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Puts in Bid for Further Beer Bottles Dropped

This is the "refreshing" way (and "refreshing" is particularly apt) in which "Grab Samples" views the incident mentioned in last Thursday's Advance where some person or persons unknown dropped some beer bottles (full) down on the head (or near the head) of an official of the Ontario Securities Commission just as the official was about to enter his hotel in the evening—
"A shower of beer bottles (full) greeted a member of the staff of the Ontario Securities Commission as he entered his hotel (empty) one night last week. A sinister interpretation was put upon the occurrence, as racketeers in the promotion game had previously issued threats that the Securities heads would be "put on the spot." Beer bottles as lethal weapons may be classed as novelties and there are people who would welcome a barrage of such missiles, provided that due advance notice was given. It is understood that certain individuals would wait up all night on the off chance of a hotel guest brushing a couple of crocks off his window sill.
"While on the subject it may be said that The Northern Miner also has had

quite a bit to do with suppressing the racketeers and under the circumstances it hardly seems fair to show favoritism. It is hereby publicly announced that anyone wishing to express resentment and say it with beer bouquets is requested to state zero hour and location of barrage in advance. Watches should be synchronized. In such operations the closest kind of co-operation is essential to success.
"The whole incident may be the result of bungling. It is possible that the Ontario Liquor Commission was merely presenting its compliments to the Ontario Securities Commission and chose a tactless intermediary. In a sense the aim may have been good and in another sense bad. Serious misunderstandings, even between nations, have grown out of just such unskillful handling of delicate situations."

Sudbury Star:—At a girls' school recently the senior scholars were asked to write a short essay on the subject: "What I would like to be when I grow up," and to give their reasons. One up-to-date young woman attacked the matter right away with: "I want very much to become a film star, but as I am not considered beautiful and am lacking in sex appeal I think I had better become a teacher."

Should Not Injure Gold Industry by Taxation

Ronald F. Page, editor of The Canadian Mining Bureau has the following to say in regard to the taxation imposed on gold mining:—
"The position of gold mining in the industrial economy of Canada is so important that anything which works hardship to this industry is necessarily of national interest. When one speaks of the hardships affecting gold mining we know at once that the 10 per cent. bullion tax imposed by the federal Government is included. There is, of course, no reason why the mining business should not bear its share of the burden of necessary taxation. The basis of our objection to this special tax, however, is that it has evidently been imposed without consideration of the special conditions obtaining in gold mining. It bears with crushing weight on a special category of mines, those especially whose reserves are not of opulent extent. It was this tax more than anything else that brought the Teck Hughes company to a position where it became necessary to reduce the dividend distribution to shareholders. In this case, there was evidently not the taxable surplus enjoyed by some other properties. Nevertheless it was and is a good mine and a profitable one under normal conditions.
"A blanket imposition such as this is bound to discriminate against some individual companies. It is levied without consideration of mining grades and mining costs. As the stars differ from one another in glory, so mines differ in their profit-making abilities; a tax that can be comfortably taken care of by one might be an intolerable burden for another. This is actually the state of affairs today and is one that calls loudly for redress.
"If it is necessary to single out the mining business for taxation over and above the ordinary company income tax, the more appropriate way would be to tax profits rather than production, as is done in the African gold fields.
"An industry with the manifold ramifications of gold mining cannot be injured without concurrent detriment to business in general. Interest in this matter, therefore, makes a wide appeal and should have the serious attention of those responsible for the devising of internal taxation.
"In looking over Canadian industry, the observer cannot fail to be impressed by the fact that gold mining has been an exceptionally bright spot. It has maintained and increased employment; there have been no wage cuts, thus far. It has requisitioned a huge bill of materials drawn from all parts of the country. It looks like a good horse to back but it should not be handicapped by too much weight. It seems to us that the sinister potentialities of this bullion tax were not adequately canvassed by its sponsors. Although not designed as a drag on the industry it has in fact turned out to be such, and there is now an insistent call for its reconsideration in the interest of the country in general."

Special Prizes at Dance Event, Wednesday, Jan. 23

Lovers of dancing should note the event at the Riverside pavilion on Wednesday evening, Jan. 23rd. There are many special features for the dance. The main event is a prize contest for \$58.00 prize money. First, second and third places in the former weekly contests (24 couples in all) are to compete in this feature. Then there are special prizes payable in merchandise at local stores for the most graceful dancers. Jitney dancing will be followed and there will be public dancing before and after the contest.

Text of Speech from Throne on Thursday

Minimum Wage, Maximum Hours, Sickness Insurance, Regulations for Industry and Business, Foretold for Session.

Because of the importance of the present session of parliament and the many measures of vital interest forecast in the speech from the throne at the opening of parliament on Thursday of last week at Ottawa, the text of the speech from the throne is given herewith:—
Honorable members of the Senate: Members of the House of Commons: I welcome you at a time when our country stands upon the threshold of a new era of prosperity. It will be for you, by your labors, to throw the door.

