News in Review

Fire Losses Drop

OTTAWA. — Fire losses in Canada continued a downward trend during 1936 and eclipsed the record established in 1935 when losses were the lowest for any year for which figures are available, said J. M. Ritchie, Toronto Secretary-Treasury of the Association of Canadian Fire Marshals in addressing delegates to the annual conference of the association here.

The convention, attended by more than forty-five delegates was under the chairmanship of J. Grove Smith, Dominion Fire Commissioner.

Noted Weekly Sold

NEW YORK. — The Literary Digest, weekly news magazine, was sold outright this week to the Review of Reviews Corporation, headed by the veteran magazine editor, Albert Shaw.

The sale brings two of the oldest magazines in America under the same ownership. The Review of Reviews was founded in 1891 and the Digest in 1896.

Practically the entire ownership of the Digest had been in the hands of R. J. Cuddihy, the publisher, and Wilfred J. Funk, who has been editor-in-chief of the weekly.

B. C. Orders Compulsory Hospitalization for T.B.

VICTORIA. — British Columbia Government has passed an Order-in-Council providing for "detention" of persons with severe cases of tuberculosis who refuse to be confined to hospitalization.

The new regulation reads:

"That any person found with tuberculosis in an infectious or contagious stage who should refuse to be confined to hospital or building provided for quarantine or isolation purposes, may be apprehended and may be detained in such an institution."

Hon. G. M. Weir, Provincial Secretary, said all cases coming under the new regulations would be subject to examination by the Tuberculosis Control Board under Dr. W. H. Hatfield.

Building Tops '36 Record

WINDSOR. — Business in the Ontario section of the building trade is 40.5 per cent. ahead of 1936 at the present time, O. M Perry, manager of the Windsor Hydro-Electric System, declared this week.

"As in every other line, conditions in the electrical contracting field are improving rapidly," Mr. Perry said. "Total value of building contracts for the first five months of 1937 amounts to $80,096,200, compared to $56,905,100 for the same period in 1936."

Car License

You don't own the license plates on your car. They belong to the government, and are only loaned to you during good behavior.—Sault Ste. Marie.

It Came True

For several weeks the King of Denmark had been trying to find a Silver Jubilee march. One day the king was riding in Copenhagen. His horse, upset by the traffic, threw him. Christian Thomsen, a poor composer, was among those who rushed to help him. Although in pain, the king mounted his horse again and rode off. That inspired Christian Thomsen. He composed a march, submitted it. As soon as King Christian heard it played he exclaimed: "That is the very thing!" He sent for Thomsen and decorated him. And a poor composer has become famous. A true "fairy tale" from the Hans Anderson country at last.—Halifax Herald.

Rivers Under the Earth

A cottager near Goderich, on Lake Huron, received word the other day that a well-driller had got water on his property.

"How do you know that the water you found isn't lake water that has seeped through the soil?" inquired the skeptical owner.

"Well, to begin with," explained the driller, "the land here is about eighty feet above the level of the lake water, and I had to drill down nearly twice that distance before I got water. But if that doesn't satisfy you, consider that the water in the well has risen to within sixty feet of the surface, although, as I have said, the lake level is eighty feet below us. In other words, the level of the water in the well is about twenty feet above the level of the lake. So I must have struck a different source, a subterranean river under pressure sufficient to push the water high up in your well."

Convinced, the cottager listened to the driller's claim that he could drill a well in the lake and get a column of well water whose level would be higher than that of the lake itself. All of which is easy to understand, if you can understand it.—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

Barber Signs

Most of us must have wondered at some time or other how it came about that barbers display red, blue and white striped poles outside their shops. Well, that question mark has been answered by an explanation we came across recently. It is pointed out that the local barber used to be the local surgeon, where patients were bled and bandaged. The pole was the symbol of the splint to which a broken arm was bound, the white stripe represented the bandages, the blue the veins that had to be opened and the red the blood.—Kitchener Record.

