

**T.C.A. Sets Another Trans-Atlantic Record**



**CAPTAIN M. B. BAILEY**, one of the senior Trans-Canada Air Lines captains, created a new non-stop Montreal to Boston trans-Atlantic record of 11 hours and 50 minutes recently when he piloted the plane carrying Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Munitions and Supply; H. J. Symington, President of T.C.A., and J. R. Baldwin, of the Privy Council Office. The Canadian officials went to London to attend the Empire Conference on Air Transport and made use of the Government trans-Atlantic air routes which is operated by Trans-Canada Air Lines. The service routes north to and from Canada's overseas forces and officials passed. The previous record of 12 hours and 26 minutes for the crossing was established by Captain H. E. George, Operations Manager of Trans-Canada Air Lines. Photographs (left to right) Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Howe, and Mr. Symington, and (right) Captain Bailey.

**Canadian Rail Chief Invests U.S. Colonel**



IT'S NEWS when a Canadian railway president invests a Colonel of the United States Army with the eagle insignia of his new rank. This unique ceremony took place somewhere in Northern Manitoba where Lieut.-Col. J. P. Frain, Officer Commanding, United States Army Forces, Central Canada, headquarters Winnipeg, received news from Washington that he had been appointed full Colonel. He was on a trip inspecting the Canadian National Railways' northern facilities with R. C. Vaughan, chairman and president. The investiture took place in Mr. Vaughan's car, "Bonaventure," which was taken as an omen of "good going" for the Colonel. Born in Kentucky, 33 years ago, Colonel Frain's home, now, if it hadn't been for the war, would be in Beverly Hills, California. He has seen service in all parts of the world.

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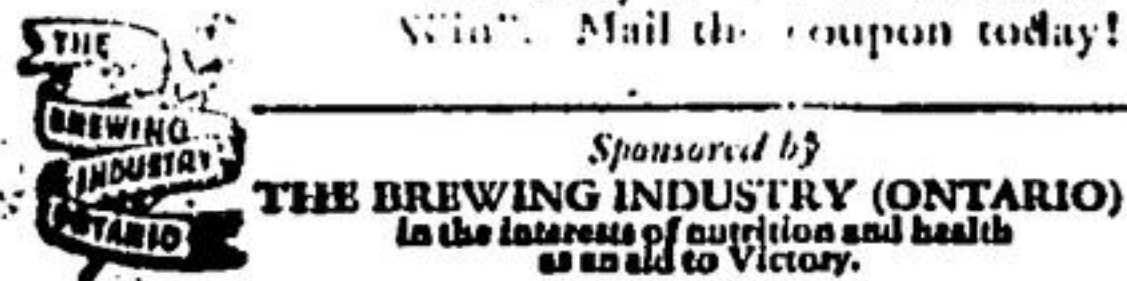
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**A Weekly Editor Looks at Ottawa**

More than 14,000 Canadians in the have married English girls, believe it or not, according to a recent announcement. A lot of new moms will have to learn to bake apple pie.

The 1943 honey crop—one of the best on record—gets a preliminary estimate of 32,500,000 lbs., exceeding the previous year by 25 per cent. One third of the total was produced in Ontario. The prairie produced 14 million lbs.; five million was exported to Quebec, 1,500,000 in British Columbia and the Maritimes were somewhat less than in 1942.

Restrictions on the sale of protective rubber garments have been revoked by the Prices Board and the limited stock now can be used for these garments in place of crude rubber. This includes, of course, latex coats, mining suits, raincoats, fishing suits and acid resisting suits.

Members of the 13th Field Company Royal Canadian Engineers believe they can hold their own with any Reserve Army unit of similar size when it comes to harvesting operations. Taking a "rest" from weekend specialist training, men of the unit visited a farmer in Simons' Valley near Calgary, in a few hours stocked 70 acres of crop.

They're telling this one at an Eastern Canada Army Training centre. The commanding officer, speaking to a new recruit who'd got into some trouble, said, "We want you to look upon all your comrades in the regiment as your brothers, and to regard me as your father, father of the regiment. Do you understand?" "Yes, Dad," replied the recruit.

