Will Spend More To Train Youth

Ottawa To Increase Vote For 1939 — 50,000 Canadians Benefitted Last Year

With particular emphasis on placement features, the Dominion-Provincial youth training program for the present fiscal year is making excellent progress, the Federal Labor Department said this week.

"While it is naturally too early to determine with accuracy the number of young Canadians who will benefit by the plan this year, it is probable that last year's figures will be equalled if not exceeded," the department's statement said.

Provinces Contribute

"Approximately 50,000 Canadians between the ages laid down in agreements with the provinces have profited by the program. The exact figures are: Men, 32,301; women, 23,156; or a total of 55,457. Last year the amount voted by Parliament was $1,000,000. This year the Dominion contributed in the neighborhood of $1,500,000. Provinces contribute on a 50-50 basis.

Blackleg Kills Lambton Cattle

Many Are Dying Off As Result Of Infection

Lambton County cattle are threatened by a spread of "blackleg", a virulent disease not uncommon at this time of the year.

It is estimated that twenty-five cattle have died in the county in recent weeks as a result of the disease, but veterinarians and others do not believe the situation is yet one for alarm.

Caused By Bacillus

Prevalent among cattle in that area for the past forty years, the disease has chiefly affected herds along the sixth and eighth concessions of Enniskillen township. Cattle between the ages of six months and two years are most susceptible to the disease, which occasionally attacks sheep and goats also.

The disease is not peculiar to any particular climate, soil or altitude. It is caused by a bacillus which forms a sore within itself and lodges in the soil. A sore is usually the means by which an animal contracts the disease.

Duce Was Once A Burly Waiter

Former Fruit Salesman Remembers Mussolini Working In A Soho Restaurant

LONDON, Eng.—A gray-haired old fruit-seller in Soho, who once told Mussolini to be quiet, laughs when he thinks "where old Ben is now" and a showman who once told the Italian waiter his play "Napoleon" was lousy still thinks he was right.

Old Jack Smith, fruit salesman and radio star, is 80 but he can still remember the night he sat in a cafe and told a friend one Englishman was worth ten Italians. A young Italian, 22, powerfully-built and stumpy, dashed to his table with clenched fists, shouting in broken English for a retraction.

Tub-Thumper

Jack recalls he slapped Mussolini on the back said: "Oh, chuck it, Ben, you and your politics make me sick."

"In those days," he says, Mussolini "was just a cocky little Italian waiter who was always throwing out his chest and tub-thumping — like the street-corner politicians do in Hyde Park."

Mussolini, says Jack, "worked at nights in a big restaurant where King Edward VII used to go sometimes."

Brantford Woman Shows Livestock

Mrs. Clara Kendall Also Looks After Exhibits

Mrs. Clara Kendall, R. R. No. 5, Brantford, was probably the only woman at the Western Fair, London, showing live stock—not just owning live stock but taking care of it, and grooming it for the showing.

Mrs. Kendall, a widow, had to step actively into the running of the farm when her husband died three years ago.

"I help my sons all I can," she said.

A new-born Jersey calf from the Kendall herd was the only addition to the Jersey herds during the Fair.

An hour or two after it was born the calf had a motor ride. Inoculated against disease, it was placed in a warm corner of a truck, and brought to the William Kendall & Sons' stock farm near Brantford.

VOICE OF THE PRESS

CANADA

TRULY DEMOCRATIC

With the C. N. E. over, rich and poor won't rub shoulders again until the Christmas shopping stampede.—Toronto Telegram.

WHITHER "SOCIABLES"?

The Brockville Recorder and Times thinks church socials are going out of fashion. Fact is, they've never been the same since they ceased to be know as sociables.—Toronto Star.

THOSE GLARING HEADLIGHTS

A Sunday drive is the enjoyment of thousands of motorists until it is time to go home. As darkness approaches and headlights on cars are turned on then it is a nightmare for the driver. Of all the vast improvements made in cars in recent years, glaring headlights still exist and relief is not in sight.—Elmira Signet.

OFF THE SENTIMENTAL SIDE

Apart from sentimental and strategic reasons, there is another factor why both Great Britain and the United States are interested in Canada.

There is $6,800,000,000 of outside capital invested in the Dominion. Of this amount, Great Britain has supplied 40 per cent. ond the United States has put up 58 per cent., leaving only two per cent. supplied by other countries. — Windsor Daily Star.

WHAT IT TAKES

A good editor is one who has never made a mistake; who is always right; who can ride two horses at the same time he is straddling a fence with both ears to the ground; who always says the right thing at the right time; who always picks the right horse as well as the right politician to win; who never has to apologize, who has no enemies, and who has worlds of prestige with all classes, creeds and races. That is all an editor has to do to be rated a good editor. There has never been a good editor.—North Hastings Review.

