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BORN

ARNOLD—At Acton, on Tuesday, March 2nd, 1936, to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. P. Arnold, Acton, a son.

CRONF—At 33 West Home Avenue, Toronto, on Thursday, February 27th 1936, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cronf (nee Eileen Bridger) the gift of a daughter.

DEED

BOUCHER—Accidentally, at his home, near Aberfoyle, on Friday, February 25th, 1936, Norman Ward Boucher, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Boucher, formerly of Acton, and beloved husband of Etta Cole.

IN MEMORIAM

ANDERSON—In loving memory of our dear mother, Ada Anderson, who passed away March 6th, 1931.

THE FAMILY

MASON—In loving memory of my twin sister, Hazel, who died March 3rd, 1932. Beautiful memories of one so dear I carry still with love sincere. A day that comes with sad regret And one that I shall never forget.

LOCALS

Roads were rather treacherous on Friday.

Good Friday is five weeks from tomorrow.

The sidewalks are still a bit difficult to travel.

Just about two weeks until the first day of spring.

Guelp tax rate is increased by 2 1/2 mills this year.

Auction sales are again coming to the fore and good prices seem to prevail.

March came in rather lamb-like. It was a beautiful winter day, but rather cool.

For up to the minute shopping news following the messages in the ads each week.

The sun is getting to work on the highways and snow piles and taking off the winter coating.

The Sloane Co. hockey team, of Toronto won from Georgetown Intermediates on Friday night, by a score of 9-7.

Miss Margaret McDonald won the prize for guessing the yardage in the yarn display at Miss K. Rozell's store this week.

Men are now at work this week getting the plant ready for the Ajax Engineers Ltd., to move in the machinery and equipment.

These are the days when motorists can quite easily splash pedestrians on the sidewalk but it isn't the nice or proper thing to do.

The highway between Acton and Guelp is certainly well cared for. Men are out sanding promptly and keeping it safe for winter travel.

A car and a truck locked bumpers when they skidded on the Main Street bridge on Tuesday. Damage was confined to a few dents and bends.

Mrs. John Storey celebrated her ninth birthday at Milton on Tuesday. She has resided in Milton for forty years, and was born in Esqueping Township.

We'll be glad to include the names of your friends on the subscription list of The Free Press. It costs but \$2.00 a year for all the local news in the home town paper.

At the extensive auction sale of the estate of the late David M. Wilson, good prices were realized. The sale was conducted by Roy Hindley, auctioneer. The farm has been sold to Mr. Malcolm Smith, of Norval.

ENORMOUS QUANTITIES OF LUMBER USED IN UNITED STATES YEARLY

Enormous quantities of lumber are used in the United States each year. Last year it is estimated the total consumption of lumber, both in soft and hardwoods, amounted to 17,976 million feet. In 1934, the figures were 15,487 million feet. In 1931, the consumption was 10,070 million feet. In addition to domestic consumption of lumber, millions of feet are exported annually, figures for 1935 being estimated at 1,257,697,000 feet, a decrease of six per cent. as compared with 1934. In that year Canada took 41.7 per cent. of the total exports. In imports, the United States absorbed, according to latest estimates, 429,464,000 feet in 1935, or an increase of 40 per cent. over the year previous. Imports for 1935 included heavy shipments of fir from Canada and two large shipments of spruce from Russia according to the Industrial Department of the Canadian National Railways. To the end of October, 1935, imports of spruce from Russia totalled 23,535,000 feet.

THE DIFFERENCE

Uncle and niece stood watching the young people dance about them.

"I bet that you never saw any dancing like that back in the nineties, eh Uncle?"

"Once—but the place was raised."

ABERFOYLE FARMER FOUND DEAD

Had Been Struck by Timber When He Fell—Body Not Found Until Two Days Later

Believed to have been dead for two days, the frozen body of Norman Boucher, 39, was found in the snow near his farm home, three miles from the village of Aberfoyle, Saturday night. Boucher is believed to have been killed almost instantly when he slipped while carrying a heavy piece of timber, which struck him on the head as he fell to the ground on the icy surface. The beam, nine feet in length and eight inches through was lying across his body when he was found.

Boucher had been alone since Thursday, while his wife was in Guelp, and it was not until Mrs. Boucher called a neighbor, Catha McKay, to have her husband meet her at the bus at Aberfoyle, that the tragedy was discovered. McKay found the body when he crossed the road from his own farm to deliver the message.

