, and H. J. Egan, C. A., Registrar, Securities Act.

New Brunswick—E. B. McLatchy, counsel, Department of Attorney-General.

Quebec—Hon. T. J. Coonan, K.C., Minister without portfolio; Adolph Routhier, K.C., Solicitor to Securities Department; J. X. Mercier, Attorney-Department of Mines; and H. Oughtred, Accountant-Investigator.

Ontario—John M. Godfrey, K.C., Securities Commissioner; W. A. Brant, Registrar, Securities Act; and G. Frank Beer.

Manitoba—W. R. Cottingham, K.C., Chairman, Municipal and Public Utilities Board; and A. B. Lawford, Registrar, Securities Act.

Saskatchewan—A. B. Lawford, at the request of A. E. Fisher, represented Saskatchewan.

Alberta—A. A. Carpenter, Chairman Public Utilities Commission.

British Columbia—H. G. Garrett, Superintendent of Brokers.

The representatives of the Dominion were: E. H. Coleman, K.C., Under-Secretary of State; W. P. J. O'Meara, K.C., Assistant Under-Secretary of State; and K. R. Daly, senior solicitor, Department of Mines and Resources.

The Securities and Exchange Commission was represented by: Baldwin B. Bane, chief, Registration Division, Washington; Ernest Angell, Regional Administrator, New York; and W. W. Prager, Chief Regional Attorney, New York.

Hon. A. W. Roebuck, Attorney-General, welcomed the visitors at the opening meeting.

Says Gossip Drove Her Out of Home

Mrs. Michaelis Returned To Her Husband and Two Children After 12 Days' Absence

Windsor.—"She was driven away by gossip," said Leonard Michaelis when his 28-year-old wife returned to him and their two small children after a 12-day disappearance. She had been with friends in Detroit, he said and left here for her former home in London, Ont., where her mother was stricken ill with worry over her daughter's disappearance.

"I think it is a gift of God that this happened," said Michael. "It should teach others a lesson. People today do not seem to live right. All they do is talk and gossip. Here is an example where gossip drove a mother from her home."

His wife gave no reason for her disappearance other than that she "wanted to get away from everything," Michaels said. They have two small children, a daughter, age 6, and a son, aged 4. The young mother had been missing since Feb. 22, when she left for Detroit, "to go shopping and perhaps see a show."

Report On Census Takers Is Tabled

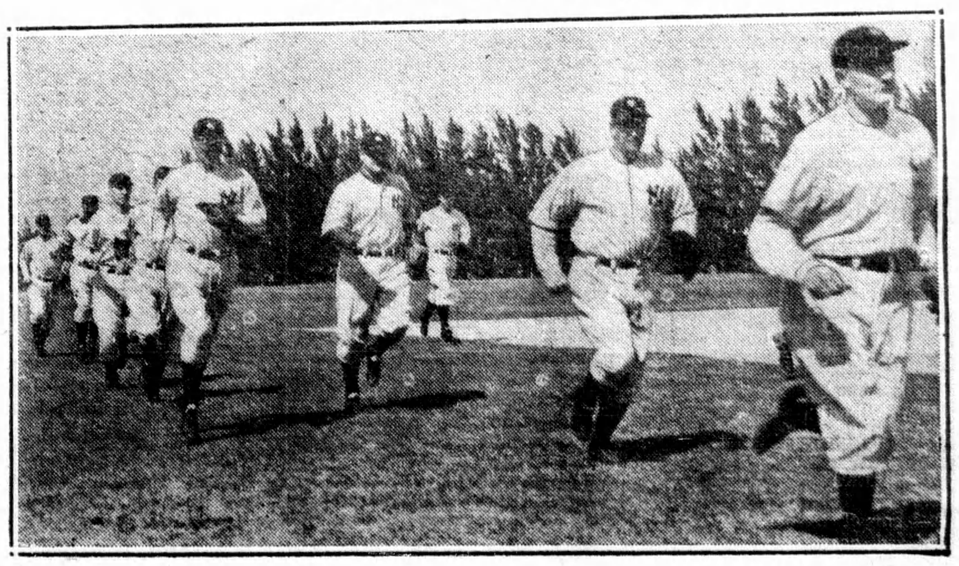
OTTAWA—Enumerators employed in taking the census last year in the Prairie Provinces numbered 3,446, Hon. Norman Rogers, acting Minister of Trade and Commerce, told the House of Commons recently in answer to questons by Joseph Needham (S.C.-the Battlefords).

"How many of these were returned men?" the Saskatchewan member asked.

"Forty-seven of 65 commissioners reported 452," the Minister replied.

Locomotives of the express type use about two tons of coal every 100 miles.

Yankees Rush Into Training



Limbering up and getting rid of the avoirdupois accumulated during the winter, members of the New York Yankee jog around the field as spring training gets under way at their St. Petersburg camp.