

The Ottawa Spotlight

By Wilfrid Eggleston

Ottawa, Nov 2—Manufacturing is the industry which has shown the largest gains in employment in 1936, according to a survey published by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Those that fear that freer trade policies damage domestic industry should take heart from the fact that on Jan. 1st the United States was admitted to the intermediate tariff rate—a move characterized by one Ottawa expert as the greatest single reduction ever made in the Canadian tariff, that important tariff reductions to Japan were also made on the same day, and that on May 1st the duties on British textiles was cut. Also on gasoline, farm implements and other commodities.

Yet the index of employment in Canadian manufacturing since Jan. 1st has steadily improved. There were, on October 1st, 62,600 more persons employed in Canadian factories than at the first of the year. Some improvement is usual but in the year 1936 the gains have been notably large. General employment in Canadian industries on October 1st was 47,161 larger than on the same date in 1935. The survey, maintained by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, does not include agriculture, but it reflects what is going on in agriculture, because when the farmer has money to buy things, all other industries show an improvement.

Alberta versus Ottawa

Alberta has again appealed in vain to Ottawa and the Bank of Canada for assistance. Views on the matter are sharply divided. Here at Ottawa there is a tendency to ask whether any other reply could be expected, in view of what has been done to past loans. Some western people take quite the opposite view and regard the whole business as a conspiracy on the part of the "Big Interests" to undermine Social Credit. You pay your money and you take your choice. The federal government has no authority to loan money, but with conditions different it is quite conceivable that they might be prepared to advance the money without authority and take a chance on parliament confirming it. You will recall they were able to launch a big drought relief scheme without any legislative authority. Also a nationwide house repair scheme. But Premier Aberhart made a good deal out of the statement that banks created money by a stroke of the pen, and some of the sceptics in the East are asking now why he doesn't employ a similar method to meet his maturing loans. It is a rather sorry spectacle all around and one doubts whether it is doing either the federal or provincial government any good. The tough part is that it is the innocent bystander in most cases who pays the rap for these economic and political cantremps.

The Unemployed Women

The problem of finding a job for the unemployed women of Canada is proving to be no cinch for the National Employment Commission. Mrs. Mary McCallum Sutherland is a brilliant economist and writer and has enlisted the aid of able women from coast to coast. But so far no one has come forward with a proposition which promises to do more than skim the surface. No single spectacular program is to be expected. Rather in every community which is prepared to co-operate assistance will be given by the federal authorities to such schemes and plans as promise to help. One discovery which Mrs. Sutherland has made is that the schools, hospitals and colleges are turning out far more professional women than can possibly be absorbed, while there is a crying need for help in a few industrial lines and for trained domestic servants. The fault seems to be that we have glorified professional work, and made handwork (including the science of running a home) something menial and undesirable. The result is that girls want to be in the business or professional world. The National Employment Commission will among other things assist in providing suitable training centers for girls who wish to know the business of being a capable domestic and who as a result will probably be able to command better wages and working conditions.

A conference was held at Ottawa this week by officials from the nine provinces and Dominion au-

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A NEW IDEA

"I am almost afraid to have this baby." Here are these words in the Expectant Mother's letter and we must attend to them.

Tell the people. But there has been so much about Maternal Mortality in the newspapers and magazines that no wonder the mothers are afraid. They are afraid because they only get hold of a general indefinite idea that a great many Mothers die at the time of child-birth. Now that is not true. All good doctors know that Mothers should not die at that time, and if only the Mother goes to the doctor in time, as soon as she thinks perhaps she is going to be a Mother, and keeps on going to see the doctor regularly, and does what he tells her, generally speaking, she is safe. Pre-natal care is the greatest safeguard we have. Last century, (and it is the same now), doctors used to feel that they ought to have at least one thousand maternity cases without losing one Mother and a great many of them succeeded in making this good record both then and now. And they make better records now. Our national record ought to be better and we are all trying to make it better and now we have a new idea about how to make it better.

