Sparks from the Press

Canadian Foodstuff Needed If War Comes

TORONTO—The importance of a large agricultural population, to provide a spiritual and moral background that is essential to every nation, was discussed this week by Arthur G. Street, British farmer, author and lecturer at the luncheon meeting of the Royal Winter Fair Association, the Canadian Club and the Empire Club.

During a period of troublous times, Mr. Street pointed out, Britain faces the important task of maintaining a sound agricultural industry, to provide her with foodstuffs "if and when the world goes mad." Yet, he said, at the same time Britain expects that when war breaks out Canada will continue to send products to Britain. For this reason, he said, British farmers recognize the importance of Canadian agriculture, but hope that Canadians will recognize the necessity of British agriculture being maintained and preserved as vital to Britain's future.

Smithies Wane

KINGSTON—There are lots of spreading chestnut trees but there aren't enough blacksmiths.

In fact the members of this ancient profession are worried. For it looks as if the mighty men will soon be as extinct as hoop-skirts, shaving mugs and magic lanterns.

The tragedy of the profession, or trade, as you will, is that there isn't enough young blood in it. That's what J. J. Taugher of Kingston says. In fact he said it at the convention of the Master Horseshoers and Carriage Workers' Association held at the City Hall.

This gathering brought out 20 delegates and there was even the question of whether the Association should continue or not. Eventually it decided to carry on.

But it's like Mr. Taugher said. There are very few apprentices learning the trade. "In fact," said he, "I visited over 35 shops and most of the men in them were between 60 and 70 years old.

In only a few were there men under 40 years. He thought that the blacksmith's pay was really to blame. He figured that there were so few apprentices because the smithies were not making sufficient money.

The convention adopted a motion to petition the Government to set a standard for all blacksmiths who intend opening their own shops, and to ask for the registration of all present shops.

Richard Prior of Toronto was elected president of the association. Other officers are: first vice-president, F. E. Gilroy, South Mountain; 2nd vice-president, W. G. Cameron, Falbrook; 3rd vice-president, James J. Taugher, Kingston; treasurer, Don MacLean, Toronto; and secretary, Edward Kearney, MacIntosh Mills.

Postmasters Protest Rates

LETHBRIDGE, Alta. — Protest against a rate of nine cents an hour overtime provided for postmasters was made at the opening session of the eleventh annual convention of the Alberta Branch of the Canadian Postmasters' Association here.

"No other class of labor has such long hours or such responsibility with such small overtime pay," said one postmaster. He declared postmasters work "an official day of 14 hours."

Food Prices Rise

SASKATOON — Price of food in Saskatoon rose 17 per cent between last November and May 13 and 26 per cent since November, 1935, according to figures presented by the Central Council of Unemployed to the Young Men's Section of the Board of Trade. The Council asked for an increase in relief grants for food because of the rise in prices.

Claims Farmers Shoot Dogs

WILLOWDALE—H. R. Bain, Toronto stock broker, appealed to the North York Township Council this week to rescind a by-law under which he claimed farmers were permitted to shoot dogs found roaming on their property. "There are many instances of wanton cruelty, some where dogs are apparently deliberately wounded and then left to die in agony," he declared. The Clerk pointed out that there was no township by-law permitting such shooting. "It is permissible under a Provincial statute," he announced, and the matter was dropped as the Council lacked jurisdiction.

New High in Radios

TORONTO—Total radio business in Canada for 1936 exceeded that of 1929, the peak year, by more than 27,000 sets. This indication of business recovery was given by B. A. Trestrail, at the opening of the annual convention here. Mr. Trestrail, who is sales and advertising director of the Canadian Radio Corp., stated that the past year's high of 250,250 sets would probably fade in comparison the figures for 1937, which he estimated would be colse to 300,000 sets.

"I base these figures on surveys which have been made," Mr. Trestrail said. "At the present time there are more than 1,000,000 obsolete radios in the Dominion of Canada. As near as it is possible to get figures 39.3 per cent of Canadian radios are more than five years old, while 51 per cent are four years or more."