Coroner Dr. J. P. Mackinnon, after a preliminary investigation, came to the conclusion death was accidental, and decided an inquest unnecessary. The late Mr. Boucher was born on the farm now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Parker, west of Acton, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Boucher, but moved with his parents, at an early age, to Aberfoyle. He was married about 15 years ago to Etta Cole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Cole, who now reside on the Burns' homestead, near Rockwood. A daughter also survives, with the widow, also two brothers and two sisters. The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon from Aberfoyle United Church and was largely attended. Interment was made at Crown Cemetery, Puslinch.

FIVE YEARS AT KINGSTON

Facing charges of fraudulent conversion of funds belonging to his clients, Robert G. Johnston, head of the real estate and insurance brokerage firm of Jones and Johnston, was committed to the County Jail at Guelp on eight days' remand on Thursday last, following appearance in magistrate's court. Arrested by Detective W. P. Hantz, on an information charging conversion of \$2,000 to his own use, Johnston later was accused on three separate charges involving amounts totalling \$7,610. Counsel for Johnston reserved both plea and election and no application was made for bail. The charges read against Johnston were that within the past three months he converted to his own use \$2,000 received from Joseph Hall on terms requiring him to account for the money to R. P. McWilliams, a sum of \$2,100 received from George A. Stapleton on terms requiring him to account for it to William Stratton, and a third amount of \$3,510, which named Pearl Amos, Jean Amos and Marion Amos as complainants. When Johnston appeared in Police Court on Tuesday, he was sentenced to five years in Portsmouth Penitentiary on each of the three charges to run concurrently. Through his counsel he admitted shortages of sums "ranging between \$25,000 and \$50,000."

THE DOUGLAS FIR

The Douglas fir attains the largest size of any tree in Canada, and, with the exception of the redwood of California, is the largest tree on the North American continent. It has reached a height of 380 feet, and trees 15 feet in diameter have been found. A single Douglas fir has scaled as much as 60,000 feet board measure. Specimens over 700 years old have been found but comparatively few are found over 400 years of age. The Douglas fir ranges from the east slope of the Rocky Mountains in Alberta through to the coast of British Columbia and Vancouver Island, where some of the finest commercial stands are found. In Alberta it grows as far north as the headwaters of the Athabasca. The wood of the Douglas fir is heavier, heavier, stiffer and stronger than that of any other Canadian evergreen tree and produces the largest structural timber grown in Canada. It is used extensively in bridge-building, mine timbers, wharf construction, and heavy framework of all kinds. It is also an excellent material for boat, scow, and other marine construction. It has properties which enables it to be used in the making of flooring, and when creosoted, provides a long-wearing, noiseless and dustless pavement for roadways.