Canada's Highway Accidents

Every Canadian citizen will agree that there are too many accidents on the roads, yet it will come as a surprise to learn that the number of deaths in the Dominion is the third lowest in the world in proportion to the number of cars in use. A table compiled by the Automobile Manufacturers' Association of New York shows the following percentages of deaths per 10,000 vehicles:

New Zealand	7.4
Union of South Africa	8.9
Canada	9.9
Denmark	12.5
United States	13.6
Australia	13.9
Norway	14.0
Irish Free State	22.1
Sweden	26.0
England and Wales	30.6
Belgium	36.5
Chile	40.0
Netherlands	44.0
Scotland	44.8
Ceylon	46.5
Germany	46.6
Switzerland	50.0
Italy	59.4

There Are Too Many Guns

Our experience is that it is useless to protest about the number of revolvers in this province. Nothing has been done to decrease the number and we seem quite content that nothing shall be done.

It is difficult to recall where a householder has been called upon to seize a weapon and fight it out with an invader. Truth is, he would be poorly advised were he to try to do so because the invader would probably be a much better shot than the householder.

There are teeth in the law now regarding possession of weapons, but the trouble is the teeth do not seem to come together and bite.—Peterboro Examiner.

Wedding Attire

The Dean of Johannesburg is gloomy. He looks askance at weddings to which the bride comes resplendent and the bridesmaids and pages appear in bright array, calling such ceremonies 'extravagant and tawdry." What then would he have? Not, surely, the drabness of a register office? Solemn vows will not be heard less reverently if those at the altar are joyously attired for life's most joyous day. With marriage goes jubilation and feasting; why not wear happiness in the dress as well as in the heart? For a woman, especially, this is the day to which memory turns back, and her wish is that the recollection should be gay and pleasing. We want no pensiveness at weddings, and it would be as incongruous to muffle the bells as the bride in homespun.—London Daily Mail.

Quebec Bars Trucks From Highways on Sunday

QUEBEC. — Motor trucks will not be permitted to convey merchandise of any description on highways of the Province or on city streets on Sunday in future, officials of the Attorney-General's Department announced last week.

Traffic officers throughout the Province have been instructed of the new ruling, effective on Saturday, and have been ordered to see truck drivers and owners conform with the regulation.

Winnipeg Grants $1,500 For Mosquito Campaign

WINNIPEG. — The mosquito campaign is going to be renewed in Winnipeg. The City Finance Committee granted the campaign committee $1,500 to carry on the fight. Finances for the campaign had become depleted.

Tariff Cut for Brazil

OTTAWA. — Brazil has been accorded most favored nation tariff treatment by Canada under an Order-in-Council announced this week.

Previously goods from the big South American Republic entered Canada at the intermediate tariff rates. They will now enter at the lowest tariff rate accorded any foreign country by treaty. Brazil will thus receive the rates prescribed in the trade agreements with France, the United States and Poland.

No charge has been made in the tariff rates applicable to Canadian goods entering Brazil. For some time Brazil has accorded Canada most favored nation treatment in exchange for the Canadian intermediate tariff rates. But with four other South American countries, Uruguay, Argentina, Venezuela and Colombia already on the most favored nation treatment the Canadian government considered it desirable to place Brazil on the same basis.

The balance of trade between the two countries is heavily in favor of Canada. Canadian exports to Brazil are about four times Brazilian exports to Canada. In 1936 Canada shipped $3,711,000 worth of products to Brazil, and bought from that country $900,000 worth. In 1935 the figures were $2,769,000 and $835.346.

May Trade $99,497,353

OTTAWA. — Canada's export trade mounted rapidly during May when the total value of Canadian produce sent abroad was $99,497,353, an increase of $15,677,602 over May, 1936.

Wheat and cheese exports fell off as compared with May, 19'6, but all other principal commodities showed increases. For the first two months of the current fiscal year, April and May, exports were $165,014,014, an increase of $2',770,433 over the same months in 1936.

Wheat exports in May were 8,026,507 bushels valued at $10,529,311, as compared with 27,316,983 bushels in May, 1936, valued at $21,674,113. Wheat flour exports amounted to 348,8666 bushels, valued at $2,130,325, compared with 448,653 bushels in May, 1936, valued at $1,791,174.