Canadians Do Most Telephone Talking

TORONTO — An average of 210.8 telephone conversations were made by each person in Canada last year statistics released by the Bell Telephone Co. of Canada, Ltd., result of a world-wide survey, reveal. Canada leads the world in its per capita usage of telephone service, the report shows, the United States being second with 197 calls.

In communities of 50,000 or more Canada has an average of 18.78 telephones per 100 population while in lesser communities it has 7.28 per 100, both figures standing high in comparison with other countries. Toronto is the 11th city in the world for telephone service per 100 population, the report reveals.

Start Boat Trip

PRINCE ALBERT, Sask.— Planning to reach Halifax in their 21-foot rowboat within eight months, three Edmonton youths, Jack Peters, Anton Glaser and Fred Peters, rowed east down the North Saskatchewan River this week, after passing through here on the first leg of their inlands-water odyssey from the Alberta Capital.

Business Better Graduates Learn

Things are looking up in professional and industrial circles if the experience of the alumni office of the University of Toronto can be taken as a guide.

For the first time in some years, it is revealed, graduates are finding it much easier to obtain employment.

"The situation is distinctly better" stated an official. "There are more positions available, and we have filled more positions this spring than we have for some time."

It is reported that summer work for undergraduates also is showing improvement. Task of finding seasonal employment for the undergrads falls to the lot of the Students' Administrative Council, and it is reported that many students have been placed.

Air Service June 16

NEW YORK—Passenger air service between New York and Bermuda will start June 16th, it was announced this week as the Pan-American Airways 21-ton Bermuda Clipper took off for its final survey flight to the Islands.

Pan-American and British Imperial are to operate separate services, but their schedules will dovetail. The Cavalier, opening the passenger service, will leave Bermuda next Wednesday morning at 10.15 a.m. E.D.T. The Bermuda Clipper will make her first passenger flight on June 18th.

First Air Mail

PRINCE GEORGE, B.C.—Thirty-five thousand letters from all parts of the world were included in the first flight of the new Prince George to Fort St. James, Takla Landing and Manson Creek Air Mail Service, post office officials of this Northern British Columbia town estimated. It is the first air mail to fly regularly to the isolated points in the northern part of the Province.

Urged Property Taxed

WINNIPEG— Taxes should be levied against occupants of property, whether owner or lessee, and the basis should be rental value rather than the present system based on capital value, the Winnipeg Board of Trade said this week in making recommendations for improvement of the city's financial position.

Among other suggestions were a more vigorous policy of tax collection and investigation of the city manager plan of administration.

Urges Marrying Of Country Girls

Psychologist Says They Are Insurance Against Divorce

OKLOHOMA CITY. — Country girls are "A-1 insurance" against divorce, Dr. W. A. McKeever, psychologist, told the Lovers' Church here.

"Certain types of marriage will be rated as safe risks," he said.

"The man who has the good judgment to cast about among available farm women and will single out one who is trained in all kinds of work, will get an A-1 insurance risk.

"The unmarried city man, who can speak at least a smattering of the farm language, should motor into the country regularly for a few Sundays with an eye to spying out a buxom country girl for a wife."

SPORT TODAY

By KEN EDWARDS

Well, folks, after the rumpus up at Thorncliffe and the so-called kidnapping of our sport friend, let us hie ourselves to other parts.

It seems that everything is fixed for Schmeling to fight Joe Louis in September "if" Joe defeats Champion James J.—I have my "doots."

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Here is something you may very well have guessed. Since Sir Malcolm Campbell is the world's speed demon, it is only natural to think that he would try something else new and different.

He has tried his hand at exploring. In South America, the Bluebird's skipper hunted buried treasure in a big way.

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Scrap-book facts:—In 1890 Abner Powell stole seven bases in one day . . . Pete Wood in 1888, "beaned" 34 batsmen and so created an amusing record—he also had 59 putouts in 1889, a record which still stands.

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Everet Marshall, the Oklahoma flash who happens to be around here these days, has not lost one bout while wrestling in the last four years.