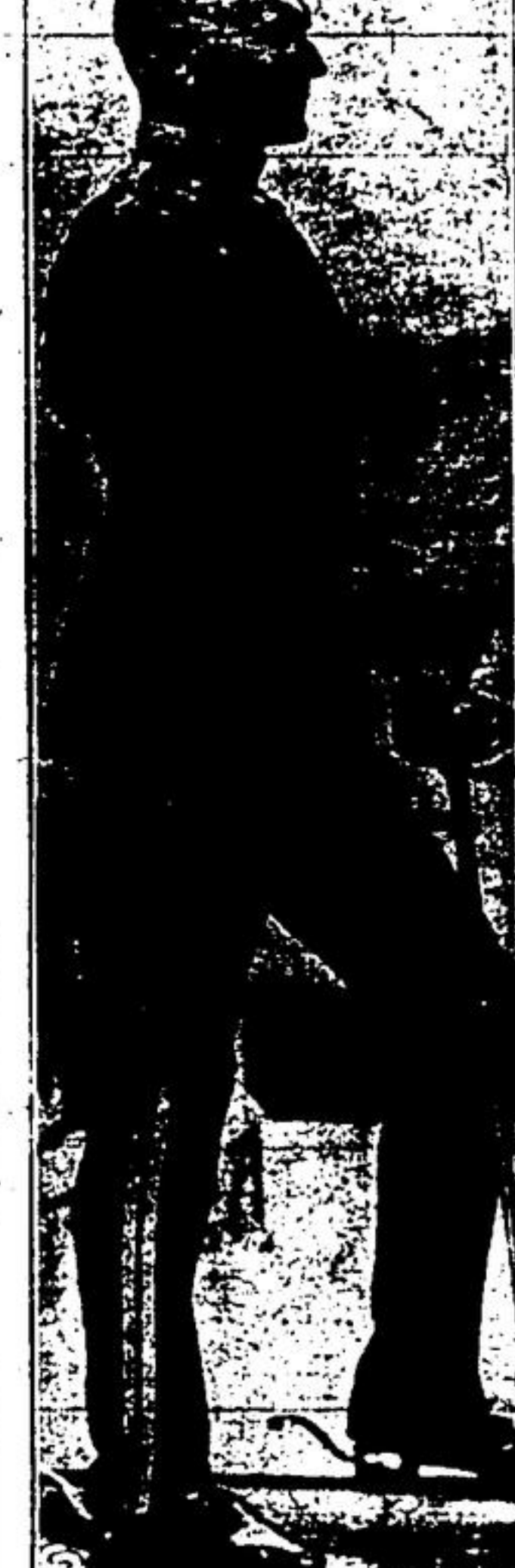
SUCCESS IN LIFE

The road to what is called "success in life" is such uphill and thorny going that, as an Irishman said of a difficult route, even when you ride you are mostly walking. And what is called success in life has dearly and doubly to be paid for: first by the earning, and then by the responsibilities. Are we equal to both? Ousterly in the world is not failure—the chief thing is to succeed in your own living, making your own life truly liveable; whether or not you materially, as people say, "succeed in life." There can be an art, a true art, of simple living and homely ease, in social inconspicuousness. — Sir James Yvonn.

"The whole secret of economic stability depends upon a useful day's work for a proper day's pay." — Henry Ford.

LORD CHAMBERLAIN

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CANADA'S WATER POWERS

Canada is richly endowed with water-resources and has made marked progress in their development. At the beginning of the present century water-power development installations in the Dominion totalled 173,323 horsepower. Since that time the long distance transmission of electricity for distribution over wide areas, and keeping pace with the growing demand for energy water-power development installations increased to 7,000,115 horsepower at the end of 1935. To-day every large industrial centre in Canada is served with hydro-electric energy and has within practical transmission distance substantial reserves for the future. More than 95 per cent. of the total main plant equipment of the central electric stations of Canada is hydro power, and his equipment generates more than 98 per cent. of the total electrical output. Despite the progress which has been made, only slightly over 18 per cent. of the Dominion's 43,700,000 horsepower feasible installation is being utilized.

CANADA'S FLORAL REGIONS

Taking into account the topography, climate, and present distribution of plants, there are six well-defined floral areas in Canada, namely, Arctic, Northern, Eastern, Southern, Prairie and Western. With regard to the Arctic region, while the growing season is short and the lower strata of the soil remain frozen, it is a mistake to suppose that this area is devoid of plant life. As a matter of fact, the colors of the Arctic tundra, such as the beautiful blue lupinus azules, rhododendrons and Arctic primroses, are deeper than elsewhere. Like other floral areas, the Arctic has plants that are not found outside its own district just as in the southern area there are 47 kinds of plants which do not occur in any other part of Canada. Although only three species of trees appear to be confined to the prairie the large-leaved cottonwood, narrow-leaved cottonwood, and prairie ash, the prairie region can boast of 267 species of characteristic plants which do not grow outside the great plains while in the eastern region the species of plants found in that area alone are too numerous to enumerate. As there is a certain amount of overlapping of the floras of any two adjacent areas, the boundaries of the various regions cannot be rigidly defined.

Diner (referring to raw steaks)—"I said well done, waiter, well done!" Waiter—"That's the first compliment we've had in a long time, sir."

Teams Default Rural Games In League

Everton Shovels Way to Arena—Loses and Sleeps at Game for Night

Last Thursday saw the Rural League getting closer to its final stages. Dublin and Lorne Farmers tangled in the first encounter, with the Greenalists grabbing off a 5-1 victory, to practically clinch a play-off berth. The Dublin boys were too good for the Farmers, and the outcome was never in doubt.

The second game was awarded to the Jones' Boys when Rockwood Bulldogs failed to put in an appearance. However, two teams were gotten together for an exhibition game, with the Dublin representatives winning 3-1 from Jones' Boys slack-ups.

Everton and Brookville hooked up for the last game of the play-offs. Dublin and Limehouse put up a very good game for the first tilt, and the Dublin boys were rather lucky to pull out a 2-1 win. Limehouse put up a very good game and should at least have had a tie.

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In the postponed games played Tuesday night, Limehouse hindered Everton's chances in the play-offs when they handed the Everton Maroons a 4-2 setback. Everton needed this game badly, but Limehouse proved a little too good for them, playing far better hockey around the net. Everton can still get in there providing both Lorne Farmers and Lorne Rifles lose their games to-night.

