News Parade

By Elizabeth Eedy

HAPPY NEW YEAR: We are no pessimist by nature, but the outlook for Canada in 1939 doesn't exactly cause our spirit to rise up and cheer the incoming New Year with unqualified enthusiasm. A million people on relief; 400,000 young people without jobs in a land of plenty; ill-feeling and non-co-operation between governments.

What's to be thankful for? one might ask. Lots. For these things, that we really have a wonderful country, of boundless potentialities; that we still are a free people; and that it is possible to turn our backs on our mistakes and start anew.

SPREAD IT ON THICK: Canadians are being asked by he National Dairy Council, please, please to put more butter on their bread, and to slap it thick in the pan when frying things. Use it up for goodness sake, because the country's butter surplus has reached unprecedented proportions.

"This has been a year of abundance in butter production in Canada, United States, and in almost all butter-producing countries the entire world over," says Mr. A. C. Fraser, Secretary of the Council. "We have in Canada, as they have in the United States and Britain, larger stocks than we ordinarily require. In Canada we have upward of 15,000,000 pounds we would like to remove from the country if we could find a buyer. The buyer is not available. If our 2,000,000-odd families in Canada would cook with butter this winter, our situation would be rectified by spring."

WHO KILLED HIM?: Something that the newspapers on this continent haven't featured very big is the story emanating from London, England, that the German Government arranged for the killing of their own embassy official at Paris, von Rath, whose death was the signal for the outbreak of terrific pogroms against Jews inside Germany. (Young Polish Jew Grynszpan was merely the catspaw, the story goes). The Paris secret police declare there is no doubt whatever that the German government planned it all. In London, even the pro-Nazi daily, The Observer, concedes that the possibility of a deep-laid German plot is interesting to say the least.

THE WEEK'S QUESTION: Just what is the significance of the Ukraine in today's news? Answer: This rich piece of territory extending across south European Russia, eastern Poland and eastern Czechoslovakia is the objective of Hitler's "Drive to the East", to obtain possession of which he first had to reduce Czechoslovakia to a state of powerlessness; now must make it possible to march through Rumania. The Russian part of the Ukraine is a vitally important unit of the Soviet economic system, including the black earth belt, the great coalfields of Donetz, the ironfield of Krivoi Rog, the important industrial centres of Kiev and Kharkov; the great electrical generating station of Dneiprostroi; ports on the Black Sea. The Ukraine contains 80 per cent. of the coal in Russia, 70 per cent. of the iron, 95 per cent. of the manganese, and the greater portion of the wheat, copper, gold and other minerals Germany would like to have.

Preparing For Arctic Circle

Hudson Bay Trainingn School Qualifies Young Men for Posts in Far North

Fourteen young men are attending the Hudson's Bay Company's fur trade training school at Winnipeg preparing for tests they must pass to qualify themselves as assistants in various trading posts as far north as the Arctic Circle.

In nine weeks they are required to learn the rudiments of fur grading, merchandising, post accounting, first aid, wireless telegraphy, radio mechanics and carpentry. Because they are bachelors, they must also learn to do their own cooking.

Necessary Versatility

Such versatility is necessary, said R. H. G. Bonnycastle, acting personnel manager for the company.

"Many of our men are entirely on their own resources. They can't go to the corner store for a chop for their dinner, or call a man to repair the outboard motor. Very often there's no doctor near by and our man is called upon to render first aid to natives who have met with an accident."

"Sixty per cent. of our post managers are married men. Their wives like stylish clothes and the native women are great imitators. We sell silk stockings and lingerie to the women and polo shirts and flannels to the men. It isn't a case of a sunset-striped blanket any more."

Lone White Man Rules 9 Islands

Eight Degrees South of the Equator A British Administrative Officer, Is In Charge of 4,300 Subjects

If you look at a map of the Pacific Ocean, somewhere near the meridian of 180 degrees, "where time ceases to be," and about eight degrees south of the Equator, you will see the Ellice Islands marked thereon. There are nine islands in the group of coral atolls —Nanumea, Nanumaga, Niutao, Nui, Vaitupu, Nukufetau, Funafuti, Nukulaelae and Nurukita, all quite unpronounceable to English folk.

