

Personals

Miss Mary Simpson spent the week-end in Toronto.

Misses LaVerne and Ruby Smith are holidaying at Lake Simcoe.

Misses Marie and Dorothy Clayton are holidaying at Wasaga Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. David Gordon have returned from a visit in Halifax N. S.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Reid were holidaying with friends in Toronto during the week.

Miss Reta McNabb is spending a two weeks' vacation at Muskoka Beach Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe McGeachik of Toronto, visited Acton friends over the week-end.

Misses Marlene and Doreen House of Waterloo are visiting their aunt Mrs. James K. Smith.

Master James Dills is spending holidays in Toronto, with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Browning.

Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Hickey and son Dennis, of Sarnia, spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Clayton.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Clayton and family, of Buffalo, N. Y., are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Clayton.

Mrs. Robert Reid, of Alliston, was a week-end visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Reid, Bower Ave.

Nursing Sister Miss Jessie F. Young R.C.A.F. was the guest of Mrs. F. L. Wright while visiting in Acton last week.

Mrs. F. S. Blown, Margaret and Melbourne are returning after holidaying for several weeks at Wasaga Beach.

Mr. Beverley Arnold, of Montreal, Que., is visiting with his mother, Mrs. B. G. Arnold and other Acton friends and relatives.

Miss Winnie Rayson, of Brampton, and Miss Laura Sprowl, of Guelph, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Mullin over the week-end.

Miss Wanetta Smith returned to Toronto after spending the month at home with her mother, who has been ill for some time.

Mrs. Wm. Doll and Miss Pamela, of Hecla, Man., who have been visiting with her father, Mr. John Roganovskidson, left for home yesterday.

Mr. Sidney Parsons of Peterborough called on Mrs. Currie and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Currie and Bobby at Milton Heights on Monday.

L-Cpl. Gordon McCallum of Toronto, Quebec, spent the week-end with his mother Mrs. T. K. McCallum and his grandmother, Mrs. A. E. Nicklin.

Mr. Jack Scott of Churchville spent last Wednesday with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Currie and Bobby, Mrs. Robert Currie at Milton Heights.

Mrs. Robt. Currie, Jr., Marlon, Donald and Merrill of Peru spent Monday with Mrs. Robt. Currie and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Currie and Bobby at Milton Heights.

Master Bobby McDonald of Milton Heights returns home after spending two weeks with his grandmother and uncles, Mrs. Angus McDonald and family at Dolly Varden.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Dills and Miss Frances Dills attended the twenty-fourth annual "Vastino Conference" of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers' Association in Toronto last week.

Miss Leona Sagaskie of Acton returned home after spending a week with her great-grandmother, Mrs. Robt. Currie and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Currie and Bobby at Milton Heights.

Mrs. Frank Sagaskie and Fay and Mary Robina, of Acton, spent a few days last week with her grandmother Mrs. Robt. Currie and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Currie and Bobby at Milton Heights.

Mrs. Angus McDonald and Russell and Kenneth of Dolly Varden, Mr. Jack Scott of Churchville, called on Mrs. Robt. Currie and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Currie and Bobby at Milton Heights on Sunday.

Visitors at the home of Mr. W. R. E. Blair on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woods, Georgetown and Mr. P. Richardson, Aberfoyle. Mr. Clarence Blair, Chaplain, Sask., is visiting at the same home.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wood and Miss Kathleen Wood, of Illington, Pilot Officer and Mrs. John Wood and Miss Marguerite Moffat, of Toronto visited with Mr. and Mrs. John Wood last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Rawson had as their guests this week Mr. and Mrs. D. Henderson, of Guelph, Dr. Henderson, of Aurora and Cpl. Clarence Henderson, of Calgary, also Mr. and Mrs. John Wardlaw, of Toronto.

Rev. John Ward and Mrs. Ward, Rockwood, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. White-side, Sceptre, Sask., Mr. and Mrs. G. Bayne, Miss Helen Bayne and Miss Doris Watson, of Rockwood, and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Marshall, of Moffat,

were visitors during the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Burns.

The attendants at the marriage of Miss Margaret Jean Arnold to Aircraftman Allan John Charlton Mercer at the Acton United Church on Tuesday, August 17th, were: Mrs. Louis Richard McGill, of Perth, as mistress of honor; Miss Geraldine Wilson, of London, as bridesmaid; Mr. Robert Mercer, of Ottawa, as best man and Messrs. Gerald Stapler, of Toronto, and Bev. Arnold, of Montreal, as ushers.

