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Here and There

Almost $30,500,000 was spent in the manufacture of toilet preparations, soaps and washing compounds in Canada in 1932. A recently issued official report states that the total value of the former produced was $5,573,134, and of the latter $14,734,549.

Forty boy scouts of Oregon and Washington made the first leg of their 2,000 mile trip to Budapest in the Princess Kathleen, Seattle to Vancouver. They are travelling C.P.R. across Canada to Quebec, whence they will sail for England on the Empress of Britain.

Alaska and the Yukon hold their popularity as summer playgrounds judging by the sizable list of passengers sailing north to stopways in Canadian Pacific coastal liners. Many of them are mining and business men, but the majority are summer tourists attracted by the rate reductions for summer Alaska travel.

Forty-three years of "active, loyal, and official service", with the Canadian Pacific Railway closed June 30 with the retirement of W. A. Kittermaster, General Western Freight Agent, Calgary. He was succeeded by E. L. Caridis, Assistant General Freight Agent, and the office which the latter vacated was abolished.

Not the first time since its foundation 25 years ago, a Governor-General of Canada was present at the annual closing exercises of the Boys' Farm and Training School, Shawbridge, Que., recently, when the Earl of Bessborough, accompanied by E. W. Beatty, chairman and President, Canadian Pacific Railway, attended the school and awarded prizes to graduates.

"There are tangible signs of business and economic improvement in Canada and the United States," Sir Josiah Stamp, Director of the Bank of England, President of the London, Midland & Scottish Railway, and one of Britain's leading economists said recently when he sailed for England on the Canadian Pacific liner "Empress of Britain" after a short visit to this continent.

Two Honolulu youths between 16 and 17 years of age arrived recently at Vancouver on Canadian Australasian liner "Monowai" en route to the Yukon where they will spend the summer in scientific research and adventure. They will sail north to Skagway, go into White Horse where they will build boats for the run down the Yukon River to Dawson.

Motion pictures of herds of caribou swimming the swift current of the Yukon River and other striking studies of wild life in the far north have been procured by Harry Pollard, Associated Screen News photographer, who returned recently in the Princess Norah to Vancouver after six weeks in Alaska and the Yukon. He went on to Banff and Lake Louise where he will photograph mountain scenery.

A total of 616,215 persons visited the 18 national parks of Canada in the fiscal year 1931-32. These great reservations cover an aggregate area of 12,548 square miles. Each has its own attractive characteristics. There are three scenic and four animal parks in Alberta, four scenic parks in British Columbia, one scenic park in Manitoba and one in Saskatchewan; one historic park in Nova Scotia and one in New Brunswick, one recreation park in Ontario and two island park units.

The Canadian National Exhibition grandstand is more than 700 feet in length.

IN OTHER WORDS, 'TAINT FAIR

A business man who had motored out to his summer camp for the week end met his little daughter at the bridge and presented her with a small sack of candy. Just before they reached camp they overtook the small barefoot boy who brought them milk each morning.

"Give the little boy some candy, Gertie," her father suggested.

Gertie picked out a small piece, but her father took the bag and poured out several pieces into the boy's outstretched hand.

After the boy had gone Gertie said reproachfully, "Papa, why did you give that milk boy nearly all my candy?"

"Why, my dear, you must be generous! Think of all the nice milk he brings, and they don't charge much for it."

"Oh, well," said the little girl, still reproachful, "I only had a few bits of candy, and he's got a whole cow full of milk."

BIG VARIETY OF CARGOES CARRIED BY C.N.S. SHIPS

Decidedly cosmopolitan is the ensemble of bales and cargo loaded into the Canadian National Freighter, Canadian Highlander, which sailed recently for Australia and New Zealand, via the Panama Canal.

At Cristobal, Panama, the Canadian Highlander trans-shipped part of her cargo to South American ports, to China, Japan and to the Straits Settlements. The Oriental countries are connected with western Canada by a recent agreement between the Canadian National Steamships and the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, which is a Japanese line, and the Bartow line, well known on the Pacific. The Straits Settlements connection with Montreal, via Panama, shows signs of good traffic and the others are already well established.

The Canada-South American contact by water from Montreal is maintained by two routes. One is by trans-shipment at Cristobal to other lines calling at ports on the west coast of South America and Central America; the other by trans-shipment at Trinidad, B.W.I., which is close to the coffee ports of Colombia and Venezuela. The coffee is brought to Canada as an essential to the blend of coffees, which includes much Jamaica-grown coffee.

