

The Ottawa Spotlight

By Wilfrid Eggleston

Ottawa, Dec. 22—The financial conference at Ottawa has been described in some quarters as a bad flop; in others as a moderate success. It all depends on how you look at it. Confusion crept in because a lot of people thought it was a Dominion-Provincial conference along the lines of that a year ago. Actually it was nothing of the sort, although a last minute attempt was made to broaden it out into one. It was a meeting of the National Finance Committee, which consists of nine provincial treasurers and the Minister of Finance. Eight of the provinces sent their premiers, and other cabinet ministers as well. Of course they were welcome. But the test of the conference depends on whether one thinks about the original agenda, drafted months before, or the more ambitious program which the premiers brought with them. So far as the first was concerned, while there was no spectacular success, a very useful start was made. In regard to the demands of the provincial premiers, very little came of it.

Two Objectives

There were two major objectives of the National Finance Committee, and something was accomplished toward both of them. For the first time since Confederation an effort is going to be made to co-ordinate the public borrowings of Canada. Information is to be exchanged between provinces and the Dominion so that loans can be floated at sensible intervals, and at such times as the market is best able to absorb the offerings. Some progress was made also, though not notable, in simplifying the tax structure of Canada. At present the field of corporation taxes is almost inconceivably involved and cumbersome. Many firms have to pay taxes to ten different

authorities (9 provinces and the Dominion), on ten different bases and ten different rates. Some of them have to keep a staff of book-keepers to fill up their tax returns. Some degree of simplification and uniformity between the provinces and the Dominion is desirable. There is no intention at the moment of decreasing the tax burden of corporations, but if some of the costs of filing and preparing information would be eliminated, it would be a step forward.

Royal Commissions

Some of the provinces wanted royal commissions, to study their problems and recommend changes. One premier broadened out the proposal to that of a royal commission to study the whole basis of Confederation in the light of modern developments—the division of taxing powers, the division of social responsibilities. Who, for instance, should bear the load of the unemployed, of the aged? The federal government is not enthusiastic about any more commissions for special areas. Those appointed so far have had to be followed up by others, or have led to deadlocks. The Duncan commission did good work, but required another commission under Sir Thomas White to study subsidy increases. The royal commissions set up to take care of payments for natural resources to the prairie provinces also failed in two cases out of three to render awards acceptable to the provinces.

The broader commission, to examine the whole basis of confederation, would be agreed to by the Dominion government, it is believed, if there were unanimity among the provinces. So far there is no such thing. The central provinces and B.C. oppose the idea; the western provinces approve, but the Maritimes are only lukewarm.

A Marketing Policy

Then the nine provinces met in an agricultural conference. Some of them came here enthusiastic



about Marketing Act and planned production and distribution. They did not find in Hon. J. G. Gardiner a warm adherent of those views. The Minister of Agriculture holds simple and what are now regarded as old-fashioned views about markets. In brief his policy is this: Cut production costs, reduce distribution costs, stress quality, study the needs of the market, maintain reasonable limits he thinks they can be enlarged. It is, of course, the traditional Liberal theory. Many people, of the 'planned economy' school, think that such policies may have been sound once, but are not now. Mr. Gardiner thinks they are like the multiplication table, as sound now as they were years ago.

It looks as though we have escaped the threat of British tariffs on our farm products, but we

shall have to put up with quotas, it would appear, certainly on some lines. If they are generous enough all will be well.

TREASURER'S SALE OF LANDS FOR ARREARS OF TAXES

Township of Bucke

TAKE NOTICE that there will be a Sale of Lands for Arrears of Taxes at the Municipal Chambers of the Township of Bucke, North Cobalt, Ont., on **Monday, March 8th, 1937**, at 2 p.m. The adjourned sale, if any, will be held at the same place on Monday, March 15th, 1937, at 2 p.m.

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Monteith	2.50
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Ramore	3.31
Bourkes	3.51
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Swastika	4.22
Boston Creek	f 4.44
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Earlton	5.46
Thornloe	5.55
Uno Park	6.06
New Liskeard	6.20
Haileybury	6.34
Cobalt	6.51
Latchford	7.09
Goward	f 7.42
Temagami	8.05
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Lv. North Bay	10.59
Ar. Toronto	6.40 a.m.