Jack Corcoran, who plans one of his greatest shows for this week, tells us that his old money-maker, Howard "Hangman" Cantonwine, is running a road-house near Los Angeles.

Did you know that Cantonwine once told bed-time stories over the air from Toronto? Now he puts 'em to sleep with a smart body-slam!

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About the beefiest moundsman in the International League right now, is King Kong Kline, who hits it at 260 pounds..

Be with you next week—Ken.

NEWS PARADE

Commentary on the HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEKS NEWS ---

By Peter Randal

People are spending money again and travel agencies are looking forward to one of the heaviest summer season in several years. That the rush has already begun is evident from the experience of one honeymoon couple who found is almost impossible to book passage for the West Indies cruise for the month of July. Travellers to the Continent say that Transatlantic bookings are almost as hard to secure.

Not only have bookings increased but the travel people say that the class of accommodation sought this year is better. The big demand of the season is the "all expense cruise" and this the agencies are offering to all places and at all prices. Since the Coronation, the big European attraction has been the Paris Exposition. Dogged from the beginning with persistent labor troubles, the big show is now open and the last buildings are rapidly nearly completion.

Steamship and railroad rates, while slightly higher are not much changed. Hotel rates are rising, however. According to one authority, the traveller will pay 7% more for accommodation this year than last while those who haunt the summer resorts will find prices up 15%.

The Shotgun

But force is not forgotten. Plans are being laid down for two 35,000 ton Italian battleships and the would-be war lord has declared his intention of increasing Italy's underwater fleet to 140 ships. Meanwhile English factories and shipyards are so busy with armaments that Canadian importers say they cannot guarantee deliveries of English goods. Right here, contracts for $14,000,000 in war supplies have recently been awarded. Even Canada's navy, second hand though it is, has been increased by the purchase of two destroyers from Britain.

Clercial Inconsistency

Last week saw the culmination of a royal romance when the Duke and Duchess of Windsor made their vows in the presence of clergy but without the blessing of the church. Historians are commenting on the seeming inconsistency of refusing sanction of the marriage because of a divorce when the state church of England came into being at the behest of a king who created it for the purpose of sanctioning the divorce and subsequent marriage. Archbishop Cranmer of Canterbury was the man and the king — Henry VIII.

Death of a General

Superstition failed to save the life of General Emilio Mola, Spanish insurgent commander in charge of the siege of Bilbao. The general was once told that he would die with his boots on. Flying through thick fog to a meeting with General Franco, Mola's plane crashed into the side of a mountain and when they found his body —there were no shoes. General Mola always removed his shoes when flying but did it not save him when his hour was struck.

Wheel of Fortune

While most of us are looking for an increase in the weekly pay cheque as a reflection of the better times, we can hardly expect to be so blessed as some people were last week. As for example, the Torontonians who won $85,000 on Midday Sun, winner of this year's English Derby. Or to take another turn of the wheel, Mrs. Margaret Strong de Cuevas, whose only comment when she was informed that her grandfather, John D. Rockefeller had left her $25,000,000 was, "There must be some mistake."

Dollar Empire

Those money barons who are still alive appear to have adopted the motto, "What we have, we hold". At least, that is something of the inference taken from J. P. Morgan's comment on the tax laws." If Congress makes stupid mistakes which leave loopholes in the law, it is up to Congress to remedy them, not for us taxpayers". Smiling, Morgan continued by saying that he had not incorporated his yacht as a method of tax evasion because he "did not think it worth while."

Matchmaking

Through a severe blow to the rebel cause, the campaign against Bilbao goes on with as much severity as ever. From Italy comes word that Mussolini is planning to do by grace what he has found very difficult by force. It is said, that he will propose Otto, pretender to the Austrian throne, as the next King of Spain and to bind him to Italy, will marry him to Princess Maria of Savoy.