Ted Phelps, professional sculling champion of the world, will defend his title at the Canadian National Exhibition this year. Phelps has trained all spring and summer on the Thames in England and is ready for the test of his life against all-comers.

Great persistent million-dollar editions and the fifty-fifth year of its operation reflect the solidity of the Canadian National Exhibition as an institution.

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How it makes our pulse throb; how it makes our heart dance!
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—The Lamp.

Good Blacksmith, but Not "Long" on Spelling

A few days ago a friend and I were talking about it was too bad that most of the men well skilled in the old hand trades were disappearing from rural communities. The friend spoke of a local shoe cobbler whose trade had been handed down two or three generations, and who could make shoes that would outwear any machine-made shoe that could be purchased. Another trade that is largely gone is the old-fashioned blacksmith. Some one from Connecticut wrote me recently of a Yankee blacksmith, long on horseshoeing but short on book learning. This blacksmith had a sign posted up about which our friend writes as follows:

"I wanted a copy of that sign very much so I took a child's sled to an errand and went to the blacksmith shop. While the sled was being repaired, I asked the blacksmith, with some misgiving, if I might copy his sign. 'Why, sure,' he said, 'go ahead and copy.' I cannot see why, but folks have been coming here to copy it, from all over, ever since I hung it up.' And here is what the sign said

Work did bear with little sound
and the tongs was scarsely heard
Mersheals two is to my line
That will stand the ware and tare of time.

—American Agriculturist.

Explaining Origin of American Dollar Sign

In l'Animateur des Temps Nouveaux, Charles Prince explains for French readers the origin of the American dollar sign. He relates that Spain, in the fifteenth century, when practically all the world's gold was carried to the Iberian peninsula from the mines of South America, designed a coin of eight reals' value which bore on one of its faces a representation of two columns (the pillars of Hercules) intertwined by a ribbon in the form of a letter S bearing the inscription, "Plus Ultra." Englishmen called these coins "pillar dollars," thinking the word dollar from the German coin known as a "thaler." When the United States congress in 1787 decided to strike a coin known as a dollar, with the same value as the Spanish "pillar dollar," economists naturally used as the sign for this new coin the old device of pillars intertwined with a garland which is so well known today in the form of an S with a double bar.—Exchange.

Ancient British Clock

One of the oldest clocks in England was recently salvaged and placed in the north transept of Salisbury cathedral. It dates back to 1386, and was originally in a bell tower in the close, built around 1256. The ancient timepiece, made of hand-wrought iron without a dial, proclaimed only the hours.

In 1780 the clock was removed to the central tower of the cathedral, where it lay hidden, neglected and forgotten, its days of usefulness apparently at an end. In 1884 a new clock took its place. The recent discovery of the old clock led to reconstruction, however, has given it a proud place once more.

Helping the Farmer

The Department of Agriculture had its origin in 1852, when the commissioner of patents began the distribution of selected seeds. In 1854 an entomologist was employed. The next year a chemist and a botanist were added to the staff and a propagating garden began. This work was taken from the patent office by President Lincoln in 1862 and placed under the direction of Isaac Newton of Pennsylvania as the first commissioner of agriculture. During Cleveland's administration in 1889 Norman J. Colman, the first commissioner, became the first secretary of agriculture and a member of the President's cabinet.

"Take Your Time"

Little Johnny had just got to the age when he could climb upon chairs, tables and high furniture, giving his mother near heart failure. One day she discovered him clinging to the top shelf of the kitchen cabinet, examining its contents. Utterly exasperated, Mrs. S— snapped him down and stood him on the floor with such speed that it nearly took his breath away. Looking calmly up at his mother this three-year-old remarked:

"Take your time, mamma."—Rutland Herald.

Ring-Time

It was Shakespeare who first informed us that springtime is ringtime, and it is still true today that more rings are purchased in spring and early summer than at any other season. A well-known London jeweler, in describing the beauty side of selecting rings, says that "long, tapering fingers demand a ring with a large stone in a square or oval setting. This tends to make the fingers look even more slim. Women with short fingers should wear heavy, wide rings."

On the Rhine Steamer

A trip on one of the Rhine steamers, whether on the long picturesque journey from Mainz to Cologne or on the short trip from Duesseldorf to Kaiserswinter, is always memorable. Over the rail we watch the shores castle crowned, sometimes shadowed by dark memories, often stirred by thoughts of the great who have known these peaceful towns. Beethoven at Bonn, also Schumann; Heine at Duesseldorf. Byron at the Drachenfels, Gutenberg at Mainz.