The second game, between York Road and Lorne Rifles, saw the Silver Foxes take an easy win from the Army by 8-2. The Foxes were too good and the Rifles never threatened to make the game close. This puts the Foxes in a tie for first place and if Lorne Rifles can beat Jones' Boys to-night (Thursday) they can still get in for a play-off berth.

The following is the standing to date:

	P	W	L	T	P
Jones' Boys	6	7	3	0	14
York Road	6	6	1	2	14
Dublin	10	7	3	0	14
Brookville	9	6	3	1	19
Lorne Farmers	9	4	4	1	9
Everton	10	4	5	1	9
Lorne Rifles	10	3	4	2	8
Limehouse	10	3	5	2	8
Eden Mills	9	3	4	3	7

Both Rockwood teams are out.

To-night will wind up the schedule, when the following teams will play: 8:00, Lorne Farmers vs. Brookville; 9:00, Eden Mills vs. York Road; 10:00, Lorne Rifles vs. Jones' Boys. A win for Lorne Farmers will put them in the play-offs, and a win for Lorne Rifles will put them in a play-off berth. It is understood that in the case of two teams being tied in points, the team with the most goals scored for them will get the place.

R. J. MERRIE'S LIST OF SALES

Tuesday, March 16th—James Douglas, Rockwood.
Monday, March 16th—R. J. Borhwick, Nasagaweya.
Tuesday, March 17th—P. J. McCristall, Speyside.
Thursday, March 19th—Roy G. Young, Ermosa.
Tuesday, March 24th—Wm. Short, Eden Mills.
Thursday, March 26, Robt. Lasby, Nasagaweya.
Thursday, April 2nd—Joseph Benham, Everton.
Saturday, April 4th—D. G. McDowell, Acton. Household Effects.

ROYAL GUELPH

NOW! LESLIE HOWARD BETTE DAVIS IN

"The Petrified Forest"

SATUR.—MON.—TUES. Charles Chaplin IN

"Modern Times"

WEDNESDAY NEXT JESSIE MATTHEWS IN

"First a Girl" (Then a Boy)

The LETTER BOX

OBSERVATIONS AGAIN

Dear Free Press:

One of the results of "technocracy," or the scientific development is the storing away in out-of-the-way corners, since the advent of radio, the marvel of its day, up to perhaps fifteen years ago, the phonograph, or gramophone, or correlated names. To think that a sheet of metal could be so treated as to be sensitized to the impact of a human voice, strong or gentle, and by being whirled around could, for many years, reproduce that voice, was pretty nearly as wonderful as capturing a voice out of the air. Probably it was, for a while wondered at as much. People get so used to wonderful changes that wondering has become largely discounted.

In 1892, at Acton Exhibition, Mr. Bryon Loring had a "talking machine" by which individuals might, by tubes, hear a program. In less than a year he had secured the distributing horn attachment, by which a large audience could all hear a fine program at once. And as it was lately reminded by a sharper memory than my own, at the close, Miss Lottie Hemstreet then a worthy local soloist, was invited to sing into it, and her offering was reproduced. For perhaps twenty years this strange kind of machine was more and more extended in its influence across the continent, but gradually faded away when the daily offerings of almost universal speaking and singing (sometimes so-called) became prevalent.

The last received issue—February 20th—had a very pleasing editorial reference to the absence of smoking at the Y.M.C.A. banquet attended at Hamilton. The comment as to the desirability of such abstinence at all such gatherings was very timely. And why should not such abstinence be continual? Especially by all to whom the young look for or are receiving guidance and example.

The writer, some years ago, was asked by a clergyman, if there were any objections to smoking a cigarette in his company. The prompt reply was, "Yes," not on account of personal discomfort, but that any one to whom the young were looking should indulge in that against which the young were being warned. Later on reflection, that it might have seemed discourteously brusque, to a man in his own car, explanations were made as to the "felt seriousness, and hoped for an application to a Power which many men have received for deliverance. It was accepted in a kindly way."

It sometimes has appeared to the writer on reviewing printed effusions from this pen, that it has taken a great deal to say a little. It is something to be guarded against. An editor of a weekly in another town, many years ago, on being told on the street of a preparation of a report of a prominent community gathering, remarked, "Well, make it as concise as you can!"

Yours, J. S. COLEMAN.

SHIPPING ACTIVITIES GAIN

Ships from many lands visited Canada during the fiscal year 1934-35, according to a summary of navigation and shipping activities compiled by the Department of National Revenue.

