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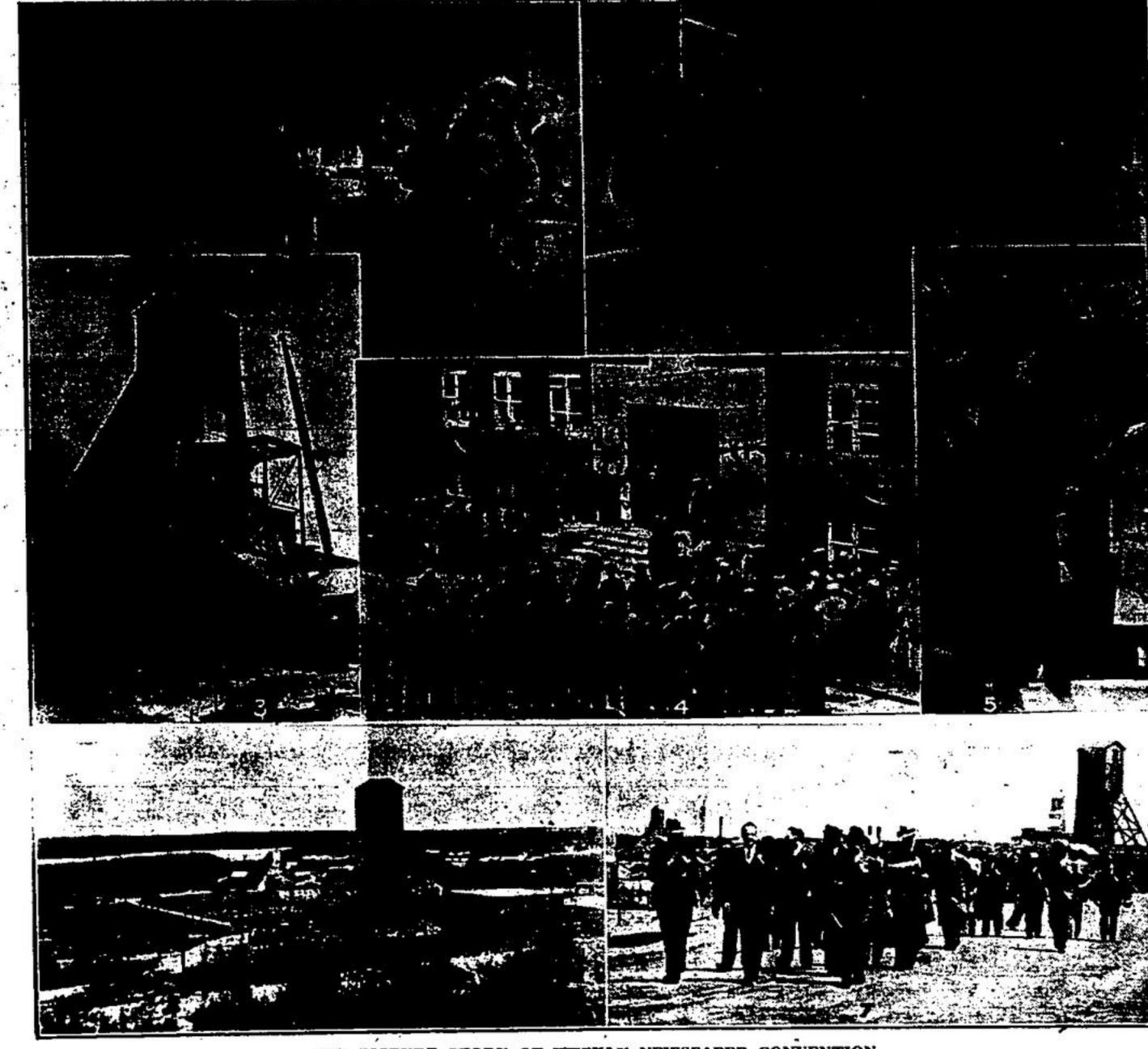
Despite the lure of fun and frolic, the Canadian Agricultural fair-even the great all-Canada Royal Winter Fair at Toronto has remained typically Canadian. Earnestness is its dominating note. This fine Canadian quality dates from the days of the pioneers in whom earnestness became a second nature in their unbroken resolve to conquer the many difficulties surrounding them. Even in the matter of relaxation, earnestness prevailed, for to attend the early agricultural fair, the hazards of travel were often enough to make the stoutest heart quail. But the fairs were held nevertheless, spreading westward from Lower Canada, through Nova Scotla to Upper Canada and onwards by Manitoba to the Pacific Coast.

Fun there may be at the agricultural fair, but it is relegated to a secondary place in the work which has to be done. Work, and good work at that, is predominant. Thus, slowly but surely, this Canadian trait of earnestness has forged a link in the chain towards the solidarity of the Dominion and the agricultural fair may serve as an example for the welding of the many parts of Canada into one whole.

It was when youth came into the field that this movement was more readily discernible. With the inherited earnestness from the older generation. Canadian youth, as principally represented in an organized way by the Canadian Council on Boys' and Girls' Club Work, prepared itself seriously to fashion the complete farmer. From the home localities, the movement spread to provincial importance, and from provincial imporance to inter-provincial recognition, from which it swept to Dominionwide prominence with the now famous contests at the Royal Winter Fair at Toronto, where provincial differences are submerged and the honour of Canadian agriculture as a whole is the primary consideration.