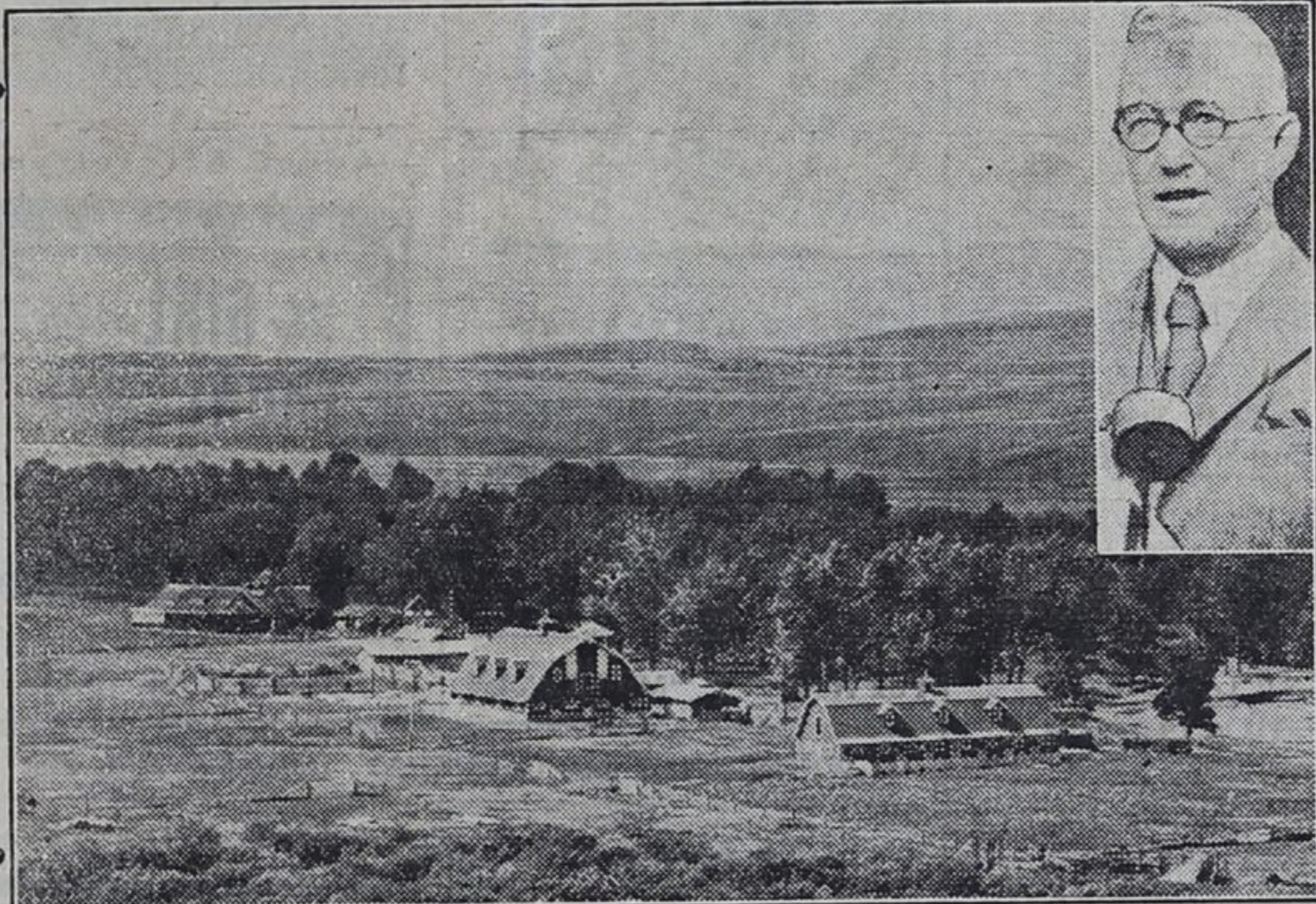
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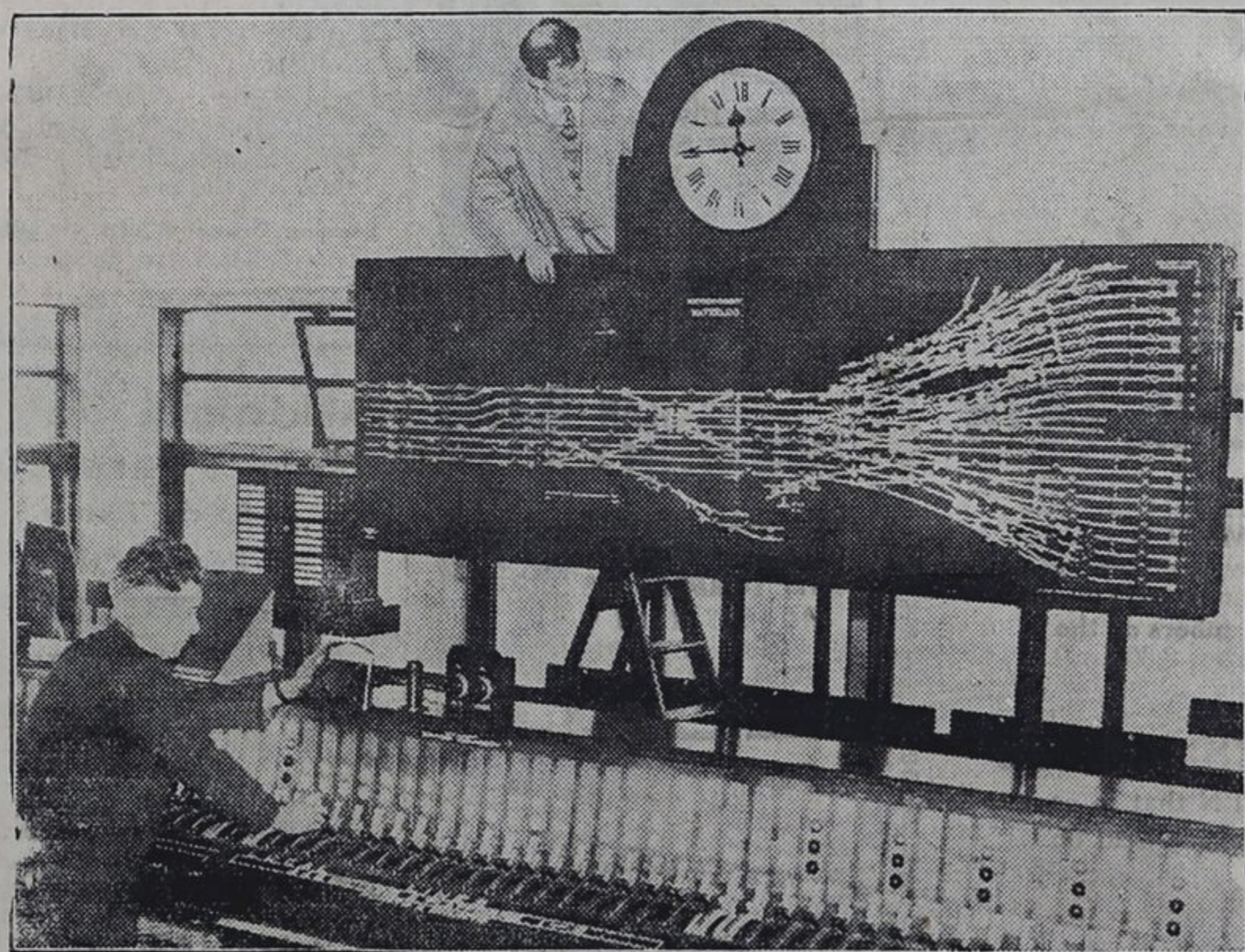
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FAMOUS EXPLORER MAY BUY KING'S RANCH IN ALBERTA