The EMPIRE

CANADA AND WHEAT PRICES

Under the 1932 treaty Canada and Australia are bound to sell wheat to the Motherland at the world price, which is the price on the Liverpool Exchange. This price is fixed by competition between the buyers of the world, not the buyers of the United Kingdom alone. The British market is not large enough to absorb all the Canadian export surplus of wheat. The balance of this surplus is sold in competition with the exports from the United States, Argentina, Russia, the Danubian countries, and every other wheat-exporting country. It is this competition with foreign wheat which fixes the Liverpool price and therefore the price which British importers pay for Canadian wheat. For this reason the prefernce is not thought to be of much value. If the preference is repealed, Canada may sell less wheat to Britain, but, in that event, other countries will sell more and there will be less competition in selling to foreign countries. It is, in the Canadian view, a case of six of one and half a dozen of the other.—Manchester Guardian.

Amateur safe-crackers who broke into the office of Grimsby Stove and Furnace Limited last week used the company's own acetylene torch and electric drill to cut a two-and-a-half-foot hole in the door of the office safe.

Then they used a company chisel to cut off some rivets and gain access to the cash compartment.

He Flew Chamberlain

Commander Eric Glynne Robinson, pilot of the airplane which flew Prime Minister Chamberlain to Germany for his second conference with Chancellor Hitler, is shown ABOVE. He received his first flying instructions at Hamilton, Ont.

News Parade

By Elizabeth Eedy

WOMEN AND CHILDREN FIRST: In the Great War of 1914-18, it was the uniformed men in the front line trenches who bore the brunt of enemy punishment. Today, things are different, as we know from watching dress rehearsals (for another war) in Abyssinia, in Spain and China. It is the civilian population, the women and children, who are the first victims of war, meeting swift death from the air, or a horrible mangling, or slow starvation. They call it "totalitarian war".

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WHAT PRICE DISTRACTION? They tell us that whenever war appears on the world's horizon, women's fashions automatically become more elaborate, more ornery than ever—as a distraction, don't you know, from the grimness of reality.

This present season, judging from the specimens one has glimpsed on the streets of Ontario towns and cities, women's hats and hair-dos are providing a No. 1 diversion. European embroglios are forgotten when the latest "doll hat" sails by atop a nest of high-piled curls. Women become interested only in going their fellowwoman's hats one better; men are interested in watching the women.

LINE-UP: Britain plus France plus Russia have a combined strength of 15,400 planes. Compare that with Germany plus Italy, 11,500. Britain plus France plus Russia have a combined naval strength of 2½ million tons. Compare that with Germany plus Italy, 1 million tons. Measured in men, Britain plus France plus Russia have a total army strength of 26,000,000. Compare that with Germany plus Italy, 10,600,000. Consider then, that the United States is morally behind Britain, France and Russia.

Aren't Germany and Italy brave to stand up against such an alignment?

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We complained loudly in this column at Easter-time when the first spring millinery atrocities appeared. But since then, as the European situation has grown worse, things have been getting more and more impossible in the hat world. And now, words fail us. We cannot bring ourselves to describe the latest creations in feather and felt. Those terrible chin-strap models we howled about in the spring were infinitely preferable, don't you think?

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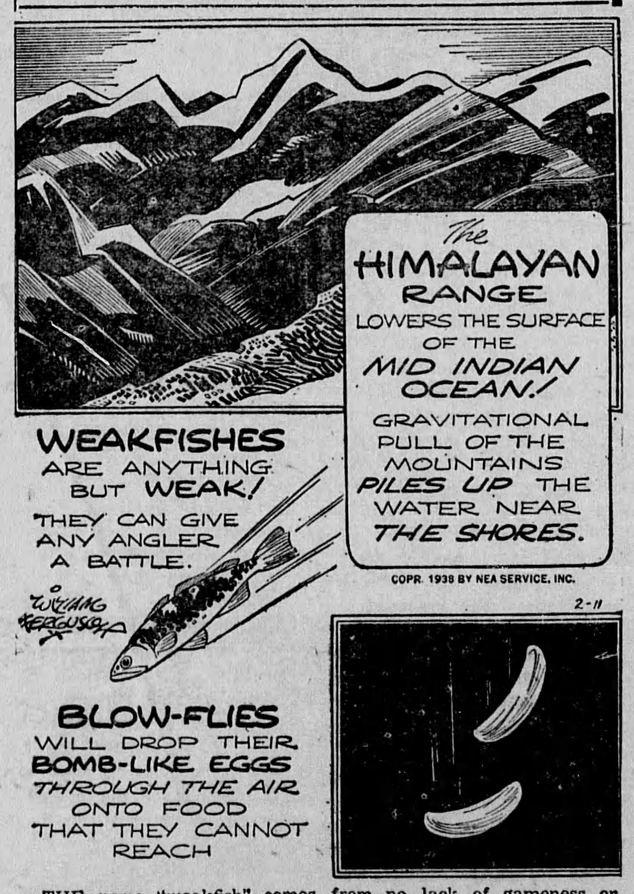
THIS WEEK'S QUESTION: How many hours distant by airplane is Moscow from Berlin? Answer: 4¾ hours.

When buying brooms, soak them well before using. Never let the bristles stand on the floor. A new floor-mop for wet use lasts longer if tightly tied round with cord as near the swivel part as possible. All brooms and brushes need recular washing in warm suds. Hang in the air to dry.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



THE name "weakfish" comes from no lack of gameness or stamina, but because the bony processes of the mouth are soft and tender, thereby causing them to tear out when a fisherman's hook is jerked too suddenly.

