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Canadian Achievements
 By Lyman B. Jackes

There are many achievements attributable to men who lived in Canada and were in the true sense Canadians. In addition to other great discoveries and accomplishments recently recorded in the press, the following originated in Canada:—
 THE FIRST ATLANTIC STEAMBOAT
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 THE TELEPHONE
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 THE ELECTRIC STOVE
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 COMMERCIAL HELIUM
 STANDARD TIME
 MARQUIS WHEAT
 THE SLEEPING CAR

Many of the readers of The Advance do not know Canada's part in these achievements. Those who have some knowledge of them will appreciate this interesting series of articles, refreshing memory and adding to a just pride in this country and its potential wealth of brains, ability and determination.

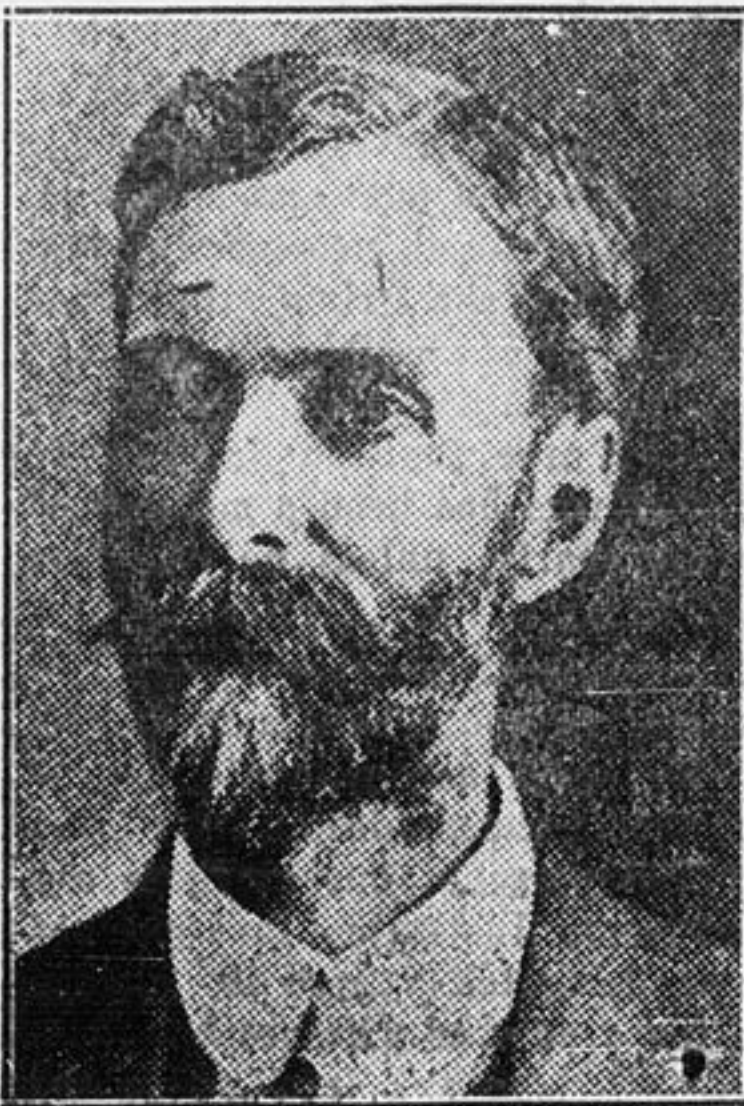
No. 8—MARQUIS WHEAT

A discovery that would pay dividends exceeding six hundred million dollars in a few years and that would in addition emerge successfully in seven consecutive international contests, is surely an outstanding credit to Canada. Such are but a few of the triumphs of Marquis wheat, that in 1903 was unknown, and in 1923 was cut from more than eighty per cent. of the wheat fields of Canada and the United States.

The romance of Marquis would take more than a page to properly relate, but the main points will be covered here. London, Ont., proudly lays claim to being the birthplace of the great naturalist who discovered it, Dr. Charles E. Saunders. He was

born there in 1867, the third son of the late Dr. Wm. Saunders, who was director of the Ottawa Experimental Farm for many years. Wheat selection experiments had been carried out there from 1888, but toward the close of the past century the small staff were so over-taxed that little was done in this direction but keeping the crossed strains alive.

Success is Attained
 Milling and baking tests on the precious samples revealed a surprise to all concerned, and what remained was planted again. By 1906 two-thirds of a bushel were available and commercial tests substantiated the earlier tests, but these tests had left only twenty-three pounds of seed available. Part of this was sent to Saskatchewan, and although the season there was a bad one for grain, the little plots of Marquis lived up to their reputation. From this little harvest seed was sent to Brandon, Man., and there did astonishingly well. Alberta was next. In 1909 the seed was given out to farmers of the Canadian Northwest. It ripened about ten days before the frosts set in, gave a larger yield per acre and its milling qualities were the joy of every flour plant that received it. In 1913 the large mills of Minneapolis were calling for more Marquis as its seed had spread into the wheat fields of North and South Dakota and made its growers the envy of all who saw their crops. One hundred and thirty-seven thousand bushels were ordered by these mills as seed and sold at cost, and in the fall of 1914 the crop of Marquis for the United States was an amazing one. In the Canadian West certain fields were yielding as high as fifty-three bushels of Marquis per acre.



DR. CHARLES E. SAUNDERS, the famous Canadian naturalist, who discovered Marquis Wheat in 1903. In the last few years this has been worth almost one billion dollars to the grain growers of this continent.

It would be hard to find a discovery that had added so much to the progress of the world, and Canadians can be justly proud of this all-Canadian discovery. Dr. Saunders retired from the Government service last year.

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Next Article—Commercial Helium

REGULAR SCORE BEING WRITTEN FOR COBALT'S SONG

The following is from the last issue of The Northern News and explains itself:—

"The 48th Highlanders' Band one of the big attractions at the Old Timers' Re-union, will include the Cobalt song in its repertoire and the familiar strains will be wafted on the breeze at intervals during the celebration. Captain John Slater, in charge of the musicians, has written here for the music of 'the piece,' and this request almost stumped the committee, who could not recollect having encountered the score before. But R. MacAdam has undertaken the task of providing the music, and presumably the lines will be harmonized by the bandmaster."

TWO MEN DROWNED AT YORKSTON SOME DAYS AGO

Two weeks ago bodies were recovered from the Black River near Yorkston, north of Swastika. They were the bodies of Mike Klemenko and another Polish farmer of the Yorkston settlement. They were canoeing up the river when their canoe upset, but the details of the accident will never be known as both men perished and no one else witnessed the tragedy.

Hon. Mr. Robb says that last year the Dominion of Canada had a surplus of \$30,000,000.00. Hon. Arthur Meighen says there was really a deficit of \$42,000,000.00. Common folks may be puzzled as to a little discrepancy like \$72,000,000.00, between politicians. But what's the use of worrying? Why not just say, "Guess the Home Bank must have got it," and then dig in again to pay the income and sales taxes and other imposts that are more than just twists of book-keeping.

Men are but children of a larger growth—Dryden.

The true hero is the great wise man of duty.—Bushnell.

The Mining Market

While the mining market for the past two months has remained very quiet with a small volume of trading, yet the stocks have held their position against forced selling orders exceptionally well, reflecting its strong technical position. We are of the opinion that the present time offers a real opportunity for the purchase of stocks and we have no doubt but what handsome profits will be realized as a result if prompt action is taken.

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