Mail Thrice a Year

But this little kingdom of 4,300 South Sea Islanders, remote, isolated and far removed from the world's activities, is ruled by one white man, Mr. Donald G. Kennedy, the British Administrative Officer. He is the only white man there, and he says that he speaks English so seldom that he finds difficulty in becoming fluent again on returning to civilization.

Mr. Kennedy has under his care the entire population of 4,300 scattered over the nine islands. The mail boat calls three times a year, when he has a chance to talk with the captain. Once a year, a naval sloop from New Zealand looks in. This is Mr. Kennedy's great occasion.

More Chickens Fewer Turkeys

Went to the Old Country From Canada for Christmas—The Dominion's Birds Are Rated Tops

More Canadian chickens graced the Christmas tables of British householders this year, but Canadian turkeys were fewer in number in the British Christmas trade than a year ago.

Total About Same

The total amount of Canadian poultry shipped to the United Kingdom for the Christmas trade is about the same as a year ago, approximately 500,000 pounds. Turkeys shipped numbered 20,428 against 24,624 last year, but 80,628 chickens were shipped compared with 52,244 a year ago. Fewer ducks were shipped this year—4,200 against 17,000 and the geese about the same at 4,400.

All Canadian poultry exported must be inspected and graded by Department of Agriculture inspectors and because of its high quality the Canadian turkey and other fowl have made a place for themselves on the British market. They command a premium over other imported birds.

Mostly From West

Due probably to the prolonged drought and a shortage of grain for feeding, the turkey crop in the Prairie Provinces was smaller than a year ago and chickens were also fewer.

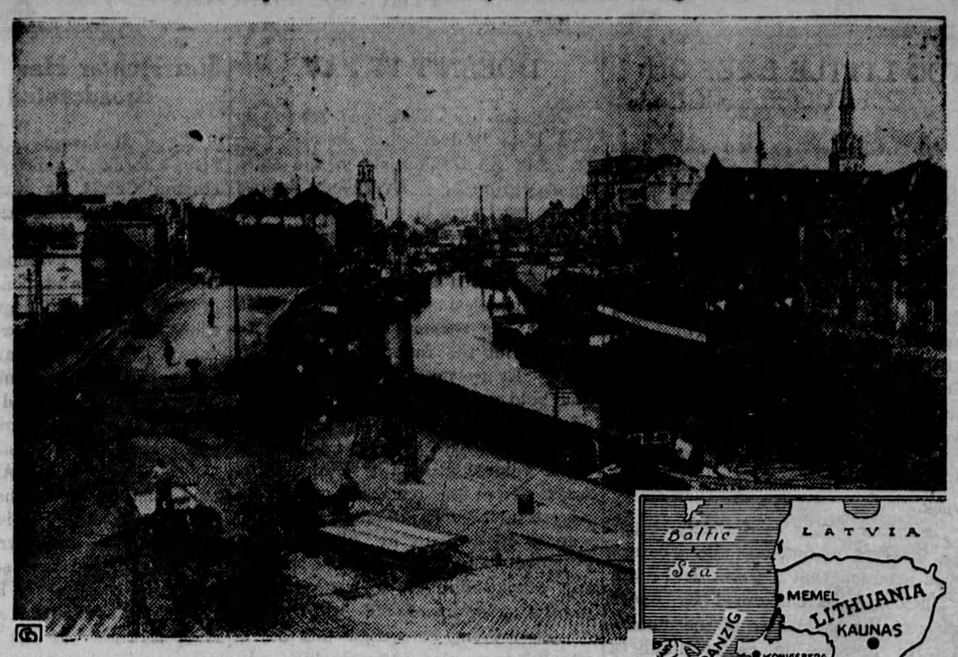
Want Democracy? Then Work For It

Rt. Hon. Margaret Bondfield, Former British Cabinet Minister, Visiting Canada, Deplores "Laissez-Faire" Attitude

Rt. Hon. Margaret Bondfield, former Labor Minister in the British cabinet, urged women of Canada to choose honestly between democracy and totalitarianism. She declared if they earnestly desire democracy they must work for it.

