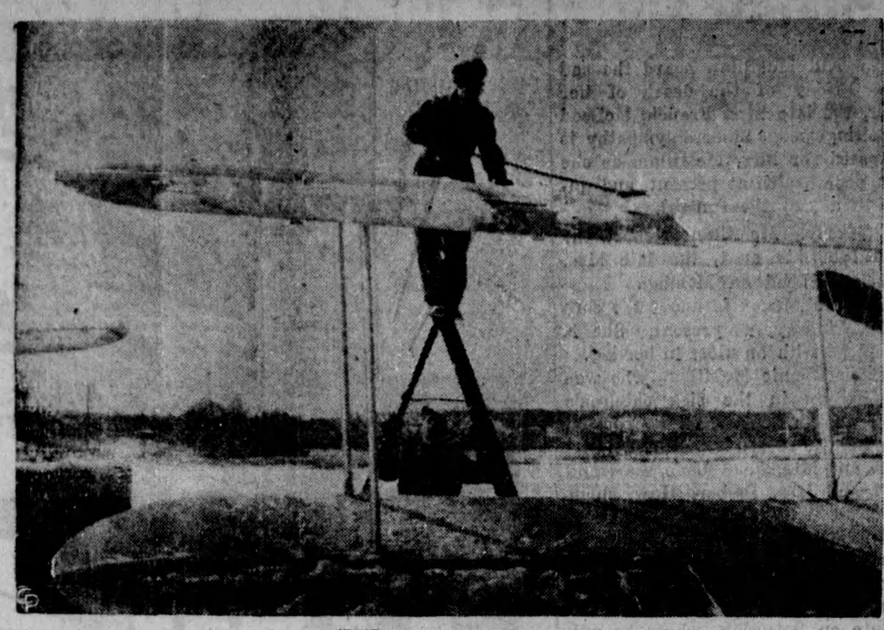
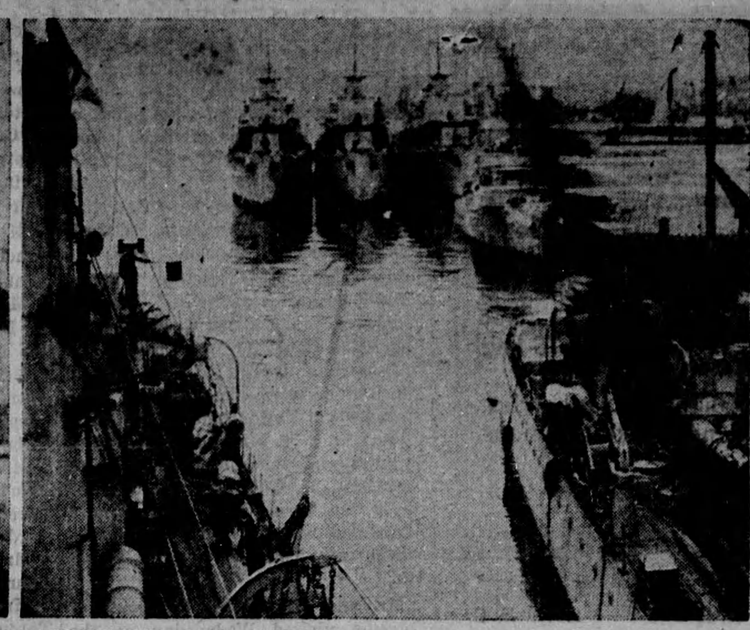
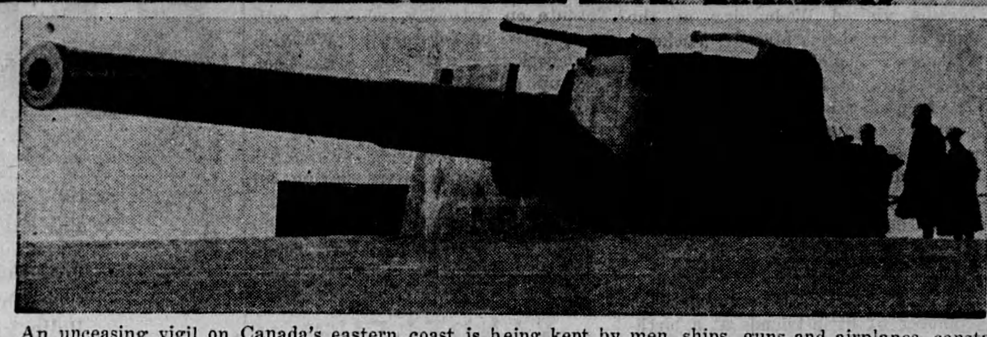
Canada's Eastern Coast Is Under Constant Guard Of Men, Ships And Planes