Out-of-town guests at the wedding included: Mrs. Robert Hunter, grandmother of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mercer, Miss Marilyn Mercer, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Stoner, Mr. and Mrs. Lyell Mercer, Mr. and Mrs. John Nicholls, Misses Denise O'Brien, Edith Sidebotham, Dorothy Hicks, Evelyn Follick, Margaret McLennan, and Nursing Sister Veldora Duff, all of London; Mrs. W. S. Morphy, Miss Evelyn Morphy, Sgt. Don Hyder, of Toronto; Mr. Robert Mercer and Mrs. G. C. McNicol, of Ottawa; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bowman and Miss Ruth Bowman, of Whitby; Miss Virginia Keith, of Compton, Quebec; Mrs. Richard Elliott, of Guelph; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Mercer, of St. Thomas; Miss Muriel Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. George Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Blackburn, Mr. Denney Charles, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Thompson, Corporal Howard Hillcock, Miss Mabel Forgrave, Mrs. William Tyndall and Mrs. Clara Bell, all of Georgetown.

Engagements

The engagement is announced of Thelma Edna, daughter of Mr. John Graham and the late Mrs. Craft, of Acton, to Petty Officer Patrick Joseph Heelan, Royal Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Heelan, of Blarney, County Cork, Ireland. The marriage to take place August 21st at Churchill United Church.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Steele, Acton, announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Dorothy Jean, to Second Lieutenant John H. Hare, O. T. C., Gordon Head, B. C., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hare, Ottawa. The marriage will take place in the Metropolitan United Church, Victoria, B. C., on September 4th.

In the landing on Sicily, air-borne troops were dropped at night on the enemy territory for the first time in history.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 21
"STRANGER IN TOWN"
Frank Morgan, Jean Rogers.
"THE OLD HOMESTEAD"
Weaver Bros. and Elvira, John Archer. "Fox News."
MONDAY, AUGUST 23
"KEEPER OF THE FLAME"
Thrilling mystery drama with Spencer Tracy, Katherine Hepburn. Pete Smith "Seventh Column." Traveltalk "Mexican Police on Parade."

Chronicles of... Ginger Farm

Written Specially for
The Acton Free Press by
GWENDOLINE F. CLARKE

Well, I suppose the CBC knows what it is doing—at least we hope so, but all this publicity about Prime Minister Churchill's whereabouts certainly makes one wonder. We shall be glad when the conference is over and Churchill back in his own country. To blatantly announce to the world the exact spot where the two leaders are to meet seems almost like inviting enemy bombers to pay them a visit. But perhaps it is all a blind—as to that we won't know until it is over.

Do you remember my telling you about how I stalled our car on top of a steep hill one day when we were after berries? Well, I placed this in the answer I got back. I quote from his letter. "How would you like to stall a three-ton truck on a hill like that with four ton of ammunition and with one tank of gas gone, which means having to switch over to another tank and start the motor again, with a sheer drop of about a thousand feet to the ocean. I have had that happen several times when one tank has run out of gas. And I never touch the emergency brake. I just leave it off and use the foot brake, accelerator and clutch. There is really nothing to it if you get your feet working fast enough and get the motor and clutch working together. There are some fellows who have trouble though and have to block the wheels before they can start off."

All I can say to that is that it is a wonder half the boys aren't killed before they ever get overseas. It is a mercy we mothers don't know what's going on most of the time or we would never sleep at nights.

I see by the Toronto papers that the Acton Free Press is in the news again having won for itself third place as one of the best all round papers in the Dominion. We congratulate the Acton Free Press and are glad to be associated with this up-and-coming weekly publication. We realize too, that such honors are not won by wishful thinking, but by real hard work and careful planning.

Daughter and a girl friend have gone to Huntsville for a week's holiday. Does Daughter need a holiday? Just read this extract from her last letter and see what you think? "Just imagine, I have never had more than a long week-end in three years, and a whole week to myself! I am sure the shock will be fatal!"

Sometimes this summer when it has been so hot, I have thought of all the men and women, young and old, working in these munition plants, and I have wondered how they ever stood it in the heat. We hear a lot about the high wages they are supposed to be getting but I wonder how many of us realize how they work for it? I don't know why any of them would choose to work in munitions when they could be on a farm working in the clean fresh air. But then they do—our daughter among them. It seems to be a riddle to which there is no answer. Which is just as well maybe, for if too many wanted to work on farms and not enough in munitions there would be trouble that way.