Newsprint, meats, planks and boards, copper and nickel all showed marked increase in quality and price. Newsprint exports increased in value from $8,907,000 to $10,773,000 and unmanufactured nickel from $3,191,000 to $5,354,000.

Milk used for making butter, both creamery and dairy, in Canada in 1936 showed an increase of 169,819,900 pounds, or 2.1 per cent., on 1935 when the amount used was 8,143,583,100 pounds.

Sixteen Die In Ontario Week-End Accidents

Thirteen Lives Are Lost In Highway Crashes—Man Killed by Fire and Boy Is Drowned—Others Near Death

TORONTO.—The worst accident records of the year took sixteen lives over the week-end, fourteen of them in highway mishaps in various parts of Ontario. As if to give tragic variety to the picture of death, an elderly man was trapped by fire in his island home and a 10-year-old boy slipped and fell into a canal, losing his life.

The death toll may lengthen, there being a dozen or more victims lying critically injured.

Two level-crossing accidents took four lives, three of the victims being in one car.

The dead:

Mrs. Isa Brown, 585 Oakwood Avenue, Toronto.

Frank Webb, Huron Street, Toronto.

Merton Little, Peterborough.

James McCullough, Peterborough.

Mrs. Emma J. Niblake, Bloomsburg, Pa.

Robert Cook, Hamilton.

John McKenzie, McKenzie Island, near Kingston.

Georgina Goulet, 479 Armadale Avenue, Toronto.

Kenneth Bloomfield, London.

Oswald Bigras, Carleton Place.

Mrs. William Bigras, Carleton Place.

William Laverdue, Carleton Place.

C. A. Leitch, Ridgetown.

Mrs. Elizabeth Falkner, Windsor.

Harry Shaw, 14, London.

W. R. Watson, 16, Galt, killed by car.

Tragedy on Highway

Three of the accidents were responsible for eight of the fatalities. One of the worst traffic accidents in years took three lives on Highway No. 3, about fifteen miles west of St. Thomas Sunday morning. The double fatality occurred near Peterborough, when an open roadster somersaulted, killing two men in the front seat.

The collision between two cars near St. Thomas may result in the death toll being increased from three to four or five. Four victims are in a critical condition and one or more of their number may succumb.

- THE - MARKETS

POULTRY AND EGGS

Buying prices:

Dealers are quoting producers for ungraded eggs, delivered, cases returned:

Eggs—

Grade A large	18	to	00
Grade A medium	16	to	00
Grade B	14	to	00
Grade C	14	to	00

Dealers are quoted on graded eggs, cases free:

Grade A large	21	to	00
Grade A medium	19	to	19½
Grade B	16½	to	17
Grade C	16½	to	17

DAIRY PRODUCE

Butter—

Quotations to yholesale trade.

Creamery solids, No. 1	24½	to	00
do 38 score	23¾	to	00
do 37 score	23	to	00
do 36 score	22	to	00

Cheese—

New large (paraf'ned)	15¼	to	15½
do twins	15½	to	15¾
do triplets	15¾	to	16

Average price paid to shippers, f.o.b. country points.)

New large (paraf'ned)	14⅞	to	00
do triplets	15⅛	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.

Harlow Estate May Not Exceed $100,000

HOLLYWOOD. — Jean Harlow's estate may not exceed $100,000, it was reliably reported. Unfortunate investments and heavy taxes on her salary during the past several years were given as the reasons why Miss Harlow died worth far less than the million dollars credited to her.

The will is understood to name Mrs. Jean Bello, Miss Harlow's mother, as principal beneficiary.

Despite her tremendous drawing power, Miss Harlow's salary was said to have been $5,000 a week only for the past two years. Had it not been for her relatively moderate scale of living she would have left practically no estate, the same source reported.

Insurance policies comprise about half of the estate, it was understood.

Ambrose Pare, proclaimed the greatest surgeon of his time, had the courage to write his book on the treatment of wounds not in Latin, but in everyday and "vulgar" French, much to the horror of the surgeons of the long robe.