An unceasing vigil on Canada's eastern coast is being kept by men, ships, guns and airplanes, constantly on the alert for a sign of enemy crafts. Coastal guns such as ABOVE, are trained on every ship entering port until she passes examination. Giant flying boats of the R.C.A.F. make daily patrols out to sea, even though snow and ice must first be cleaned from the wings of the boats, UPPER LEFT. Patrol vessels, which constantly patrol the coastal waters are shown, UPPER RIGHT.

NEWS PARADE...

As the fifth month of the war came to a close, it was difficult to find one military expert on this continent who would venture to predict a "spring offensive" on the Western Front. An Associated Press story reported that U.S. military tacticians, analyzing every scrap of information from Europe, said they "couldn't see" how either the Allies or Germany could launch an offensive, regardless of weather conditions, with reasonable chances of breaking through the Maginot or Siefgried lines.

CHANGE OF THEATRE?

An enlightening despatch by H. R. Elliston, Christian Science Monitor correspondent, carried this view a step further. Declaring that the stalemate on the Western Front was not likely to be broken for some time, it advanced the opinion that the whole Allied war plan was shifting north to Scandinavia, and south to the Near East. Intervention in Finland, Mr. Elliston said, would take away the initiative from Hitler who right now is thought to be planning a bold offensive in a region of his own choosing — the Balkans or the Low Countries. The correspondent quoted from the current number of the London News Letter: "The French have reasoned it out that the northern theatre is in reality one of Germany's vulnerable flanks." Should Scandinavia and the other neutral countries agree to let themselves be used as a springboard, Elliston argued, the Allies would be able to tackle Germans and Russians both.

COUP IN CANADA

While Europe last week appeared to be deliberating on where to carry the war next, events of history - shattering importance were taking place over here. The dissolution of the 18th Parliament of the Dominion after but four hours of session caused the people of Canada to wonder what our parliamentary democracy was coming to. Although it was generally conceded that the Prime Minister had done a very clever thing in so frustrating his Opposition, many were the questions asked: Why an election at this time? . . . nobody needed one, except perhaps the MacKenzie King government. Did it no longer mean anything in the life of Canada, what was said and done in the House of Commons?

In lighter vein: That same week the people of England were told by the Daily Express, London, to "think about Hitler at least once a day." "Refresh your memory," the editorial warned. "You mustn't forget what the nation is fighting for."

Proper Placing Of Thermometer

If You Want to Know What The Correct Temperature Is Instrument Should Have A Free Circulation of Air on All Sides

Prof. Albert J. Kelly, of the McGill University observatory, last week gave the Montreal Star a few hints as to how a thermometer should be properly placed for accurate readings. Outdoor thermometers are notoriously variable as is amply demonstrated on any particularly cold day in winter or hot day in summer.

The best thermometers are the maximum and minimum thermometers similar to those used in the weather bureau stations.

First of all, Professor Kelly said, there should be free circulation of air on all sides. The instrument should not be placed against the wall or too close to the window pane.

Wind ordinarily does not affect a thermometer. It may do so, however, when moisture on the glass tube is dried by the wind.

USE THERMOMETER SCREEN

The proper way to obviate this — although most householders will not want to go to the trouble — is to use a thermometer screen. This is a box with downward vents at a 45 degree angle on all four sides, both inside and out, which not only break the wind and keep out snow, sleet or the direct rays of the sun, but at the same time allow free circulation of the air.