Speaking at a meeting of the Women's Canadian Club, Toronto, the first Woman Privy Councillor deplored the "Laissez-faire" attitude which allows people to think one way and act another. She told her listeners "80 per cent. of the Japanese war materials are coming from this continent—Yet your sympathies are with China".

Trouble Spot On The Baltic, Memel Is A Quiet Town



Memel, object of German ambitions to expand along the Baltic, once again takes the news spotlight following the smashing pro-Nazi victory in the Diet election in Memel territory. Kaunas, capital of Lithuania, and Kaunas province were put under a state of emergency. What lies in store for Memel territory, taken from Germany after the world war and handed to Lithuania, is uncertain.

PUCK CHASERS

NEWS OF O.H.A. DOINGS

Secretary W. A. Hewitt, of the O.H.A., along with other hockey officials, assisted the N.O.H.A. in the grand opening of the new rink in Schumacher, Ont.

Bill Grant is back in the Goodyear's line-up after being out three weeks with a broken toe. Goodyears have lost Teddy Manoryk for at least three weeks; he is out with a broken arm suffered during the exhibition game with Toronto Varsity.

Regina Tisdall, of Oshawa's G. M. men ran into a broken nose injury during one of the many scrambles in their tie game with Goodyears.

Referee Gordon "Beef" McKay of Hamilton, ran into a cut lip over in Niagara Falls. Two stitches were necessary to close the wound.

Army Armstrong, of Oshawa, has handled two games in Toronto and made a fine impression on each occasion.

St. Catharines will be without Roust, their centre-star, for several weeks. He is suffering from a spine injury.

Brantford Indians make the Eastern Hockey League tour opening in Baltimore on Wednesday, January 4. They play in Hershey and Atlantic City on Thursday and Friday nights and then meet the New York Rovers in Madison Square Gardens on the Sunday afternoon. Coach Leo Reise will take along about 16 players for the test. Sherbrooke's failure to accept the C.A.H.A. invitation paved the way for Brantford's chance to travel. Here's hoping they have better luck on the trip than did Goodyears.

Caves In Arctic Yield Evidence Of Ancient Life

Discovery in Canada's Northwest Hinterland Leads to Belief Primitive Man Migrated There from Asia

The discovery of large mountain caves in Canada's Northwest hinterland, believed to contain evidence of habitation by primitive man thought to have migrated from Asia thousands of years ago, was reported at Edmonton last week by Dr. Wesley L. Bliss, an American archaeologist.

After a five-month expedition in the Northwest Territory, Dr. Bliss said his findings add strength to a widely-accepted theory that America's first inhabitants reached the continent across the Bering Straits either before or after glaciers swept over this continent.

Location Still a Secret

The archaeologist said that the exact location of the mountain caves would remain a secret until he returns to them next year to make a more thorough examination.

Valuable relics found by the expedition in caves and other formations will be shipped to the University of New Mexico. They include roughly-chipped stone weapons and cooking utensils and a precious fragment of an aged basket weave.

Elephant's Tooth Found

Dr. Bliss found a preserved elephant tooth on the rim of the Arctic Ocean. He said elephants and other mammoth animals undoubtedly roamed that region at one time.

Farm Relief Cost Falling

Agriculture Minister Gardiner has indicated Dominion Government expenditures for rural relief in the Prairie Provinces this year might not exceed $9,000,000. This compared with $26,000,000 a year ago.

Better Crops the Reason

The improvement is due to better crops and a resulting decrease in the areas of total crop failure in which the Dominion pays 100 per cent. of relief costs. Practically all the outlay this year will be in Saskatchewan, as little assistance will be required by Manitoba and Alberta.

In municipalities which have had an average wheat yield of less than five bushels an acre for successive years the Dominion assumes the whole cost of farm relief. In other areas with better average crops but still in need of relief the costs are shared between the Dominion, the province and the municipality.

Narrow Room Needs Carpet

The long narrow living room is not an easy room to make homelike and every effort should be made to do away with that long look. Instead of using rugs in this type room you will find it will increase the width to carpet the room to the baseboard. Then cut across one of the narrow ends by putting your davenport crosswise with a table in back of it. Careful planning of the furniture can do much to get rid of that long narrow appearance.

Excessive summer heat is now blamed for the death of fish in some rivers of Germany.