NEXT: How do heat waves and cold waves differ in the way they approach and depart?

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Tourist Total Remains High

Extensive Revenue—Slight Decline Seen From 1937 For Canada

Tourist traffic will bring between $265,000,000 and $275,000,000 to Canada this year, Leo Dolan, chief of the Canadian Travel Bureau, Department of Transport, estimates. Last year's estimated tourist traffic revenue was $295,000,000.

"The tourist industry has shown less decline than any other normal business activity in Canada this year," said Mr. Dolan.

Millions of Visitors

Canada up to July 31 received 9,012,177 visitors, a drop of 6.8 per cent. from the 9,676,734 who came in the seven months ending July 31, 1937, but a general upswing was reported in August with improved business conditions in the United States, the great source of Canada's tourist trade.

The tourist business drop has been most pronounced in Ontario and Quebec because they are contiguous to the United States industrial areas that felt most keenly the recession. But in these two provinces there was an improvement in August over July.

B.C. Does Better

British Columbia has done well with her tourist trade this year. Vancouver Island reports a record number of visitors. Through the customs at Victoria in the eight months ending August 31 there were cleared 26,000 United States motor cars, bringing 72,000 people to the island, a record high.

New Brunswick reports tourist trade as good as ever. Nova Scotia reported a slight decrease with Prince Edward Island about unchanged.

The Prairie Provinces report a better tourist trade than in 1936 but slightly below that of 1937.

Value Of Contests For Farm Children

Ontario's Minister of Agriculture Favors Special Grants To Agricultural Societies Featuring Such Competitions

Hon. P. M. Dewan is so convinced of the value of competitions for farm boys and girls that he favors a system of special grants from the Department of Agriculture to those agricultural societies which feature such programs.

Commending Wilmot Agricultural Society upon its activities along this line, the minister in opening the society's fall fair at New Hamburg said: "I am rather of the opinion that we ought to go so far in the department—though we have not yet considered it definitely—as to give probably a special grant to those fairs which feature junior programs."

Train For Future

"After all," said Mr. Dewan, "I do not know of any place where the boys and girls can get an education which can be a greater inspiration to them for their future work on the farm than by learning to exhibit their products at the fall fairs. If there is one thing which it is our duty to do more than another at the present time, it is to train the young men and women who are going to be the future farm men and women of the province.

"They are going to have the privilege and advantage of living in rural communities, with the privileges increasing as the years pass, and it will not be very long until rural life will be probably superior, even in respect of general convenience, to that of town or city life."

Insects in green vegetables will make an immediate exit if you add salt to their washing water.

The BOOK SHELF

By ELIZABETH EEDY

"MY SISTER EILEEN"

By Ruth McKenney

It's a natural! It's a howl! this story of the adventures of a roguish Irish lass and her sister Eileen, now 25 and 24 years old respectively. It will have you rolling in the aisles, because you have experienced things just like that, yourself, perhaps. . . .

The book starts off in the days of peanuts and the silent movies, debating teams and bird hunts, girls' camps and Easter eggs. By easy stages it progresses through first lessons in being a waitress, the care and feeding of a Georgian Prince, the blushful experiences of a girl reporter (Ruth McKenney writes for the "New Yorker") interviewing Randolph Churchill. Later Ruth and her sister Eileen migrate to New York, where they hire an apartment from Mr. Spitzer, a sad fellow who couldn't tell a fungus from an elm tree. The final staggering climax is reached the night Eileen and Ruth entertain the Brazilian Navy.

"My Sister Eileen," by Ruth McKenney . . . . Toronto, George J. McLeod, Limited, 266 King St. West . . . . $2.25.

THE WONDERLAND OF OZ

"We want your help in this conquest," said Guph, "for we need the aid of the Growleywogs in order to make sure that we shall not be defeated. You hate good creatures as much as we gnome do. I asm ure it will be a real pleasure to you to tear down the Emerald City, and in return for your assistance we will allow you to bring back to your country ten thousand people of Oz to be yur slaves."

"Twenty thousand!" growled the Grand Gallipoot. "All right, twenty thousand slaves it shall be!" agreed the General, who by this time was very frightened. The Grand Gallipoot made a signal and at once his attendants picked up General Guph and carried him away to a deep, dark prison, where the jailer amused himself by sticking pins in the round, fat body of the old gnome to see him jump and hear him yell.

And while this was going on the Grand Gallipoot was talking with his counselors, who were the most important officials of the Growleywogs. When he had told them of the proposition of the Gnome King, he said: "My advice is t help them, then when we have conquered the Land of Oz w will take not only our twenty thousand prisoners, but everything else we want." "Let us take the magic belt, too," suggested one counselor.

"And rob the Gnome King and make him our slave." "That's a good idea," declared the Grand Gallipoot. "I'd like King Ruggedo for my own slave. He could black my boots and bring me my porridge every morning while I am in bed." "There is a famous Scarecrow in Oz. I'll take him for my slave," said a counselor. "I'll take Tik-Tok, the machine man," said another. "Give me the Tin Woodman," sai da third.