NEWS PARADE

Commentary on the HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEKS NEWS ---

By Peter Randal

Seventy three day of the most terrible siege in modern history ended this week as the insurgent columns of General Devila began the task of "mopping up" the ancient Basque capital of Bilbao. Fighting from house to house, the defenders still hang on grimly while refugees have moved down in thousands as they attempted to flee the city under the murderous fire of the Italian "Black Arrow" column. An indication that the siege was actually over and that hope of starving off the advancing mercenaries was over, was the departure of the British consul from the city. He was rescued by British sailors from awaiting ship just outside the death swept harbor. Latest reports say that General Franco is transferring his hordes in thousands to the Madrid front where another terrific push is forecast by the orders of the Loyalist commander who has requested all civilians to leave the city.

Financial Courage

After ten months of comparative stale mate, the Fascists seem to be geting somewhere in their attempts to subdue the will of the Spanish people. Just prior to the fall of Bilbao, new hope was injected into their councils by the announcement of a new loan obtained abroad for $1,500,000. The announcement was made by a former tobacco smuggler, illiterate Juan March, chief civilian backer of the revolution. No one seems to know where it is to come from but there are many close guesses.

Germany and Italy are in the position of having to throw good money after bad. So far, the campaign has not been much of a success but further expenditure may turn the day. The fall of Bilbao seems to bear out this statement.

Beauty in Distress

And in Germany, all is not well. Chancellor Hitler's close personal friend and the Director German State Motion Pictures, Leni Riefenstahl has been accused of having "non-Aryan" grandparents. In most countries, such a fault would not be of any particular importance but in Germany where the Nazis are engaged in stamping out their Jewish intellectual class, the accusation is the next thing to ruin. The charge was made by Propaganda Minister Goebbels at a social gathering. It has since been denied as "pure invention". The interesting part for conjecture is just what Chancellor Hitler thinks about it all and just what action he would take if he charge proved to be true. It is well known that all of the women he may have known, which is not many, the beautiful actress is the favourite.

Disaster Echoes

Strange how echoes of distant thunder come close to home. Two weeks ago, financial circles were met with the announcement by Canadian paper producers that prices for fine papers and boards were going up from $7 to $10 per ton. Among the reasons given by manufacturers for this rise (amounting to 8% over last year) was the scarcity of sulphite. Sulphite is the bleaching agent in the making of chemical wood pulp. Sulphite is also a prime ingredient of explosives. Apparently, the manufacture of explosives is of more importance in this unsettled world of today than the manufacture of fine paper.

Crisis Averted

And in France, a mild little man has won an amazing victory and proved the strength of his government. Faced by a financial crisis occasioned by a steady drain of gold because of unequal trade balances. Premier Leon Blum has just won a vote of confidence. Votes of confidence are a feature of the French governmental system and supporters of governments more often than not turn against their former colleagues on the slightest pretext. Such was the case when Premier Blum's Communist deputies ganged up against him only to be met with surprising opposition from other section of the Chamber. The Government is now empowered with extraordinary financial powers to support the franc by regulation of the discount rate and a crisis which might have been of world importance in view of the delicate state of affairs has been averted, at least for the time.

Death Takes James McLean

Long One of York County's Most Outstanding Citizens

RICHMOND HILL. — James McLean, one of York County's most prominent citizens, and Past President of the Ontario Fairs and Exhibitions Association and the Ontario Seed Browers' Association, died at his home here Friday, after an illness of a month.

A native of King Township, he was in his sixty-fourth year, and selling his farm on Yonge Street sixteen years ago, has since lived in Richmond Hill, where he continued to take part in many agricultural activities. He was a former President of the Richmond Hill Agricultural Society. For eight years he sat on the Richmond Hill Council, and was an active worker in the Presbyterian Church, and later in the United Church. He was a skilled bowler and curler. Only last winter he was prominent in the Ontario Bonspiel, being a member of an all-champion plowmen's rink.

From his boyhood he was an ardent plowman and won many trophies, including the Dominion of Canada championship. Later he was made President of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, which he helped to organize twenty-six years ago along with J. Lockie Wilson. "I valued his advice and counsel for thirty years," declared Mr. Wilson. With Mr. McLean he founded the standing field crop competitions in Ontario.

Surviving are his widow; one daughter, Mrs. Russell Lynnett, Richmond Hill; and two sons, James, a teacher in Toronto, and John at home.