The famous "E.P." Ranch at High River, Alberta, may be purchased by Lincoln Ellsworth, famous explorer, according to report from London. Mr. Ellsworth visited the King a few days ago. Above is an unusual view of the King's ranch, while inset is a picture of Lincoln Ellsworth



FAMOUS OLD STATION GOES MODERN

Waterloo Station, London, one of the best known railway stations in the world, has "gone modern." Our picture shows the new all-electric signal box which is now in operation at Waterloo. Containing controls and telephones to 27 positions, the signal system gives complete positional information to the signalmen who can watch the progress of the trains on the indicator below the clock.

HEALTH

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BLOOD PRESSURE

Blood pressure is the force that the heart starts in order to pump the blood through the circulatory system. The heart is a hollow muscular organ which acts as a pump to keep the blood in circulation. The blood leaves the heart in two streams. One stream carries the blood to the lungs where it is purified; the other stream goes to all parts of the body, carrying food to the tissues.

The arteries are hollow tubes which carry the blood. Normal arteries are soft and elastic. The impulse of the heart beat is carried along through the arteries and can be felt at the wrist, where it is called the pulse.

In the normal, healthy body, the blood pressure is normal. Certain abnormal conditions, particularly those affecting the heart, arteries and kidneys, cause an adulation in the blood pressure and it becomes abnormal.

An abnormal blood pressure is not a disease but is a symptom of some abnormal condition. It is a warning sign and the physician seeks for and treats the cause.

Disregard of the needs of the

body for exercise, rest, proper food and such things, throws a needless strain upon the whole system, and one symptom of this is frequently an increased blood pressure.

The family physician should be consulted regularly for advice as to how to live. The periodic health examination is not only for receiving advice as to how to keep normal.

Questions concerning Health, addressed to the Canadian Medical Association, 184 College Street, Toronto, will be answered personally by letter.

UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF POWER CORPORATION OF CANADA

Canada Northern Power Corporation, Limited
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