

Imperial Conference In London Suggested For Coming Year

London—The Government of the United Kingdom is expected to approach the Dominion Governments shortly in connection with a possible Imperial Conference next year.

Economic matters would doubtless bulk largest at such a conference. Dairy products clauses of the Ottawa pacts run out next year, and the pacts themselves expire in 1927.

Next year the King celebrates the silver anniversary of his accession to the throne and Dominion leaders will doubtless be eager to come to London and offer their respects to His Majesty, so there would be little difficulty arranging a conference.

The Laborite Daily Herald asserts that the Dominions "are already alarmed at requests now being made for encroaching on the Ottawa agreements as a result of the British domestic agricultural policy," and added that if for this reason only the time would arrive shortly when the Ottawa agreements must be reviewed.

Illumination Project

Grimsby—With a view to selecting the best one-mile stretch of road for experimental purposes in the illumination scheme which the Department of Public Highways is considering for Ontario's highways a party of engineers from the Hydro Commission and Illuminating Engineer's Society, together with highway officials, have inspected King's highway No. 3 from Stoney Creek to Grimsby.

It is understood they will recommend the most modern and up-to-date lighting system with a view to increasing safety for motorists in night driving. The roadway, when the lights are installed, it is stated, will be as bright as day and if the experiment proves successful Ontario's chain of modern highways will probably all be lighted within a few years.

Unknown Motorist Helps Stork On Way

Milwaukee, Wis.—Chivalry does exist in this automobile age. Vincent Budjac and his wife, Rose, 30 are certain.

Mrs. Budjac, an expectant mother, became ill and left a street car at an uptown intersection. Weakly she called for help.

A passing motorist seeing the woman about to collapse, offered a ride. She asked to be driven to the nearest hospital.

Before the car had gone a block, Mrs. Budjac became a mother, and the driver sped to a police station, where mother and child were transferred to an ambulance and taken to a hospital.

In the excitement the motorist, his name unknown, disappeared and went on his way.

Clever Children Should Be Assisted

A New York educationist recently deceased, had his heart set upon giving exceptionally brilliant boys and girls special opportunities to develop their talents. According to the New York Times he pointed out that while ample provision is made in the courses of study for the education both of the normal and the physically or mentally handicapped, no special provision is made for particularly talented boys and girls who show "aptitudes amounting almost to genius." He urged the establishment of a highly unconventional school into which the specially gifted pupils might be gathered, and there have opportunity to be guided by men and women actually at work as painters, sculptors, writers, scientists and the like. The lack of such facilities probably cripples many a potential leader.

Urges Scenic Postage Stamps

Plans to Make Canadians "Tourist Conscious" Proposed

Ottawa—Assurance of co-operation and suggestions for a Dominion Government program to stimulate the tourist business from four provinces and the two railway companies, are now before the Senate committee investigating tourist trade possibilities.

A plan to make the Canadian people "tourist conscious" and at the same time advertise this country abroad was presented by J. Murray Gibson, of the Canadian Pacific Railway. It involved issues of special pictorial stamps in denominations for ordinary postal use.

Designs could be submitted to the people of each province for selection by popular referendum and when interest had been aroused the people could be induced to increase their correspondence abroad.

Three-Day Fishing License to Cost \$1

TORONTO—Hon. George Chalmers, provincial treasurer and minister of game and fisheries, announces there will be a new three-day angling license for non-residents of the province this season. It will cost \$1.00, he said. "It is believed this will be an attraction for the tourist who is fond of fishing. During the last Legislature session the government introduced a \$7.00 family fishing license for non-residents."

Indian Girl To Run Buses

Will Operate to Reserve from Brantford

Toronto—Licenses to operate buses in new fields of bus operation were granted by the Ontario Municipal Board recently.

Miss Grace Johnson, on behalf of her father, a full-blooded Indian, was granted a license to operate a bus service between Brantford and the Six Nations Reserve.

Several applicants for permits to truck milk were received, but Chairman C. R. McKeownan, K.C., ruled that they be held over until the Ontario Milk Control board is in operation and be then discussed.

\$19,152,392 Every Day

U. S. Government Expenditure for First Ten Months

Washington—Uncle Sam has been passing out an average of \$14,000 every 60 seconds day and night, for the past ten months.

Government spending for the first ten months of the present fiscal year has averaged \$19,152,392.14 a day.

Against this expenditure it has collected a daily average of \$8,184,154.89. This means that \$10,968,237.25 of every day's expenditure is borrowed.