During the past year the grip of hard times has been broken. Conditions show marked improvement. Employment is increasing. Our trade is expanding. The national revenues are higher. These evidences of recovery attest the wisdom and efficacy of the measures you have taken. In these improved conditions, there may now successfully be carried forward those great tasks of reform upon which the well-being of this country depends.
In the anxious years through which you have passed, you have been the witnesses of grave defects and abuses in the capitalist system. Unemployment and want are the proof of these. Great changes are taking place about us. New conditions prevail. These require modifications in the capitalist system to enable that system more effectively to serve the people. Reform measures will therefore be submitted to you as part of a comprehensive plan designed to remedy the social and economic injustices now prevailing and to ensure to all classes and to all parts of the country a greater degree of equality in the distribution of the benefits of the capitalist system.
Upon this plan you have made a beginning.
Reform measures approved by you at the last session of Parliament are already in successful operation. I observe with especial gratification the manner in which the Natural Products Marketing Act and the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act are already serving the great and urgent needs of agriculture and other primary industries. You will be invited to consider amendments to these acts which will extend the sphere of their usefulness. The organization of the Bank of Canada is nearing completion, and it will commence operations at an early date. My ministers are convinced of the value of this institution as an instrument of national policy to direct the better utilization of the credit resources of Canada.
Legislation enacted at the last session of parliament respecting the metallic coverage of our note issue and the initiation of the public works programme have eased credit conditions and stimulated business enterprise.
Better provision will be made for the security of the worker during unemployment, in sickness and in old age.

Debtors Legislation
The measures taken respecting public and private debts have done much to lighten the burden of the taxpayer and to improve the position of the farming community. My ministers are now engaged upon a survey of the national debt structure to determine what action may be practicable and advisable to effect further improvement in it.
You will be invited to enact legislation to extend existing facilities for long term and intermediate credit.

During the past year, wider markets for our products have been secured. A supplementary trade agreement has been negotiated with the republic of France. The trade agreement with Austria has been renewed. Negotiations with the government of Poland, which it is hoped will lead to the conclusion of a comprehensive commercial convention, are in progress. It is the policy of my ministers to pursue vigorously every opportunity by which our world trade may be increased. The policy of my government of consolidating and expanding Empire markets will be vigorously pursued.
A royal commission has been appointed to advise my ministers upon the steps which should be taken to implement the findings of the Duncan commission.
Pursuant to the agreement made between the government of Canada and the governments of Saskatchewan and Alberta, royal commissions have been appointed to determine what, if any, compensation is payable to these provinces in respect to the period since 1905 in which their natural resources were under the control of the government of Canada.
My ministers are co-operating with the governments of the prairie provinces in a survey of those areas which have been stricken by recurring periods of drought, for the purpose of determining what steps may be taken to provide a permanent solution to this grave problem.
Action will be taken to ameliorate the conditions of labor, to provide a better and more assured standard of living for the worker, to secure minimum wages and a maximum working week, and to alter the incidence of taxation so that it will more directly conform to capacity to pay.
You will be invited to enact measures designed to safeguard the consumer and primary producer against unfair trading practices and to regulate, in the public interest, concentrations in production and distribution.
You will be invited also to enact measures to provide the investing public with means to protect itself against exploitation.
You will be invited to enact legislation to amend and consolidate the acts relating to patents and inventions.
My government has under consideration the adoption, throughout the penitentiaries of Canada, of a system similar to that which is known in England as the "Borstal system," and is making investigation as to its operation.

Reorganize Services.
My ministers have under preparation a plan for the reorganization of the government services so that they may be better equipped to discharge the onerous duties which devolve upon them. You will be invited to consider measures, the purpose of which will be to authorize the first stage in this plan of reorganization.
You will be invited to authorize the constitution of an economic council, the functions of which will be to advise my ministers upon all economic questions which concern the national welfare.
The four hundredth anniversary of the landing of Jacques Cartier was fittingly commemorated in the chief centres connected with his voyages of discovery. Representatives of the governments of the United Kingdom, France, and the United States, took part. The celebration and the visit of a large and distinguished mission from France knit new bonds of understanding.
The maintenance of peace and the good understanding between nations upon which peace depends, have been the constant concern of my ministers. There are definite signs that the political tension and unrest in Europe which have intensified rivalry in armaments and economic restrictions,

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Oyster Stew, Fricassee Oysters, Oysters Fried in Oil, Oyster Cocktail. How to Prepare Them.