Vessels of all kinds entered through Canadian ports numbered 116,803 with a registered tonnage of 86,431,187 compared with 114,744 vessels with a registered tonnage of 82,852,056 entered in 1933-34, an increase of 2,059 vessels and 3,570,122 in registered tonnage. Sea-going vessels numbered 21,410, with a tonnage of 28,512,257, an increase of 1,918 vessels and 302,310 in tonnage. Of the sea-going vessels 18,788, tonnage 11,450,147, were British, and 16,737 vessels, tonnage 21,033,445, were foreign. Foreign vessels, including 6,974 from the United States, 1,121 from Norway, 353 from Japan, 128 from the Netherlands, 130 from Germany, 474 from Denmark, and 141 from Sweden.

British Columbia again led all provinces, both in the number and total registered tonnage of sea-going vessels entered, with 8,982 vessels with a registered tonnage of 15,157,418. Quebec again held second place with 1,710 sea-going vessels with a tonnage of 6,206,250. Nova Scotia was third with 4,097 vessels, tonnage 5,059,259, and New Brunswick was fourth with 5,630 vessels and a tonnage of 1,972,765. Ontario stood alone in the volume of river and lake shipping entered through her ports and putports, with a total of 14,177,381 tons. Quebec, the only other province with any considerable such tonnage, accounted for 588,859 tons.

AUSTRALIA COUNTRY GREAT POTENTIAL MINERAL WEALTH

Australia is a country of great potential mineral wealth, although at the present time the agricultural and pastoral industries exceed it in value of output. Australia's greatest mineral wealth is coal, of which it is estimated there are reserves of 147,625,000,000 tons, according to the Industrial Department of the Canadian National Railways. If ever a successful process is developed for the economical production of oil and gasoline from coal, and it would seem this is not so very far away, judging by experimental results obtained in Great Britain, the wealth of these coal deposits would be enormous. Next in order comes lead, gold, iron, zinc, tin and copper. The amount of gold produced in Australia since its discovery in that country in 1851, up to the latest figures available, totals, roughly, \$3,234,151,410.

A. Y. P. A. MEETING

Members and friends of St. Alban's Young People's Society enjoyed an interesting literary and musical program on Tuesday in the Parish Hall. The Executive was in charge of the program. Of special interest to many present was the boys' choir of the Acton Public School, conducted by Miss T. P. Hunt. Miss Hunt gave a fascinating account of the life of the composer, Fritz Kreisler, previous to the choir singing his composition, "See-oo-lee-ay."

Mrs. Victor Alger read two of Henry Drummond's poems "Keep Out of the Woods," and "Dominique." Bruce Par-geter then sang "Mighty Lac a Rose."

According to Mr. Bruyns, guest speaker of the evening, in his talk on "What the Tourists Fall to See in Holland," all that the majority of Canadians know about Holland is that the inhabitants wear wide trousers, small fur caps, and wooden shoes; that the men smoke clay pipes and that the women shoes are worn so that their owners may float on top of the water.

On the other hand, Hollanders gather much of their knowledge of Canada and Canadians from such books as Rex Beach writes, or from travel literature. Hence they think of a Canadian as a cross between a wealthy farmer a cowboy and a real estate agent. Mr. Bruyns remarked that it would be fine if the two countries knew more about one another, as they have much in common.

A witty Frenchman once travelling through Holland, observed "God created the earth and sea, but the Dutch created Holland themselves." Mr. Bruyns then told of the building of the polders, or dykes, and described how the Hollanders are influenced by living within these polders. Because everyone, rich and poor, depends for his well being and safety on the dyke, there is no corruption of politics in Holland. The oldest and one of the most important governing bodies is the Council of the Polder, whose members see that the dyke is kept in repair, and safeguarded.

Their continual struggles with the elements has made the Hollanders brave and determined. Two of their dominating characters are love of freedom and devotion to their religion. Mr. Bruyns showed how these characteristics stood them in good stead during the eighty long years when Spain menaced their homes.

Although one acre of land in Holland produces five times as much as an acre of Canadian soil, yet Holland is not able to feed all her people. The population is about the same as that of Canada, but in size Holland is equal to only a few counties in Ontario.

In closing, Mr. Bruyns suggested that the solution for world conditions to-day is universal free trade, for if nations know and understand each other's needs, there is small danger of war.

The President, Mr. Ed. Frost, moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Bruyns. The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

BRIDGE OR CULVEY

"Your teeth are in bad shape," said the dentist. "You should have a bridge put in at once."

"How much will a bridge cost?"

"About seventy-five dollars."

"Say do, can't I get along with a small culvey?"



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