SPORT TODAY

By KEN EDWARDS

Did you know that "Twenty Grand and "War Admiral" carried Charlie Kurtsinger past the finish post at the Kentucky Derby, making the two fastest Derby rides.

Nowadays everyone seems to be out for records, new and entirely different. Dave Yack, the boxer, has one——He managed to be the only boxer in many a day to win the "daily double."

The Kentucky Derby has been won three times by Earl Sande and Isaac Murphy.

This year they are cutting down the C.N.E. swim some more. The race is to be outside the sea-wall, the men going 10 miles, and the women three, with $6,000 for the total prize money for both.

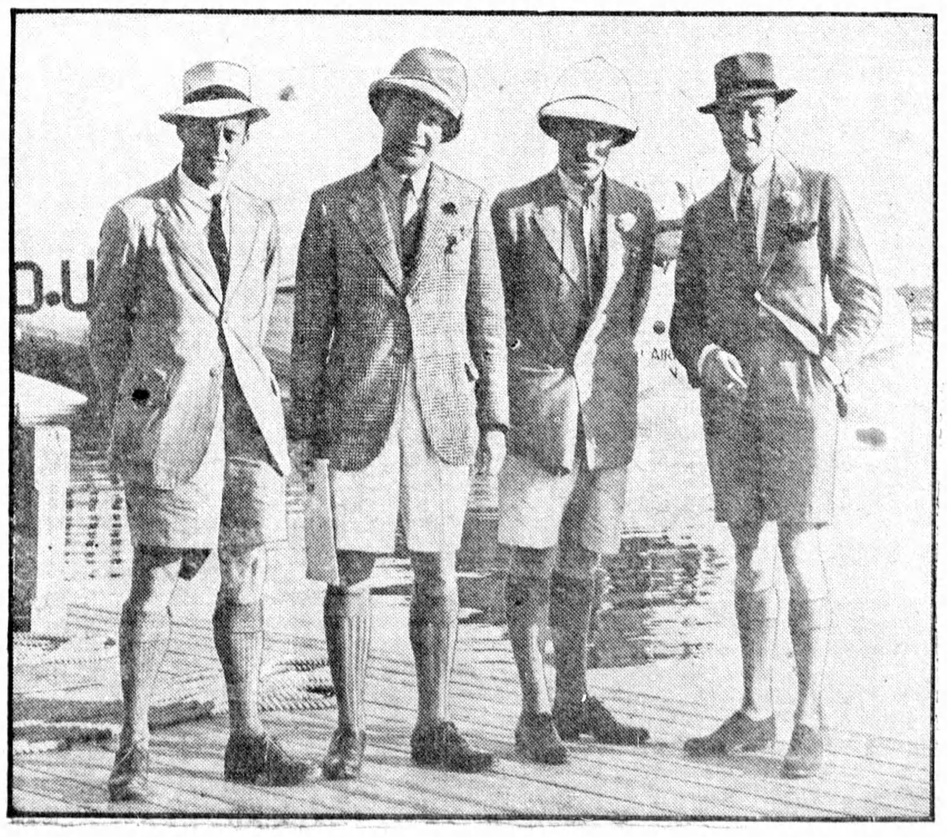
In a few years they will probably be holding it at the Y.M.C.A., with a cup for the first prize, just to make it more exclusive.

Larry Gains, the colored Canadian boxer, made between 1932 and 1934 nearly $50,000 in fights in England. They say his biggest purse was around $13,000. He made this when he defeated Carnera.

Gains, who has beaten most of the heavyweights overseas, worked his passage to England on a cattle boat 14 years ago.

The 1936 estimated value of dairy production in Canada is the highest recorded since 1930, namely $208,238,128, an increase of $15,827,705, or 8.2 per cent., on 1935.

Ocean Flying Fashions—Bermuda Style—Arrive on First Flight



Ronald John Williams, John L. Carson, Henry Clay Gipson and Alfred Flitcroft (L-R), members of Bermuda Press, wearing shorts and sun helmets as they land in New York after the first regular flight of Imperial Airways "Cavalier" from Bermuda.