That was quite a storm we had last Friday or didn't it come our way? The rain and wind knocked our spring grain flat on the ground—so that means more fun at cutting time. Fortunately we had nothing in the stocks. The wheat was in and all the hay that was ready to come in at that time. The last load went into the barn about an hour before the storm. It isn't often we strike it so lucky.

Last night we had the first good night's rest since Partner hurt his shoulder. Every night, after about an hour's sleep, the pain would wake him up. Pain killing tablets seem to have little or no effect. Over two weeks of restless nights have rather got us down so I am hoping that the worst is over. It was also rather funny because I really believe I lost more sleep than Partner as I couldn't sleep the first part of the night, and then about the time I was dropping off into a peaceful slumber Partner would wake and start to walk the floor. However the weather is cooler now and that does make things a little easier so I guess we shall have to be thankful for small mercies.

HAD MEAL IN SCOTLAND—NEXT ONE IN TORONTO
R. A. Hackbusch, after spending two months in Great Britain as a representative of the Department of Munitions and Supplies, came back to Canada on a return trip of the Canadian Government trans-Atlantic air service operated by Trans-Canada Air Lines, and thinks it yet "just a blur." Mr. Hackbusch had breakfast in Scotland on Saturday and was in time for lunch at his home in Toronto on Sunday, armed for his Sunday reading with three British papers published on Saturday. On that particular trip the plane carried 3,000 pounds of mail from the Canadian armed forces overseas.

Inflation Danger is Imminent Unless All Co-operate

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ing wage adjustments all along the line. Notwithstanding the wage ceiling many thousands of wage increases are being demanded, and as one wage adjustment after another is made it is reflected immediately in the costs of production which, in turn, means the pressure on the price ceiling is rapidly becoming insupportable. Food prices are creeping steadily upwards as the agricultural industry insists upon, and obtains, higher prices under the emergency of curtailment of essential supplies. With few exceptions business and industry keep their eyes on profit margins and jealously protest any move to limit the pressure on the price ceiling. Black markets are commencing to develop as certain consumers traffic illegally to get more than their legitimate share of available supplies. Generally speaking, our courts deal leniently with offenders against wartime controls, conveying the impression that such offences are an understandable human weakness which ought not to be punished too severely. I say definitely that inflation is no imaginary condition—we have all the circumstances and pressures which create inflation right here—now! We must fight tooth and nail to prevent these pressures being translated into a price inflation. We are in the greatest possible danger of falling to do so. On May 25th, this year, I placed on the record at the public enquiry conducted into Labor Relations by the National War Labor Board this statement:

"As one type of cost increases, other types will inevitably join the rise, I believe that if we Canadians cannot hold down food and labor costs, and all other controllable costs at the same time, we shall have to abandon the price ceiling."

The cold fact is, Gentlemen, that we are not succeeding in holding down these costs.

The pressure I refer to are real pressures which if the dam breaks, then God help us, because the flood waters will spread far and wide and bring endless suffering, misery and bitterness. The very fact that the flood waters have been dammed so far successfully, will make the breakthrough all the more destructive.

If only one simple thought could be thrown among the people of this country, it would be that of what use is it to labor, to agriculture, to the shopkeeper or any person to obtain more money if the purchasing value of money melts faster than the additional amount received? What will the wage farmer gain if his wages double, but the price of his produce of food, his clothing, his shoes—everything—rises or undruples? What will the farmer gain if he barter his products for more and more paper and then finds that the paper purchases less and less of the things the farmer himself wants to consume. Remember, I am not giving you a theoretical exposition of what might happen. The losing race of wages against rising prices has occurred in every war period in history, and in every inflation in history the story has been the same. Each time many have hoped that they might be the lucky exceptions to benefit from the general disaster, but few indeed have done so. The whole crazy course of inflation has been demonstrated again and again. Surely, we are going to learn some time the true value of it.