Preserve The Peace

And money is said to hold the key to future events in the Far East—money in the shape of a $40,000,000 British fortification program at Hong Kong and a consistent investment policy in Southern China. The Japanese are thought to be seeking a new Anglo-Japanese pact of friendship as a means of securing a place in the new world economic plans looked for out of the Imperial Economic Conference now taking place in London and possible co-operation of Great Britain and the United States.

Province Plans Reforestation

Farmers Are Robbing Themselves At Present, Says Hepburn

SIMCOE, — Experts and department heads will be asked to develop a plan of "constructive" reforestation in Ontario, Premier Hepburn told 600 councillors and officials from 32 counties at a banquet here.

"We are going to formulate a real constructive policy in order to plant the type of trees that will be marketable in the years to come," said the Premier. "I am going to call in the experts to develop such a plan."

Use Northern Forests

The provincial policy, he said, was to utilize matured forests in Northern Ontario in relieving the unemploymen situation and developing a profitable market in the United States for Ontario pulpwood.

"The Southern pine menace is a real menace," said the Premier. And southern interests were organizing to fill Northern U. S. pulpwood needs with Southern pine while Ontario was retaining matured pulpwood undeveloped at an actual loss.

"The Province of Ontario needs at first work for our men and their revenue." With such an end in view, he continued, the Provincial Government is opening up the North country, and building mills and towns, and developing the pulpwood resources.

The St. Williams reforestation farm in Norfolk is recognized by foresters as the finest in the world, the Premier declared. It was not considered advisable for the Government to even launch any large reforestation project in the older parts of Ontario, but it was advisable to encourage farmers and others to plant waste lands, hilltop and side hills.

Waste in North Ontario

The situation was different in Northern Ontario. Large areas were laid waste there by fire and lumbering. Large tracts were coming to maturity and not being utilized with a resultant loss.

'The policy of allowing Onario forests to mature and burn was wrong," the Premier declared. He said his Government had opened up large areas and given much employment. And last year, the Forestry Department showed a profit of $3,500,000, whereas in 1934 it operated at a loss.

Pulpwood was being supplied now to United States mills that had been about to turn to the Southern States for their needs, he said.

Purpose of the Norfolk conference, the Premier said, was to study the sail conservation, and reforestation—two "entirely different subjects." The draining of millions of acres of low lands in Ontario to bring them into fertility resulted in rampaging floods in the Spring with attendant property damage while in the Summer drought dried up streams and wells.

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POULTRY

Prices paid to country shippers:

Spring Broilers—			
1 to 1½ lbs.	16	14	18
1½ to 2 lbs.	18	16	20
2 to 2½ lbs.	19	17	21
2½ to 3 lbs.	20	18	22
	Dressed Sel. A	Milk Sel. B.	Sel. A. Dressed Sel. A.
			Sel. B.
Fatted Hens—			
Over 5 lbs.	15		13
4 to 5 lbs.	14		12
3½ to 4 lbs.	12		11
3 to 3½ lbs.	11		10
Old Roosters—			
Over 5 lbs.	12		10
(Red and black feathered birds 2c per lb. less than above prices).			
Other Fowl—			
Guinea fowl, per pair	75		00
Domestic rabbits, per lb.	12		00

Note: C grade poultry 3c below B grade.

POULTRY AND EGGS

Buying prices:

Dealers are quoting products for ungraded eggs, delivered, cases returned.

Eggs—			
Grade A large	17	to	00
Grade A medium	15	to	00
Grade B	14	to	00
Grade C	14	to	00

Dealers are quoted on graded eggs, cases free.

Grade A large	19½	to	20
Grade A medium	17½	to	18
Grade B.	16½	to	00
Grade C	16½	to	00

HAY AND STRAW

No. 2 timothy, $10 to $11 per ton; No. 3 timothy, $8 to $9; oats and wheat straw, $7 to $8. Above prices f.o.b. Toronto.

