Honour Scott Of The Antarctic

The memory of Captain Scott—"Scott of the Antarctic"—is being honored in London at an exhibition covering 40 years of Antarctic exploration, being held on board one of the ships that Scott used—the Discovery—moored in the River Thames as a training vessel for Sea Scouts.

Relics of Scott's expeditions are on show side by side with the equipment now being used by the Falkland Island Dependencies Survey, which maintains permanent bases in the Antarctic, eleven of whose scientists have been marooned on Stonington Island without relief for two years.

The main difference between the oldfashioned and the modern outfit for the job appears to be that, in the modern dress, more attention has been paid to the windproof department and less to the layers of woollen underclothes which used to be the standard means of keeping one's cold. Fur hoods and gloves are not used nowadays either. In fact, the only fur in the modern equipment is on the lining of the hood round the face.

Sea Scouts dressed in this kit, who were taking part in the "Scenes of Life in the Antarctic," seemed to find these clothes very hot. There were two scenes representing life in the ice south.

One of these, with a blackcloth of cold, blue mountains, had borrowed properties from the film Scott of the Antarctic; and the little pyramidshaped tent, with a ball-pointed sledge in front of it, stood in what looked like real snow, and gave a dramatic illustration of the loneliness of the explorer's life. There was another tent, fully equipped for service, outside which pemmican was being cooked in a frying pan on a portable stove.

The Discovery has borrowed two Antarctic birds for the exhibition. They come from the Falkland Islands, and were brought back by the survey ship John Biscoe earlier this year.

Paint And Powder Past And Present

Women all over the world are using lipstick, powder, perfumes, cleansing creams, skin lotions, and nail varnish on a scale that would make even Jezebel blush beneath her rouge.

Even in Russia, generally regarded as the land of no glamour, the State-controlled Sloboda works in Moscow is churning out lipsticks by the million in ten shades, and filling 36,000,000 tubes and jars with face cream each year.

Sunburn lotions, mud-packs, tissue tonics, toilet powders, shampoos and bath essence have been found to be the best production boosters for Russian women employees, and lipstick and face powder the best means of heightening feminine morale.

Years ago in the Western countries it was recognized that cosmetics could change a woman's whole outlook on life. They alter the appearance, on which the health and happiness of women seem to depend. They give women self-confidence.

Make-up has become so much a part of women's lives that in prison women will go to the extremes of tearing the red dye off the covers of books from the prison library to colour their lips and cheeks.

Women's love for cosmetics is as old as civilization itself. Even the Bible tells us that "Jezebel painted her face" to fascinate Jehu.

In the tombs of the Pharohs, built about 3500 B.C., beautiful alabaster vases for containing lotions and spicy unguents were found buried together with papyrus drawings showing how to apply the make-up.

Nevertheless, men have not always appreciated the use of paint and powder by their female companions. A bill introduced into the English Parliament in 1770 stipulated that "All women of whatever age, rank, profession or degree, whether virgins, maids or widows, that shall from and after such act, impose, seduce, and betray into matrimony any of His Majesty's subjects, by the scents, paints, cosmetics, washes, artificial teeth, false hair, Spanish wool, iron stays, hoops, high-heeled shoes, bolstered hips, shall incur the penalty of the law in force against witchcraft and like misdemeanours, and that the marriage upon conviction, shall stand null and void."

Petit-bec Mouths

About the same time a law came into force in America to the effect that a marriage could be annulled if a husband could prove that during courtship his wife had used cosmetics."

In Paris, a certain Lord chased his wife around the dinner table, and in full view of his guests rubbed the make-up off her face with a napkin because she had "broken her promise to him and got herself painted."

Today men wouldn't dare to take such violent action against the use of paint and powder, though certain High Court judges have recently expressed pungent views on the "figure of women's faces with lipstick" [illegible] on girls who look "like monkeys with mouths like post office boxes."

Every paper I pick up nowadays seems to be full of tales regarding farmers and Government subsidies. Practically all these stories tell of meetings of policymen, milk producers, grain growers and so forth, all unanimously agreed on one thing—no matter how much the proposed subsidy is, it isn't nearly enough.

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And I don't blame them a bit. "Ask for twice as much as you expect to get" may not be a strictly moral sentiment, but it seems to be fairly practical, the way this cockeyed world of ours functions these days.

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Still, it never does much harm to look at a picture from several angles; and the fact that the following editorial is from The Financial Post should be of no use to the fact that there might be just a teeny mite of sense in it. The editorial is headed: A BEATING THE SUBSIDY.

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If a farmer in Ontario wants to grow more wheat he goes ahead and sows it without asking anyone's permission. It is his own business how much or how little wheat he grows and most people will agree it should be his own business. After all it is his own farm, machinery and labor that are involved.

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But across the border from Ontario, in New York State; in a country which prides itself on being the freest in the world, these matters are handled differently. There in the name of a local committee a Washington appointed bureaucrat decides how much wheat and a great many other things the farmer can grow. Various allotments are issued and if exceeded one finds himself without a market.

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One owner of a 200-acre farm thought his allotment of 13 acres for wheat was on the small side. When he applied for a larger allotment last fall he was told he would have five minutes on a certain Tuesday afternoon to present his case. He was also told that if he failed to appear, the authorities might consider such failure as a waiver of his right to appeal.

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Naturally this sort of thing a used some resentment in New York farm circles but when the law was questioned came the real shock. Because the wheat growing was subsidized with taxpayers' money the Government had a perfect right to regulate the industry, the farmers were told. And when one thinks the thing over, why not? Otherwise the Government would have no control whatsoever over the spending of the money it collected from the public.

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That is something we should remember in this country.