FACE IT NORTH

A thermometer should face north and if it is in a screen box, the door should be on the north side so that the sun does not get at the instrument when the door is opened.

ONTARIO OUTDOORS

By VIC BAKER

AN AGE-OLD QUESTION

Judging by the inquiries reaching this corner from time to there there are many outdoorsmen who are anxious to learn how to tell the age of a moose — that mis-shapen reminder of prehistoric times which is fairly abundant in Ontario.

The popular belief is that the age of this animal can be told by the number of points on its antlers — one for each year of life. This is quite untrue because it is impossible to determine the age of an adult or sub-adult in this manner, age and antler growth bearing no relation. For example, a five-year-old moose may carry seven or eight points on each blade of its antlers, or, on the other hand, it may carry only four. Furthermore, the number of points on each antler are not always equal, which would confuse the computation if it had any value. And to add the total of a pair of antlers would often suggest an age beyond the period of normal existence. With reference to young male moose, the case is more or less reversed, for a rising two-year-old usually carries a pair of spikes, and a rising three-year-old, two crotches with some palmation. The rule, however, is not generally or strictly applicable as sometimes crotches appear as the first growth and a large area of palmation, with points, as the second growth.

As far as we know, there is no known method of determining the age of moose, male or female, with any degree of satisfaction or accuracy. Size and appearance give the only clue.

VOICE of the PRESS

GOOD NEWS AND BAD

Soon the same mail carriers who brought the Christmas greetings will be bringing the income tax forms. — Brandon Sun.

A SURPRISING WAR

Those people who said there would be surprises in this war are being justified. A British censor has resigned because he had nothing to do. — Toronto Saturday Night.

WHAT EVERY TOWN NEEDS

What does Fergus need next? What we need and all the people need, is a restoration of confidence in the municipality. We need to regain enthusiasm for the future of the old town, so that people will turn in and help to make it better. — Fergus News-Record.

CHANGED THEIR MINDS

Since the elections, some of those civic legislators who opposed Premier Hepburn's proposed two-year terms have come out very strongly for the plan. Of course they won in the recent polling and naturally want to stay on as long as possible. — St. Thomas Times-Journal.

LOOKING AT THE PAST

Things we miss in Western Ontario — cigar store Indians, cracker barrels, chestnut trees, barefoot boys, livery stables, fly nets on horses, peg top pants, two-for-a-nickel cigars, earmuffs, life saver ropes in hotel bedrooms, pigtails on small girls, a natural complexion on the big girls. — London Free Press.

Relative Army Officer Ranks

In the Military Forces of the British Empire

In the military forces of the British Empire a pilot officer — the junior commissioned rank in the air force — ranks with a second or junior lieutenant in the army, or a commissioned officer from warrant rank in the navy. In the steps up the relative ranking is as follows:

Air Force — Flying Officer (or Observer), Flight Lieutenant, Squadron Leader, Wing Commander, Group Captain, Air Commodore, Air Vice-Marshal, Air Marshal, Air Chief Marshal, Marshal of the Royal Air Force.

The Army: — Lieutenant, Captain, Major, Lieutenant-Colonel, Colonel, Brigadier, Major-General, Lt.-General, General, Field Marshal.

The Navy: Sub-Lieutenant (or mate), Lieutenant, Lt. Commander, Commander, Captain, Commodore, Rear-Admiral, Vice-Admiral, Admiral, Admiral of the Fleet.

Commissioned officers of the Royal Marines rank according to seniority with army officers of the same titles.

Puck Chasers

TOPICS OF THE CURRENT HOCKEY SEASON

CRACKING DOWN

The Ontario Hockey Association calls the attention of clubs and players to the power of referees, as expressed in the O.H.A. rules and regulations as follows:

1. A ten-minute penalty shall be imposed on any player, and the circumstances shall be reported to the O.H.A. for further action, who uses foul or abusive language to any official or is guilty of gross misconduct during the progress of a game. In such case a substitute shall be allowed.