Kings Liable To Nicknames

History Provides Many Examples, Some Are Most Unflattering

Not even kings are immune from nicknames, and history provides a great many examples—unkind as well as flattering. The various Kings Charles, especially of France seem to have been particularly liable, and lead the way in the royal nickname parade.

There was Charles the Bald, son of the second wife of Louis the Kind; Charles the Simple, son of Louis the Stammerer; Charles the Handsome, son of Philip the Handsome; and Charles the Wise, who was fond of books, rather a rare distinction in his day. He inherited the library of twenty volumes which had satisfied the literary yearnings of his father, but left, at his death in 1380, some 900, pretty well all there were then.

Charles the Fat was King of Swabia and Italy. Charles the Bad misgoverned Navarre. Charles the Bold reigned over Burgundy, and Charles the Warrior over Savoy.

In one month recently Bombay, India, imported 9,810,548 yards of cotton piece goods.

VOICE OF THE PRESS

THEY WEAR BIG HATS

There are lots of people in this world we can see through. But we never get them in front of us at the movies.—Montreal Star.

THAT CERTAIN UNITY

Those people who say there is lack of unity in Canada are not wholly correct. They overlook the fact that we are all agreed something should be done about it.—Toronto Saturday Night.

NO LULL

Canadian politics is never without a certain liveliness. No sooner is the rift in the Ontario Conservative lute mended than Federal and Provincial Liberal leaders begin to exchange fraternal amenities. —London Free Press.

WILD LIFE IN THE NORTH

Yes, there is still plenty of wild life in the Northland. A train of the Hudson Bay Railway was held up for hours by a herd of 10,000 caribou which moved across the line in front of the locomotive.—Brockville Recorder and Times.

NO ONE TO BLAME

Coroner's juries perform a very useful service to the state by investigating the circumstances leading up to fatalities of one sort and another, and more particularly with respect to motor accidents on railway level crossings. But not infrequently they bring in the formal verdict, "No one was to blame". We have no quarrel with such a verdict. But in nine times out of ten the man who is to blame is the driver of the car whose fatal ending is the subject of the inquiry.—Guelph Mercury

TO STOP BRAIN EXPORT

The only way to stop or lessen the drain (on Canadian brains to the United States) is by providing greater inducements here for young Canadians with ability so that they need not go abroad. That can be done by greater support for research, by better remuneration for those doing valuable work in the technical branches of the public service, and better remuneration for those engaged in higher education. The national gain from consistent adherence to such a policy would far outweigh the additional cost, which would really not be very great.—Winnipeg Free Press.

Morocco has placed the making or importation of gas masks under government control.

LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By Fred Neher

"That's what you get for putting your lunch any ol' place."

WONDERLAND OF OZ

By L. Frank Baum

"Do you make all of the paper dolls?" inquired Dorothy. "Yes," replied Miss Cuttenclip. "I cut them out with my scissors and paint the faces and some of the costumes. It is very pleasant work and I am happy in making my paper village grow." "But how do the paper dolls happen to be alive?" asked Aunt Em. "The first dolls made were not alive," replied the little queen. "I'll tell you all about it."

"I used to live near the castle of a great sorceress named Glinda the Good, and she saw my dolls and said they were very pretty. I told her I thought I would like them better if they were alive and the next day the sorceress brought me a lot of magic paper. 'This is live paper,' she said, 'and all the dolls you cut out of it will be able to think and talk. When you have used it all up come to me and I will give you more.'"

"Of course I was delighted with this present," continued Miss Cuttenclip, "but the dolls I made were so thin that I found any breeze would blow them over and scatter them dreadfully. So Glinda built a wall around the place to keep the wind out, and told me to build a paper village here and to be its queen. That is why I started the village which you now see. It was many years ago that I built the first house and I've kept very busy and made my village grow."

"Many years ago!" exclaimed Aunt Em. "Why how old are you child?" "I never keep track of the years," said Miss Cuttenclip, laughing. "You see, I don't grow up at all. I just stay the same as I was when I first came here. Perhaps I'm older than even you are, madam, but I wouldn't say for sure." They looked at the lovely little girl wonderingly and the Wizard asked: "What happens to your paper village when it rains?"