are lessening, largely as a result of the renewed determination to make use of the agencies of conciliation and co-operation provided by the League of Nations. It will be the object of my government to support this policy and to work towards the progressive reduction of armaments and the stabilization of international economic relations.
King George's Anniversary
The year 1935 will be memorable for all subjects of His Gracious Majesty King George V. On the 6th of May, we shall celebrate, throughout the British Empire, the 25th anniversary of His Majesty's accession to the throne. On that day, all of us will wish to unite in an act of thanksgiving to Almighty God for having thus preserved His Majesty, whose wisdom and devotion to the well-being of his subjects have proved so inestimable a blessing. My ministers are considering means, shortly to be announced, by which the people of Canada may be afforded an opportunity of suitably commemorating this great landmark in the history of our Empire, and of testifying their loyal devotion to their beloved sovereign.
Members of the House of Commons:
The public accounts for the last fiscal year, and the estimates for the coming year, will be submitted to you at an early date.
Honorable Members of the Senate:
Members of the House of Commons: I know you will be diligent and resolute in the country's service. Though the problems which confront you are, in essence and degree, far different from those which in the past you overcame, I know that these present ones you will surmount with the same spirit of faith and determination which has carried Canada to a forward place among the nations.
May God give you strength to support, by your unremitting labors, this great movement towards happier days.

Oyster Stew
Add the liquor from one pint of oysters to one pint of whole milk. Add one tablespoon of butter and salt and pepper to taste. Drop in the oysters and bring to a slow boil. Serve at once.
Fricassee Oysters
Prepare fifty oysters, pour water over them in a sieve and look over carefully for any broken shells. Save the liquor and add to it enough milk to make one pint. Put two tablespoons of butter and two of flour into a sauce pan, add the oyster liquor and milk and stir until smooth and thick, adding one teaspoon of salt and a few dashes of pepper. The above with oysters added will be creamed oysters. For the fricassee, add the yolks of two eggs, lightly beaten and a tablespoon of finely minced parsley. Serve on squares of buttered toast.

Oysters Fried in Oil
Drain twenty-five fat oysters, lift each carefully by the muscular hard part, place on a board and dry with a soft cloth. Dust with salt and cayenne. Beat two eggs without separating and add to them two tablespoons of hot water. Put in a board a quart of dry bread crumbs—do not use cracker crumbs. Dip the oysters into the crumbs, then into the egg and again into the crumbs. Use the fingers as sticking a fork into the oysters spoils the flavour. After all are covered arrange them on a board. Have the fat hot, using any kind of sweet fat; place the oysters in a wire basket and fry, six at a time until brown. They should be brown in two minutes. Overcooking will toughen the oysters. Drain carefully, standing on brown paper. Keep hot and serve garnished with parsley and lemon or tartar sauce.

Oyster Cocktail
Drain large oysters—planning sufficient quantity to use five in each cocktail. Prepare a sauce of chili sauce, lemon juice and finely chopped celery—a dash of Worcestershire sauce may be added if an especially piquant sauce is desired. Mix well and pour over the oysters. Chill before serving and serve with crisp salt wafers.

Stock Exchange to Delist Some Stocks
Mining Companies Failing to Make Required Returns to the Exchange are to be Dealt with.
According to word from Toronto, the Toronto Stock Exchange has decided to "crack down" on a number of mining companies that have failed to comply with exchange regulations calling for regular financial statements for the benefit of shareholders.
Recommendation has been made for the delisting of several stocks and a number of others will be given 60 days to satisfy requirements after which, on their failure to do so, they will be scratched from the exchange listing.
The exchange requires that each company whose shares are listed shall hold an annual meeting in each year or shall submit direct a financial statement in the customary form or shall forward to all its shareholders in each year a statement of the company's financial condition, certified by an accountant or the company's directors.
A subcommittee of the exchange has found that 43 mining companies had not held an annual meeting or made a report to their shareholders and a recommendation has been made and approved by the exchange managing committee that these companies be given 60 days to hold meetings or make reports.
The subcommittee also recommended that the stocks of five companies, Acanda, Baldwin, Grandview, McDougall-Segur and Spocner Oils be delisted for failure to file questionnaires with the exchange.
The subcommittee was apparently dissatisfied with questionnaires filed by four companies, Buckingham, Capitol, Rouyn, Hilltop and Kootenay-Florence for they recommended that the stock of these companies be delisted.

Another Book Against War in the Public Library
"The best argument I know against war," is what the donor of a book to the Timmins public library says of Lawrence Stallings' "The First World War," in which are reproduced nearly three hundred pages of photographs, official and from the files of magazines and newspapers which portray the horror that stalked through the trenches and fields of battle in civilization's last holocaust.
The volume is being kept on the reference shelves of the library and may be seen there at any time. It is in a good edition, well printed on good paper and is a most acceptable gift.
Some of the photos are those reproduced by The Toronto Daily Star in its photographic campaign of a year ago but there are many, many more. There is no doubt that the anonymous donor's gift will be appreciated by both the adults and children who go to the library for reference.
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