Convinced of the imminent danger I recently wrote a letter to a selected and representative group of manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers and other business men. I tried to explain why our efforts at price control are slipping and invited their co-operation and advice. I received many replies which gave us great encouragement and we have since proceeded with a careful analysis of many constructive suggestions made. I would say that the majority of replies showed a healthy appreciation of the dangers in our current position and a genuine desire to be of help. There were many others, however, who, figuratively speaking, threw up their hands and argued for defeat. Somehow, I have been unable to let those defeatists influence me. I cannot forget the glorious story of the boys who saved democracy in the skies of Britain simply because they could not realize that Britain could not be defeated. Somehow it seems to me it is the bounden duty of the men of my generation and those a decade or two ahead of me to keep faith with these lads and to see that everything that we can do to prevent something better than the kind of world saved for democracy between 1919 and 1939.

W. J. Rowe, Manitou Western Canadian, Manitoba, is the new president of the C. W. N. A. Other officers are: first vice-president, F. P. Galbraith, Red Deer Advocate, Alta.; second vice-president, Hugh J. Pomplin, Fergus News Record, Fergus, Ont.; honorary vice-president Major W. Ashfield, Grenfell Sun, Sask.

The sessions concluded shortly after three o'clock on Saturday afternoon when the new president W. J. Rowe assumed the gavel and addressed the gathering. The war conference and annual meeting was considered the finest and most helpful gathering ever held by the Canadian Weekly Newspapers' Association.

Opening of Ogoki Diversion Marked by Simple Ceremony

Project is Acclaimed as Outstanding Hydro Achievement and as Unique in Annals of Engineering

A simple but historic ceremony took place recently in the wild and lonely wilderness of Ontario's northern hinterland, marking the official opening of the Ogoki diversion which has just been completed by The Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario.

The ceremony was observed at the control dam which spans the channel cut through the height of land between the James Bay and St. Lawrence watersheds. There in the presence of a small group of Hydro and Ontario Government officials, Otto Holden, chief hydraulic engineer of the H.E.P.C., smashed a bottle containing water from the Niagara river against an 1,800-pound log that had been raised from one of the sluiceways. Those in attendance included W. B. Crombie, general superintendent of the project; David Ferguson, construction engineer, H.E.P.C.; J. A. Brodie, chief of the Forest Protection Division; and Peter Addison, district forester, Port Arthur.

The act performed by Mr. Holden officially released the first flow from the Ogoki diversion, which is acclaimed as one of the Commission's outstanding achievements and a project which is recognized as unique in the annals of engineering.

Completion of this five-million-dollar undertaking, which was commenced early in December, 1940, will result in the moving of a great body of water from one watershed over the height of land to another watershed. It means that part of the Ogoki river Albany and James Bay in a northeasterly direction, has been "detoured."

Changing the water level contours within a 300 mile area in this remote section of Northern Ontario, the diverted water is now flowing a southeasterly course, covering a distance of approximately 2,000 miles from Waboose Rapids to the shores of the Atlantic. Between Waboose and the ocean this water flows through rippling chains of creeks, rivers and lakes including Lake Nipigon, the Nipigon river, the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence.

The Ogoki water and the flow from the Long Lac diversion—a similar but smaller project 120 miles to the east unite in Lake Superior. These two diversions, whose combined flow averages 5,000 c.f.m., make possible the development of 350,000 additional horsepower at developed and undeveloped sites between Lake Nipigon and mouth of the St. Lawrence.

Will Benefit Navigation
Over a period of time this diverted water will raise the levels of the lower Great Lakes about 2 1/2 inches and thus benefit navigation. This benefit arises from the fact that the capacity of lake freighters is determined by the depth of shallow channels, some of which provide only a few inches clearance for the hulls of these boats. A higher water level

will, therefore, eventually contribute to an increase in the tonnage which can be carried by these freighters in their many journeys over a period of a year.

Three of the key points involved in the creation of the Ogoki project are Waboose Rapids, where a massive main dam 50 feet high and 1,700 feet long has been thrown across the Ogoki river; South Summit Lake, at the height of land, where the control dam now stands; and Jackfish crossing at which point a new railway bridge has been erected over a deepened channel that is designed to take care of the increased flow of water. To close points in the contour, two auxiliary dams have been constructed adjacent to the main Waboose dam, while other auxiliary

dams are located at Snake Creek and Chappals Lake.

Supervision by Radio
Houses have been constructed at both Waboose and Summit where permanent operators are stationed. Control and supervision of all operations involved in regulating the flow from this new diversion are maintained through a shortwave radio system which links the head office administration building in Toronto with the operators at Summit and Waboose.

Completion of this unique project is hailed as another important chapter in the annals of Hydro service to the people of Ontario.