Members of the three armed services as well as Red Cross personnel and civilians worked in an emergency "combined operation" to save the life of a young Army lieutenant who told the story this week. He's husky, six-foot-one Lieut. Edward Reed, of Hamilton, on operation duties on the Atlantic Coast. Injured in a motorcycle spill near Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, he was discovered by an Army sergeant, taken to an RCAF hospital by a passing civilian motorist, flown to Montreal three hours later with a Navy Nurse—and given nine transfusions with blood collected by the Red Cross.

Capital gossip: Like President Roosevelt's dog "Fala", the Governor General's pet bull terrier "Bronx" is an Ottawa prominent. Recently when the Earl of Athlone was touring the West, "Bronx" left home and was listed as among the missing "blacked out" last September to conserve power. The Board of Control has asked the Department of Public Works to relight all the white way lamps in Ottawa's business section, also along the Federal District driveways. Ottawa jewellers report business better than could be expected in a place where girls out-

**R. J. SCOTT TO ADDRESS HALTON FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE**

Announcement has just been made by President Paul Fisher of the Halton Federation of Agriculture, that a County Meeting open to the public, is to be held in the Milton Town Hall on Monday, November 22nd, at 8:00 o'clock. R. J. Scott, who is a member of the executive committee of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, is to be the guest speaker. Mr. Scott is also a member of the newly appointed provincial Commission on Agriculture. The programme will also include a movie, entitled "Bacon for Britain" which has just recently been released, also a short address by Mr. M. Robinson of Burlington, who is so widely known to Halton rural people.

number men five to one; because of a revival of the old custom of brides ringing the fingers of bridegrooms. Total registration at public schools in Ottawa for month of September was 8,712, which doesn't seem much in proportion to total population.

Most stocks of food held in Canada as of October 1, 1943, were considerably lower as compared with the same date a year ago, with the exception of meat—both Canadian and imported. For instance: cold storage eggs on hand were less than half a million dozen as compared with 6.8 million dozen last year; cheese held by warehouses and dairy factories, 56,504,416 pounds, less by sixteen millions; meats amounted to 67,408,837 pounds, over 20 million more than on the same date last year. But the figures were mostly up from the month preceding by considerable, as take poultry (dressed) with over 4 million pounds, as against 2.5 million the month before.

For some time now the authorities have been stressing the serious housing shortage in St. John's, Nfld., as a warning to troops who may be posted in the area to dissuade relatives from joining them there unless they have a place to live in beforehand. The population has increased from 30,000 to 50,000, and at times new arrivals have had to be sheltered in the city jail. Who says that would be a nice welcome for mother and the kids?

Canada has hit the lowest figure in maternal mortality rate to date, with 29 per 1000 live births, the Director of Maternal and Child Hygiene, Department of Pensions and National Health, told a convention in Toronto. A steady decrease has been shown since 1939 when the rate was 5.6 per 1,000 live births. This is very encouraging, considering the stresses and strains of the war.

Another instance of the war forcing us to overcome our own difficulties: In rotary oil drilling operations in Saskatchewan they had used as a drilling mud, "bentonite", now hard to obtain from the States. A University of Saskatchewan professor, W. C. Worcester, developed the use of a substitute clay found in large quantities around Estevan, nearby to the Blinfield lignite coal fields, and they're using about 80 tons a week in drilling operations now.



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**THE SHOPMAN**



"Jack" Smith, veteran shopman of the Canadian National Railway, is the subject of this sketch by Grant Macdonald, noted Canadian artist, whose drawings of members of Canada's armed forces have aroused widespread interest. This is one of a new series by Mr. Macdonald depicting Canadian railway workers engaged in the big task of keeping the country's war traffic moving. "Jack," a veteran of the last war, is a pipe-fitter. He and 24,000 other shopmen in this and allied trades keep the 2,572 locomotives, and the 183,201 freight and passenger cars of the National System in shape to handle the big war traffic. In addition, several thousand C.N.R. shopmen are engaged in the manufacture of munitions.