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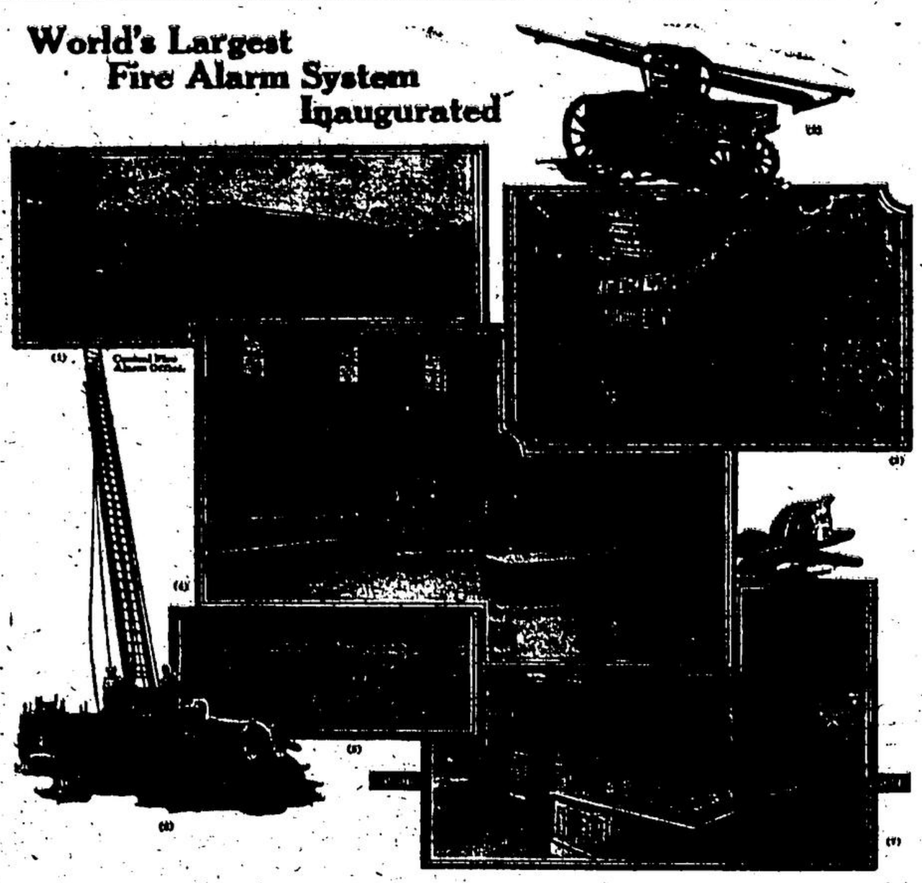

1. The new West Alarm Central Office Building on Mount Royal.
2. The first Fire Alarm operated from Fire Point used in Montreal in 1854, when it was kept by a volunteer station on Victoria Square. It is now in the Chateau de Ramezay.
3. A corridor giving access to the bank of all switchboard panels, showing the rows of electrical equipment.
4. A view of the Switchboards showing the two operating positions, which stand near the fire walls to all Fire Stations, Police Stations, Hospitals, and Emergency Offices, at any time, throughout the area in position.
5. A view of the upper floors of Fire Point showing the Alarm Transmitters, and the mass cable leading from the building, and has preceded the paper chart.
6. The old Central Office Switchboard and Recorder which have served the City since 1909, photographed as the last line was cut over to the new Office, by the Installing engineers of the Northern Electric Company, Limited

It's a far cry from the days of the volunteer hand pump and bucket brigade of 1850, to the fire fighting equipment of today, and the contrast is nowhere better illustrated than in this group of pictures of Montreal's new Fire Alarm Central Station, situated on the northeastern slope of Mount Royal, which was officially opened by His Worship, Mayor Rinfret, on June 22nd, when the new central office took over the supervision of all fire calls and the old board was reported "Dead" after twenty-four years' service. Owing to the phenomenal growth of the city in the past few years the facilities of this old board have been outgrown.

This two million dollar project has taken over two years to complete. It now holds a unique position in the fire fighting circles of the Empire, and indeed of the world, since it is the largest Central Fire Alarm Station to be found anywhere in the world.

It is designed not alone for today, but very wisely provision is made for expansion, with a view to the day when the whole island will constitute Greater Montreal.