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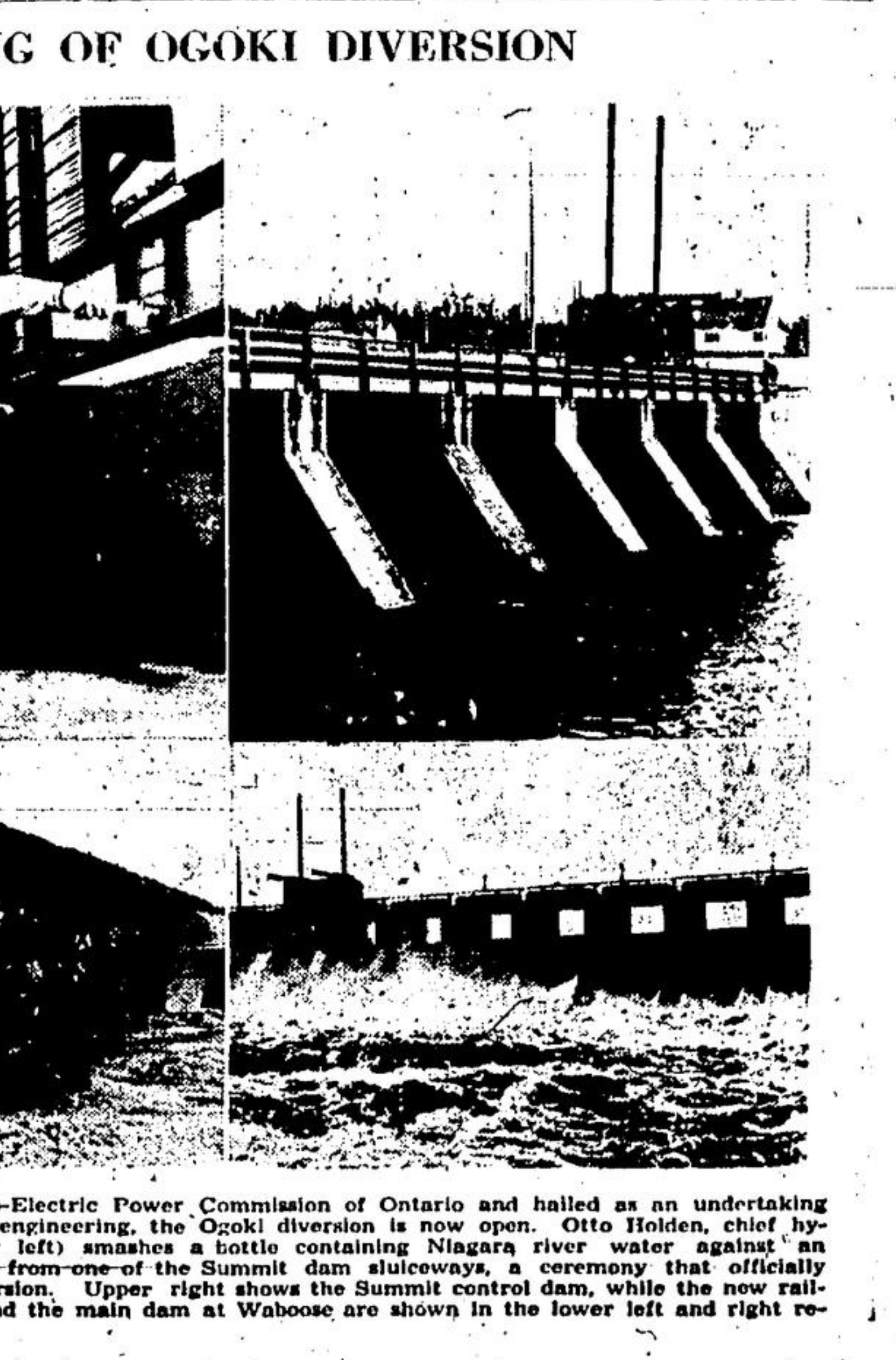
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Just completed by The Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario and hailed as an undertaking which is unique in the annals of engineering, the Ogoki diversion is now open. Otto Holden, chief hydraulic engineer, H.E.P.C., (upper left) smashes a bottle containing Niagara river water against an 1,800-lb. log which had been raised from one of the Summit dam sluiceways, a ceremony that officially marked the opening of the diversion. Upper right shows the Summit control dam, while the new railway bridge at Jackfish crossing and the main dam at Waboose are shown in the lower left and right reproductions respectively.