In other words, for every \$1 collected the government has spent \$2.34 of which \$1.28 went to emergency recovery expenditures.

Since last July 1, the government expended in all about \$5,822,427,211—a figure made up of \$2,591,538,460 of routine running costs and \$3,230,888,750 of emergency recovery spending. Receipts in the same period have been \$2,457,983,957.

This leaves a deficit of \$3,334,441,123. But only two months remain of the fiscal year and the budget bureau estimated a deficit of more than \$7,000,000,000 by June 30.

Woman Judged Insane

Mrs. John C. Buchanan, who for the past five months has refused to permit the burial of her husband's body, but kept it in a wooden box in a tent beside her home, was removed to Whitby Hospital as insane. Coroner Dr. Holdcroft of Havelock, stated recently.

Representations were made to Attorney General W. H. Price, who ordered the mental examination of the woman. Dr. Holdcroft said.

This examination was made and the woman was reported to be insane. Hospital authorities took her to Whitby. The body was buried immediately, it was learned. Mrs. Buchanan, a former school teacher, refused to permit the burial unless the son, an inmate of Whitby Hospital was present at the service. Her home near Havelock, became a place to be shunned and neighbors were afraid of her.

Boring for Oil In British Bill

Payment to Exchequer Planned From All Production

London—The new fundamental of state ownership of any petroleum that may hereafter be discovered in Britain is included in a bill that has been introduced by the Government to facilitate boring for oil in the United Kingdom.

Mr. Walter Runciman, president of the Board of Trade, recently announced this in the House of Commons. He said there were indications of renewed interest in the search for oil in Great Britain.

The new law is to remove difficulties claimed to stand in the way of the orderly development of any oil discovered. The rights of owners are to be compensated and disturbance of property reduced to a minimum. Persons who wish to bore for oil will be required to obtain licenses, payment being made to the Exchequer on any oil produced. Those who secure a license will make their own arrangements with the owners of the land for the necessary facilities "cannot be obtained by agreement, provision will be made for securing them on terms granted by the law courts.

Chemical affinities between coal and oil have long encouraged the supposition that a country so well provided with carboniferous strata as is Great Britain may eventually prove to be equipped also in paying quantity with hydrocarbons in liquid state.

OIL PRESENT

Evidence has long been available that oil exists in England's great midland coal seams. Dr. Arthur Wade, a fuel expert, laid before the Institution of Petroleum Technologists in London in 1927 particulars of a boring at Hardstaff, Derbyshire, which was at that time producing six barrels of excellent oil daily. Dr. Wade held that, in conditions then prevailing, it was not commercially feasible to develop this supply. He based this conclusion upon two considerations. The area concerned was then too valuable and too minutely subdivided to admit of the setting aside of a sufficiently large property

Mary Cheers Patients



Mary Pickford's visit to her hometown, Toronto, has been a busy one. Above we see her talking to C. J. Decker, superintendent of the Toronto General Hospital, after a tour through the wards. A daily appearance at a theatre, a fishing trip over the weekend and receptions have kept Mary busy but happy.

for economical drilling operations. The borings would also, he said, have to pass through coal seams involving difficulties with owners not favorably disposed to the development of fuel resources competitive with their own.

Depression in the British coal industry has now reduced the difficulty so far as the colliery owners are concerned. At the same time demand for home-raised oil for locomotive purposes has caused reconsideration of previously rejected schemes for such enterprise. The new Bill takes account of these facts. It is welcomed also as an attempt to prevent in advance in the case of oil, the establishment of private claims to royalties which in that of British coal have proved a serious handicap to enterprise.

U.S. Students Make Good At McGill

Montreal—United States students carried off all the prizes and medals in the first and second years of the McGill University Faculty of Medicine with the exception of one prize for which a tie developed, according to the list posted at the university.

Sir Charles Ross Sued for \$200,000

WASHINGTON—Sir Charles Henry Ross, big game hunter and inventor of the Ross Rifle, is being sued for \$200,000 in the District of Columbia Supreme Court by Paul Shapiro, who claims Sir Charles severely beat him recently.

Shapiro said in the suit he went to Sir Charles' home to discuss a business deal and that Sir Charles, a Scotch baronet, became enraged, beat him with his fists and choked him.

The Ross rifle was widely used in the World War. The patent later was sold to the Canadian government.