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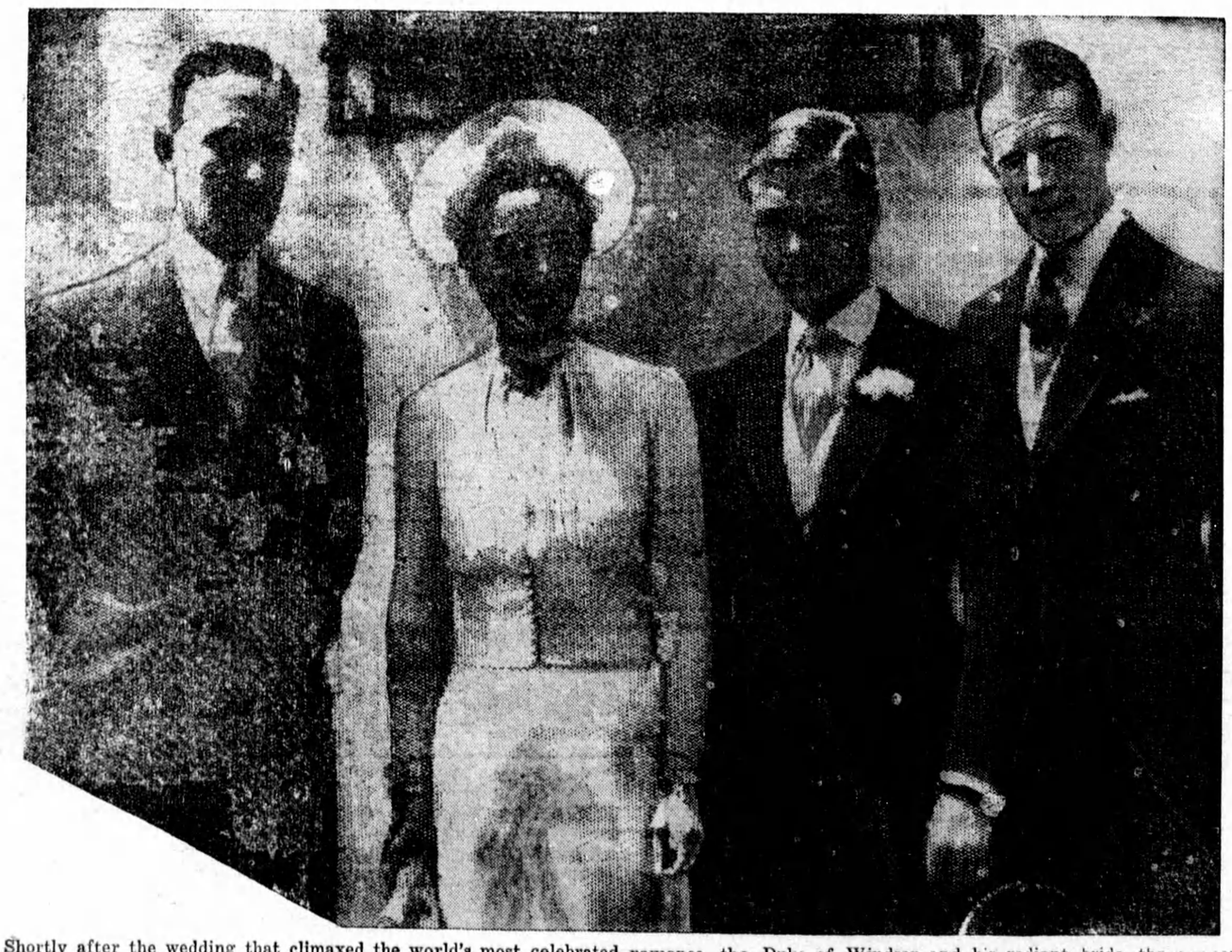
Duke of Windsor and His Happy Bride With Best Man and Witness to Their Wedding



Shortly after the wedding that climaxed the world's most celebrated romance, the Duke of Windsor and his radiant bride, the former Wallis Warfield, posed on the terrace of the Chateau de Cande, Monts, France, with Herman L. Rogers (left) who gave the bride away at the religious ceremony, and Major E. D. Metcalfe (right), Edward's former equerry, who acted as best man. This picture was flown to London and sent to America by radio.