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In recent weeks there has been a lot of loose talk in Canadian agricultural circles about subsidies for various farm lines. Farmers have been told about the many advantages, of how the prices would stay nice and firm even when the market was just the opposite. But they haven't been told much about the other side of this subsidy business, of the state they dictation that is certain to follow.

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So much for Mr. Financial Post. Now let's talk about something not so theoretical. I know that a lot of my readers are interested in the possibilities of commercial sunflower growing; and although this Government advice was addressed specifically to farmers in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, there's no reason why it shouldn't apply just as well to large sections of Ontario.

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Sunflowers—the bulletin says—have become an important vegetable oil crop in southern Manitoba during the past few years. There has been a remarkable increase not only in the acreage involved but also in the number of growers and the extent of the territory. Many useful practices to aid in the production of the crop have been developed by research workers and by the growers themselves, says the Dominion Experimental Station, Morden.

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Due to a shortage of first generation Advance hybrid seed, a considerable acreage will be sown with second generation seed. The grower should know the germination of the seed he intends to use. It is an approved practice to treat the seed with either New Improved Ceresan or Arasan at a rate of 1½ ounces per bushel.

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An application of fertilizer at seeding time has usually given at least a small increase in yield. The fertilizer hastens maturity. Thus ripening in a lower moisture content of the seed at harvest. Ammonium phosphate 11-48-0 should be applied at a minimum of 30 pounds per acre or, if seeding on stubble land containing much straw, 16-20-0 should be applied at a minimum of 70 pounds per acre. The fertilizer requirement varies with the soil type, available soil moisture and soil temperature. Every farmer should do some experimenting of his own to determine what is generally the best rate of application for his land.

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The increase in sunflower acreage has been accompanied by an increase in diseases. Sclerotinia root rot has not caused great losses thus far. Nevertheless, traces or more of it were found in 75 per cent of the fields examined in 1949. A rotation wherein sunflowers are not grown on the same land more than once in four years and where they do not follow other susceptible crops, such as potatoes, sweet clover, beets, peas and alfalfa will help control the disease.

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Rust has been more prevalent in the past two seasons, particularly on the female parent in crossing blocks. The losses from this disease can be reduced by seeding early, by not planting sunflowers on the same land in two successive years, and by ploughing under old sunflower stubble to bury spores which live over the winter on this trash. Volunteer sunflowers should be destroyed early in the growing season by cultivation or spraying with 2,4-D because the rust may live on them if yourself as mind these plants. Since this disease is most destructive in the main sunflower areas, good profitable returns from crossing blocks can be expected where the crop is less concentrated.

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Further information on sunflower growing may be obtained by writing to the Dominion Experimental Station, Morden, Man.

Why Mine Gold?

In recent times, with the introduction of managed currencies and the control by prices of many things, people have asked "why mine gold?" It is often accepted as a fact that gold is mined from the ground with great labor and at the expense of much money and material, only to have the gold buried in the ground at Fort Knox in the United States. It has been said that the only good purpose to which gold has been put is to fill teeth.

These, of course, are very superficial and short-sighted views of the significance and value of gold. In spite of the fact that many governments and politicians decry gold as useless and even dangerous the vast majority of the people of the world continue to regard it as precious and to seek it and hoard it. As so often happens when rulers deal with people they fail to allow for deep-rooted instincts which are often sound. There is no person in the world today who will not accept gold in any form or shape in return for goods and labor. In fact, these are people, many of them, who have goods or services to sell, who will not take anything else. There are excellent reasons for this attitude.

These reasons are outlined in detail in a bulletin prepared by the Canadian Institute of Mining & Metallurgy, a non-profit organization composed of engineers and technicians. Copies of this bulletin are available without charge by writing or telephoning to Brewis & White Limited, 40 Adelaide St. W., Toronto, Ont. Teachers, students, libraries, lecturers and others who may wish to broaden their knowledge of financial affairs would find this bulletin useful.

Before the Romans finally conquered England and Wales in A.D. 85, Britain was subjected to numerous invasions by various tribes. Roman rule lasted for 400 years, and then continuous invasions began again by Teutonic tribes. Things eventually settled down with seven kingdoms in England. The Celts of Wales, the Picts and Northmen of Scotland, and the Scots of Ireland were in control of their own territories.

Cancer Information Becomes More Available—Controller Leslie Saunders officially opening the Little Red Door, Canada's first cancer information centre. Mrs. Egmont L. Frankel, chairman Toronto Women's committee looks on.

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Thomas Joseph Coffey Passes At Dornoch

Thomas Joseph Coffey of Dornoch, a lifelong resident of the district, died on Saturday afternoon in the Durham Memorial Hospital, where he had been a patient only a short time. Mr. Coffey, who was in his 61st year, had been in failing health for the past six years.

He was born in Glenelg Township on March 16, 1889, a son of Mary Talmer Coffey and the late Patrick Coffey. He was a farmer and lived in Glenelg and Holland Township all his life.

Surviving are his mother who resides in Glenelg, two brothers, Bert of Glenelg and James in the United States, and two sisters, (Angela) Mrs. Zoie Sweeney of Durham, and Margaret of Toronto. His father and one sister, Mrs. Joseph Coffey, predeceased him. Mr. Coffey was never married.

He was a member of St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church at Dornoch.

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Mrs. Harry Cherry accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Russell Dixon to Owen Sound on Saturday, where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Rufus Bayley, who was the former Margaret Dixon, a daughter of Isaac Dixon and the late Mrs. Dixon of Owen Sound.

Euphrasia Appoints Warble Fly Inspectors

The regular meeting of Euphrasia Township council was held on February 6th, with all the members present and the reeve in the chair. The minutes were read.

Sewell - Cowling, that this council pass and order paid road voucher No. 2, amounting to $2,551.52.

Thompson - Sewell, that this council give Gordon Wilson