2. Any player who touches or holds a referee with his hand or his stick or intentionally trips or body-checks any of such officials shall automatically receive a ten-minute penalty for misconduct for the first offence and a match-misconduct for the second offence in the same game. The use of a substitute for the player so suspended shall be permitted. The offender shall also be reported to the O.H.A. for further action.

STAY OFF THE ICE

3. Any manager or coach who strikes an official shall be automatically suspended from the game and reported to the O.H.A. for further action.

4. The referee may order to the dressing room for the remainder of the game any player or manager guilty of gross misconduct. If a player so dismissed is taking part in the game, a substitute shall be permitted.

Coaches and managers are not permitted to go on the ice at any time during a game unless by special permission of the referee and then only to assist an injured player. If they do, the guilty ones are automatically suspended from the game and are to be reported to the O.H.A.

Ice Bridge Said Largest In Years

Solid White Mass Stretches For Three Quarters of A Mile From the Base of Niagara Cataracts

The American Falls was reduced to a thin trickling stream, as the thermometer hovered in the vicinity of zero the middle of January, and firmly locked great floes of ice in the Niagara Gorge in one of the biggest ice bridges in many years.

The Horseshoe Falls is about normal in appearance although considerable ice marks its crest near the shore.

MAYBE 40 FEET DEEP

The ice bridge, a solid, white, gleaming mass, stretches for three quarters of a mile from the base of the cataracts down stream beyond the point where the Falls View bridge was swept away Jan. 27, 1938, when heavy damage was caused to the Ontario Power Company plant below the bank in the vicinity of the Horseshoe Falls. Old-timers say the ice bridge is the thickest and largest in many years, being thirty-five to forty feet deep.

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the issue of the first postage stamp in 1840, a stamp exhibition will be held in Belfast, Northern Ireland, next year.

A new attempt is being made to salvage the treasure of the Grosvenor, the English East Indiaman, which was wrecked off Pondoland, South Africa, in 1782.

Be Appreciative, Never Critical !

Dale Carnegie Tells How To Get More Out of Life

The wag of a puppy dog's tail served as an object lesson in the value of appreciation when an ex-Missouri farmer explained "How to Win Friends and Influence People" in an address at Montreal last week.

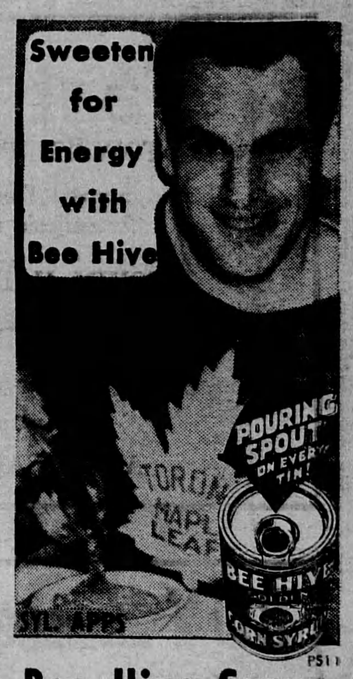
Dale Carnegie, the speaker maintained that anyone can get more out of life by being appreciative, rather than critical. Note, he said, that dog gains goodwill, not for services rendered, but rather by being exuberantly friendly, by being joyously happy in the presence of an appreciative master.

HOW TO HANDLE PEOPLE

If you feel that you must be constructively critical do it in such a way, Mr. Carnegie urged, that the other person does not lose face. He illustrated from the life of the late Charles Schwab who declared frankly that he was paid a million dollars a year salary largely because he knew how to handle people. It was Mr. Schwab's deeply ingrained philosophy to be anxious to praise, and loath to find fault. The way to develop the best in a man, he believed, was to be hearty in appreciation and lavish in praise.

Giant Reservoir

Canada is nearly as large as Europe and contains half the world's fresh water supply.



Bee Hive Syrup

LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By Fred Neher

"At the Start, We All Had Impulses to Chuck the Mail Down Sewers, But You'll Get Over That."

REG'LAR FELLERS—In the Bag

By GENE BYRNES