The greatest single cause of maternal mortality is what used to be called child-bed fever or puerperal sepsis. In Canada it causes about one-third or more of all our maternal mortality. But, remember, very few mothers have it or any other trouble at

the time of the birth of the baby. In 1931, Dr. J. Smith of Aberdeen City Hospital Laboratory made a study of 21 cases of puerperal fever and was able to find the germs which caused the fever in 18 of these cases. He also found out where these deadly germs come from. Most of them were the common germs that are found in common colds.

In a few cases he found that the germs came from the patient herself, sometimes from her nose or throat. In 12 cases the germs came from the throat or nose of the doctor, or nurse, or one of the medical students who attended the case.

This gave us a new idea. We saw how to prevent puerperal fever. We now examine the noses and throats of all maternity patients and likewise of all their attendants and nurses so as to make sure that they are free from these dangerous germs, and we make other searches for germs. And the doctor and nurses and others, who are near the mother at the time of the birth wear a little gauze mask as an added precaution. The hospitals where this is done do not have cases of puerperal fever. This can be done in the home just as well as in the hospital. So when the mother sees her doctor and nurse come into her room at the time of the birth of the baby with a gauze mask tied over the nose and mouth, she does not say "Is there anything the matter with you?" She says "It is all right—I know you are wearing that for my safety. Thank you." Great care is taken by everyone in attendance on the mother to be perfectly clean and to keep the hands and nails perfectly clean and to be sure the skin is perfect—no scratches or sores. Sterilized rubber gloves are worn.

authorities regarding Companies Acts in Canada. There are ten different acts, and it is confusing for the investment brokers and the company promoters and dangerous sometimes for the investor. It would be much more satisfactory if the nine provinces and the Dominion could agree on reasonably uniform laws and regulations, and set up machinery which would protect the investor against unscrupulous and reckless salesmen and promoters.

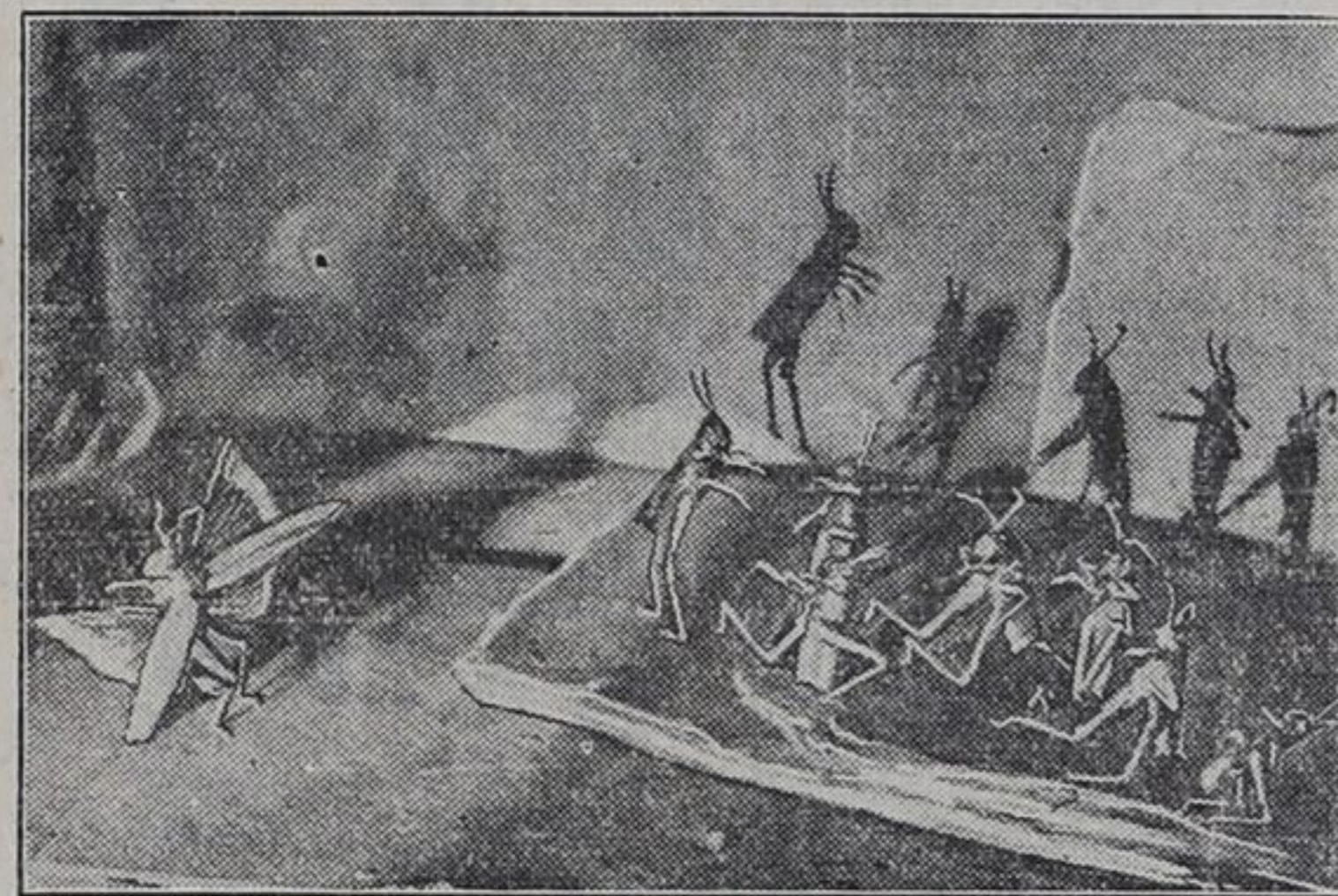
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The SNAPSHOT GUILD