Discovery of Maple Syrup

According to a legend held by some Indian tribes maple syrup was discovered in the following manner: One day a mighty hunter named Woksits went out in search of game while his squaw, Mogua, busied herself with preparing the meal against his homecoming. As was customary, she boiled some moose meat in the sweet maple water. Forgetting her charge, however, the boiling sap thickened into syrup. When Woksits returned and tasted the new dish he was so delighted that he informed the tribe that a heaven-sent instructor had taught his Mogua how to make this wonderful dish.

German Girls May be Taken Into Homes on Work-for-Keep Basis

BERLIN—The Federation of Nazi Women have appealed to Nazi households to make a place on a work-for-keep basis for one German girl per family.

"Of the 600,000 girls who left school at Easter, many are still without work. The federation urged that they be adopted on a self-supporting basis, provided that no servants are thereby discharged. This, they said, would safeguard them from unemployment.

Clean Up

Clean-up time is right at hand. Citizens are reminded that the dumping of garbage, rubbish, tin cans, bottles, old cars, etc., in various public places in the village is making many unsightly spots that look very bad, and detract from a tidy appearance that a village should have. The municipal dump is the place for rubbish, and those who are careless about dumping just wherever it suits them, should be compelled to clean up these unsightly rubbish heaps and deposit them where they belong.

Rare Rodents

ADELAIDE, South Australia—Several specimens of the rarest type of rat in the world, which were long thought to be extinct, have been found by two Australian scientists.

The rats are of the broad-tailed species peculiar in Australia. One specimen was caught in 1832 and was regarded as a unique survivor of an extinct species. Now H. H. Finlayson, of the Adelaide Museum, who has been working in collaboration with C. W. Brazenor, of the Australian National Museum, has found five specimens of the rare rat in the same district.

Brazenor has also found in the Otway Ranges of Victoria an indigenous mouse hitherto unknown to science.

England Leads In Giving Work

LONDON—Remarkable revelations of the ebb and flow of unemployment in each industrial area are contained in the local Unemployment Index just published by the Minister of Labor.

This shows how the 116,000 drop in unemployment in March was distributed over the chief industrial areas.

The figures disclose that the improvement was much greater in England than in Scotland or Wales, which indicates that the industrial drift to the south and east is still going on.

Wales is still the most depressed country in the kingdom, with 34.2 per cent. of unemployment. Scotland follows with 26 per cent. while England is comparatively prosperous with only 15.6 per cent. of workless.

English Lord Gets Job Pushing Wheelbarrow

CROYDON, Eng.—Lord Naas, eldest son of the Earl of Mayo, was found pushing a wheelbarrow on a construction job here, drawing a laborer's wage of 45s. a week.

He said that he took the job because "my one aim in life is to make good," and that he had no success "scraping around London trying to find work" after returning from Africa, where he tried coffee planting.

Using his family name of Ulick Henry Bourke, Lord Naas is "trying to make the best of it in a single room." He said his fellow laborers are not aware of his identity.

Protecting Screens

Window Screens should be varnished or painted to prevent the surfaces directly below from becoming rust-stained. Screen enamel may be used, or house paint may be employed for this purpose, if thinned to the proper consistency with turpentine.

Small Stomach Means Long Life Underweight Said Best For People's Hearts After 35 Years

Philadelphia—If you keep your stomach under control and your figure slim after you are 35, there is only one chance in 600 that you will die of heart disease, according to Dr. Charles Howard Miner.

Dr. Miner, formerly State Secretary of Health, discussed the relation between weight and heart troubles at a meeting of the Philadelphia Heart Association.

"We know of nothing that will restore a diseased artery or heart muscle to its original condition," he said. "Hence, our slogan must be 'prevention' and not 'cure.'"

"Be moderate in all things, and especially in the use of tea, coffee and alcohol. Do your work under as little nervous pressure as possible.

"But most of all, watch your figure. Everyone over the age of 35 should be distinctly underweight to avoid heart ailments."

Dogs Ride on Trams, Buses

New Jersey Acts to Help Blind Led by Faithful Canine Pals

Trenton, N. J.—Dogs guiding the blind have special permission to ride on New Jersey's trolley cars and buses.

The House of Assembly, impressed by a demonstration here, ruled that such dogs may "at such time as a blind person may desire, when accompanied by said blind person, ride without charge on any bus, streetcar, or other public vehicle in the state of New Jersey."

Arthur Voorhees, Montclair, spoke briefly before the house about how useful his police dog had been to him. Then he put Rex through his tricks. True to his training, the dog halted three times in quick succession in warning as Voorhees reached three successive steps. Carefully watching traffic lights, Rex led his master through the maze of downtown traffic and warned him each time he approached a curb.