The present day fine results of agricultural endeavor on the part of both old and young at the agricultural fairs and exhibitions throughout Canada are a far cry to the days PHONE 46 - Georgetown when Intendant Talon in 1672 boasted that he had Canadian fabrics wherewith to clothe himself from head to foot or from the earlier days when the agricultural fairs at Tadoussac, (where the first horse was introduced into Canada in 1647) at Three Rivers, Montreal, and Quebeo were considered tremendous with their barter of peas, hemp, fresh and dried cod, salted salmon, eels, seal and porpoise oil, clapboards and planks, drugget, bolting cloth, cloth made from nettles and serge, leather and furs.

This year, 1938, the Windsor Fair, Nova Scotia, celebrates its 173rd anniversary, while Pictou Fair in the same province will be 121 years old. One hundred and forty six years ago. in Upper Canada the first agriculturto be recorded was the Niagara Agricultural Society. Later many agricultural societies were established in Upper Canada, and when Lord Elgin, whose hobby was the establishment of agricultural associations, visited Upper Canada, he found a people after his own heart. Lord Elgin was Governor General of Canada from 1847 to 1854 and never ceased emphasizing the value of agricultural assoclations for the purpose of studying scientific methods of husbandry. Be-



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1. Mr. A. E. Dobble, of Smith Palls, President of the Ontario-Quebec Division of the Canadian Weekly Newpaper Association, tells Mr. George McCullavh of the Globe & Mail a new one. 2. Pseudo miners! They are newspaper publishers during the other 364 days of the year. 3. Typical gold field equipment and construction. 4. The opening ceremony at the new Timmins Municipal Building. 5. The Hon. Paul Leduc. Minister of Mines, who accompanied the delegates. 6. A view from the highest point on the Hollinger Mine. 7. C.W.N.A.-Photos are by Courtesy of Mr. E. J. Blandford.

fore coming to Canada, he was Governor of Jamaica where he founded numerous agricultural associations as the best means of developing the re-

sources of the land. For nearly a century and a half, particularly after Confederation, the various governments have identified themselves closely with agricultural fairs and exhibitions, affording both monetary and practical assistance. The Dominion and Provincial Governments for some years past have made yearly grants, and officers of the Department of Agriculture have given personal assistance in bringing the various fairs and exhibitions to a exhibitions through the Dominion Defairs throughout Canada for judges'. Boys' and Girls' Club work, and prize lists. The amount expended was

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resenting every Peel County centre, taking any exercise, sat in his office attended the annual meeting of the all day, drove to and from the office Peel County Women's Institute held and read most of the evening until in Brampton on Thursday last.

resolution, placing the organization the beginning of a mild inflammaon record as opposing the increase in tion of the bowel. radio license fees. Speakers included The doctor called his particular William Perkins Bull, K.C.; Miss toruble "colitis." His prescription con-Betty Wallace, representative of the sisted of a slight change in diet. He Department of Agriculture of the also advised Mr. M to walk the two Junior Women's Institutes; Miss E. miles to work night and morning and Hookins. Toronto: and C. D. Gra- leave his car in the garage. He also ham, Peel County agricultural repre- suggested that Mr. M be checked over sentative.

Officers elected were: President, Mrs. H. S. Hunter Streetsville; Hon- Doctor S. He put his motor car away orary President Mrs. A. B. Smith, as far as driving to and from busi-Brampton: North Vice-President, ness was concerned, changed his diet Mrs. Joyce McConnell, Alton; Centre and reported back to the doctor in the Vice-President, Mrs. R. J. Watson, summer of 1932. This time he was a Clarence Hook, Port Credit; Secre- Doctor S I feel better than I have tary-Treasurer, Mrs. J. B. Dingwall, for the last fifteen years." Clarkson; representative to the Hos-Brampton: Pederation Represent at least not in his own opinion. The ative, Mrs. J. H. McCulloch, Bramp- only time many people consider Smith; Auditors, Mrs. J. H. McCul- | carry on with their work and have loch and Mrs. J. A. McBride.

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M was not sick. In the course of a few days he made an appointment with Doctor 8. When the doctor had finished his examination he told Mr. M that he thought most of his trouble Almost two hundred delegates, rep- was that he had slowed up, giving up bedtime. The indigestion Mr. M had Members of the institute passed a complained about, though slight, was

every year. Mr. M followed the advice given by Bolton: South Vice-President, Mrs. different man. As he expressed it

Now, the important thing about

pital Board, Mrs. William McClure, this story is that Mr. M wasn't sickton; District Delegate, Mrs. A. B. themselves sick is when they can't to go to bed, and that is the only time they will call a physician. Then, again too many people are afraid of the doctor, they aer afraid he will Mr. M he didn't need an operation. It is true that his bowel - condition would have turned into a very uncomfortable condition in time, which would have required medicine and regular treatment by his doctor. The main thing about Mr. M was that he was sluggish, had no pep, and as he himself put it, was "soft."

A family doctor should be looked upon as one who will keep you well and feeling fit. There are countless numbers of men like Mr. M around our country. They need advice as to how to keep fit. There are no two people alike and no two people require the same advice. A health examination at regular intervals by your family doctor is the best means of keeping your health. You can't buy health once it is lost. Preserve

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