Use Your Camera for Other Hobbies



An amateur photographer-entomologist had fun making this picture of a "Grasshopper Night Club" (note the fan dancer). He used amateur equipment. It was a time exposure with a 25-cent floodlight for illumination.

HAVE you another hobby besides your camera? If so, why not introduce them to each other and double the pleasure? Why not make photographic souvenirs of the changes in your garden, your antique collection, the growth of your miniature railroad, your new ship models, or what have you?

We know a man whose other hobby is entomology—bug-hunting to his friends. He gets a tremendous lot of fun photographing his insect specimens.

Some of his pictures of these tiny subjects are remarkable. The most surprising thing about them is that they were made with the simple apparatus used by the amateur photographer. Not only does he make serious "portraits" of individual insects, but, having a flare for the dramatic and the amusing, he photographs groups of them theatrically posed to represent the goings on of human beings, as in the picture of the grasshopper night club above; or it may be a June-bug wedding, a tumble-bug football game, spider spooks haunting a graveyard, grasshoppers playing leapfrog—he finds the subject possibilities are endless. The pictures he displays are, of course, enlargements.

You don't have to be an entomologist to make pictures like this yourself, if you, or some one for you, will but collect the insects. Here's what he does:

He builds a "set," a la Hollywood,

to fit into an imaginary box 15 inches long, 10 wide and 12 high, sometimes using fine grass, small stones, twigs, etc., for scenery. Admitting that he has not yet been able to persuade his insect actors to play leapfrog or otherwise perform at his bidding, he has them chloroformed by the druggist from whom he buys his films; then with quick-drying household cement he mounts them on his stage in the poses he wants.

To light the scene he finds a single floodlight bulb in a reflector is effective. The light should be about two feet from the set, placed high for simulating daylight or low in front for a dramatic effect. Stop the camera lens down to f.8, put on a portrait attachment and then photograph your 15 by 10 by 12-inch scene close up, according to instructions with the attachment. Fine grained panchromatic film is to be preferred for sparkling results in enlarging. Exposures will vary with the scene; so, until experience has been gained, three or four exposures (say, 2, 4 and 8 seconds) had better be made and the best one chosen for enlargement.

Our entomologist-camerist says you will have so much fun making these pictures that, even if you don't care to become an entomologist, an ambition to become a theatrical producer will surely have to be curbed.

JOHN VAN GUILDER

No one with a cold is allowed to enter the mother's room. Other precautions are also faithfully carried out.

The doctor can tell the mother not to be "afraid to have this baby" and we can all stand by the doctor. He is right.

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