Montreal Plans Clean-Up Week

Ambitious Plans Will Be Carried Out During this

Montreal—One of the most ambitious "clean-up weeks" ever undertaken by any city is being planned here for May.

Church, citizens, young and old, business men, radio stations, theatres, and manufacturers alike will be asked to co-operate in cleaning and brightening up the city.

Some of the activities planned include:

School children numbering 150,000 and 6,000 teachers will co-operate to keep yards and homes clean, healthy and attractive, while 4,600 Boy Scouts will co-operate to prevent fire hazards, prevent throwing of papers and refuse on streets, and other odd jobs.

Through the Junior Board of Trade and with the co-operation of radio stations appeals to the public in the interests of the campaign will be made.

The Canadian Manufacturing Association will ask all manufacturers throughout the city and province to clean up front and back yards and also make their property more attractive with grass, flowers and paint.

Wrong Number

District Attorney Gets Order Meant For Bootlegger

MACON, Ga.—A mix-up in telephone numbers caused a Macon woman to go thirsty—at least until she could make another call.

"Send one," commanded a woman's voice from the receiver of District Attorney T. Hoyt Davis' office telephone.

"One what?" asked a clerk. "Oh, you know," was the answer. "I understand the price is going up, and I want to get some more."

The clerk told the woman she had the wrong number, and the receiver clicked instantly. It was said such calls have been received frequently because of a similarity between the district attorney's office telephone number and that of a bootlegger.

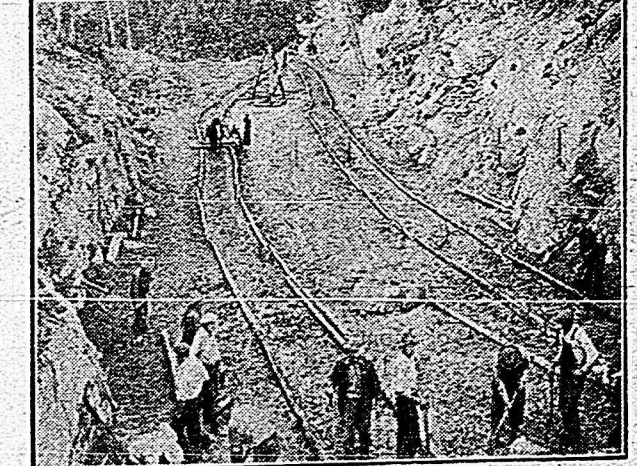
Loan Granted To Doukhobors

WINNIPEG—Peter Verigin, at a conference here, completed negotiations for a loan of \$600,000 from United States capitalists to the Christian Community of Universal Brotherhood, which in return will give a mortgage on all its lands, properties, crops and chattels in Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia.

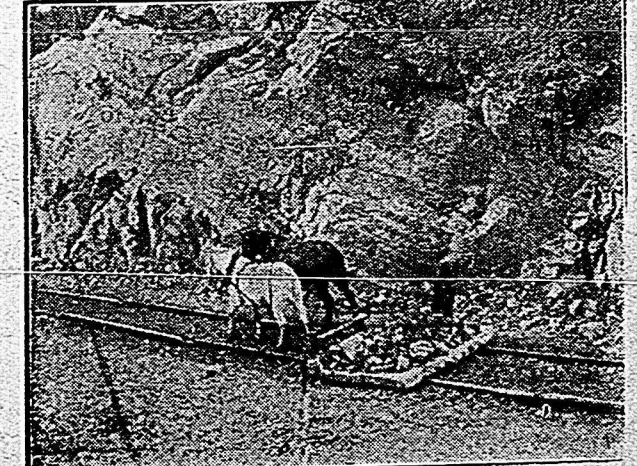
Total holdings of the 15,000 Doukhobors in Western Canada now are valued at \$6,500,000, of which \$4,500,000 is located in British Columbia. It is understood the money will be used for refinancing purposes.

TRANS-CANADA HIGHWAY

These graphic illustrations which are appearing each week in this paper, show the progress of construction on the gigantic coast-to-coast highway. These photographs will be of historical interest and are well worth preserving.



The rails in this photograph are constructed from timbers taken from nearby bush; likewise the boats used to transfer the stone from cut to fill are constructed from the same material.



Here we see one of the stone boats and rails put to use. These two photographs give the layman a fair idea of the tremendous quantities of material necessary to move in the construction of the Trans-Canada Highway.