

Goose Flesh, Goats, Gumption, Jography

Screwdrivers. Common Ruin, Born in 1670.

(By Thomas Richard Henry in The Toronto Telegram)

A man can only try. President Roosevelt, sent out his dove of peace, and when it got to Germany and Italy it was promptly kicked in the teeth.

(Now, don't jump to conclusions. Before this situation is all cleared up we may be able to prove to you that President Roosevelt's dove of peace was equipped with teeth.)

Of course we didn't expect the current European menaces to promise to keep the peace (thereby giving up the nuisance value of their threatening gestures), nor would we expect them to keep their word if they did promise.

It is discouraging, however, to see another effort at peace and tranquility go aglimmering.

So with the coming of the summer we will just have to get along with all the rumors of wars and hope that the war, which would "encompass us all in common ruin," may some way be avoided.

That Common Ruin

War is quite an economic force, quite apart from the wholesale murder that it entails.

A short time ago the editor of the Globe and Mail painted a gloomy picture of Canada rushing fast toward bankruptcy unless public spending was curtailed.

During the Great War we have many times stood in a trench and listened to a barrage opening up behind us.

The salvos from hundreds and thousands of these guns sounded like continuous thunder or the roll on kettle drums . . . and each and every flash of one of those field guns cost the country about \$30.

That is where you really can see the money roll away.

If Mr. McCullagh wants to see a lot of countries rushing toward bankruptcy, he wants to try financing another Great War.

The Goat

Why is a "fall guy" known as a "goat," when there is nothing stupid about a goat? Somebody wants to know.

We understand that it came about this way:

During the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt it was the custom, to choose periodically, a goat from the tribal flocks, to lay upon him all the accumulated sins and misdemeanors of the people and to drive the unfortunate animal off into the wilderness to perish.

The tribes then continued their journey relieved from all sense of responsibility from their own misdoings.

Try Courtesy

A Yonge street motor accessory house has the latest device for trying courtesy on the road.

It is a tongue stickerouter. A clown's face is fastened over the rear license plate and when somebody toots their horn for you to get going faster than you feel inclined, and you want to do something about it, you touch a button and the clown sticks out a long tongue with appropriate sound effects.

We suggest, just as a measure of precaution, that before using the device, it might be wise to glance in the mirror and make sure the lad behind is not a big, tough truck driver.

Even the best of cars, you know, have been known to fail on the getaway.

Born 1670

When Canadian companies start talking about the length of time they have been in business there is one that can make them all look as if they are not yet old enough to wear.

Frank Ryan writes from Winnipeg: "We are enclosing a synopsis of the two hundred and seventieth annual report of the Hudson's Bay Company."

That makes us think of a London investment banker with whom we were talking once.

He was outlining his system of investment.

"How does it work out over a long period?" we asked.

"We don't know yet. We have only operated on this plan for about 300 years," he replied.

Screwdrivers

Slangage changes with the times. Our young son informed us last night that a "ham" was a sort of a radio actor.

No amount of argument that the word "ham" had stood for the upholstered portion of a pig—and for a certain kind of an actor long before anybody had thought about harnessing the static in the air—could change his opinion.

To him a "ham" was just a radio actor—and maybe he is right.

Then words that are just words to us are constantly being given a part in the great American slangage.

We had a new one pulled on us last night.

To us a screwdriver had always meant an instrument with a wooden handle used to turn screws and also for removing the skin from your knuckles.

Last night we discovered that a "screw driver" was a motorist who winds in and out of traffic.

It's hard to keep up with the slangage.

Detroit Free Press—The President's relief message proposed no relief for the taxpayer.

Peterborough Examiner—Toronto man in court at London was charged with transporting fowl without having the necessary license. He explained that he had been doing it for twelve years that way. So instead of paying \$1 for the license he had to cough up an extra \$5 as well for the course of instruction given in court.

Two Cobalt Councillors at Present in Hospital

Cobalt, April 19—(Special to The Advance)—With two of its members undergoing hospital treatment and unable to attend, the town council here held a special meeting on Monday night, chiefly to deal with a number of applications for relief, 13 new names being added to the existing list. Councillor James Lawrence is in Toronto General Hospital, where he is reported to be making some progress, and councillor Bert Sopha was reported in the Municipal Hospital here with a broken wrist, sustained when he slipped on ice on his garage floor on Sunday afternoon. Council extended three months' leave of absence to Councillor Lawrence who has not attended a meeting since February 24.

Among other matters dealt with was a resolution instructing town clerk Harrington to notify tenants of houses owned by the town and in arrears with their rents that they are to pay or vacate their respective premises by May 1, by which date also, it was observed water would be shut off at houses where rates were overdue. It was decided also to obtain keys for the outside doors of the town hall and the building is to be locked up when the police chief goes home at night, the discussion which preceded this step including a contribution by the chief that recently some transients given accommodation in the hall had staged a party. Remuneration of R. L. O'Connor, auditor, was raised from \$350 to \$400.

Commend Lapointe for Amendment to the Code

The addition to the Criminal Code of an amendment which would make it unlawful for an employer to discriminate, intimidate or coerce his employees for exercising their right to belong to a trade union was commended by a recent joint meeting of locals number 241, 274 and 382 of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers.

The resolution of commendation was as follows:

"WHEREAS the right of every working man to belong to an organization of his own choosing is not guaranteed in the Statutes of the Dominion of Canada, and

"WHEREAS the right of the worker to organize into an association of his own choosing for the purpose of bargaining collectively with his employer is an inherited and undeniable right of every Canadian citizen, and

"WHEREAS the placing of such legislation on the Statute of the Dominion of Canada would be a step towards strengthening the democratic institutions of our country at the time when Fascism threatens to engulf the world, and

"WHEREAS the Hon. E. Lapointe, Minister of Justice has introduced an amendment to the Criminal Code into the Dominion Legislature which would make it unlawful for an employer to discriminate, intimidate or coerce his employees for exercising their recognized right to belong to a Trade Union.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this joint membership meeting of Locals No. 241, 274 and 382 of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers here assembled in the Harmony Hall, Timmins, Ontario on this 16th day of April 1939 go on record commending the introduction of this much needed amendment to the Criminal Code by the Hon. E. Lapointe and urging the enactment of the same, and

"BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Hon. E. Lapointe, Mr. J. Bradette, M.P., Hon. Norman McL. Rogers, Prime Minister Mackenzie King and opposition Dr. Manion."

Harry Oakes Deeds Land to Church at Kirkland

(From Northern News)

A happy announcement was made to members of Saint Peter's Parish Sunday when the Rev. H. A. Sims, the rector, told congregations that Harry Oakes had presented the church with the land on which the church proper and the parish hall stand, with extra land which brought the total property to an area of 200 by 104 feet.

Mr. Sims thanked Mr. Oakes and George Doggett, his personal representative in Kirkland Lake, and said that the deed would shortly be sent to diocesan headquarters.

He added that a suitable letter would be sent to Mr. Oakes expressing appreciation of his generosity. The church has until now held the property on lease.

Speaking about Mr. Oakes kind gift yesterday, Mr. Simms said that he felt that the announcement would give a great impetus to the building fund, which has already been started. He said that there was no doubt that a new church and parish hall would have to be built in the near future, as the buildings were already much overcrowded on the occasion of special services and meetings.

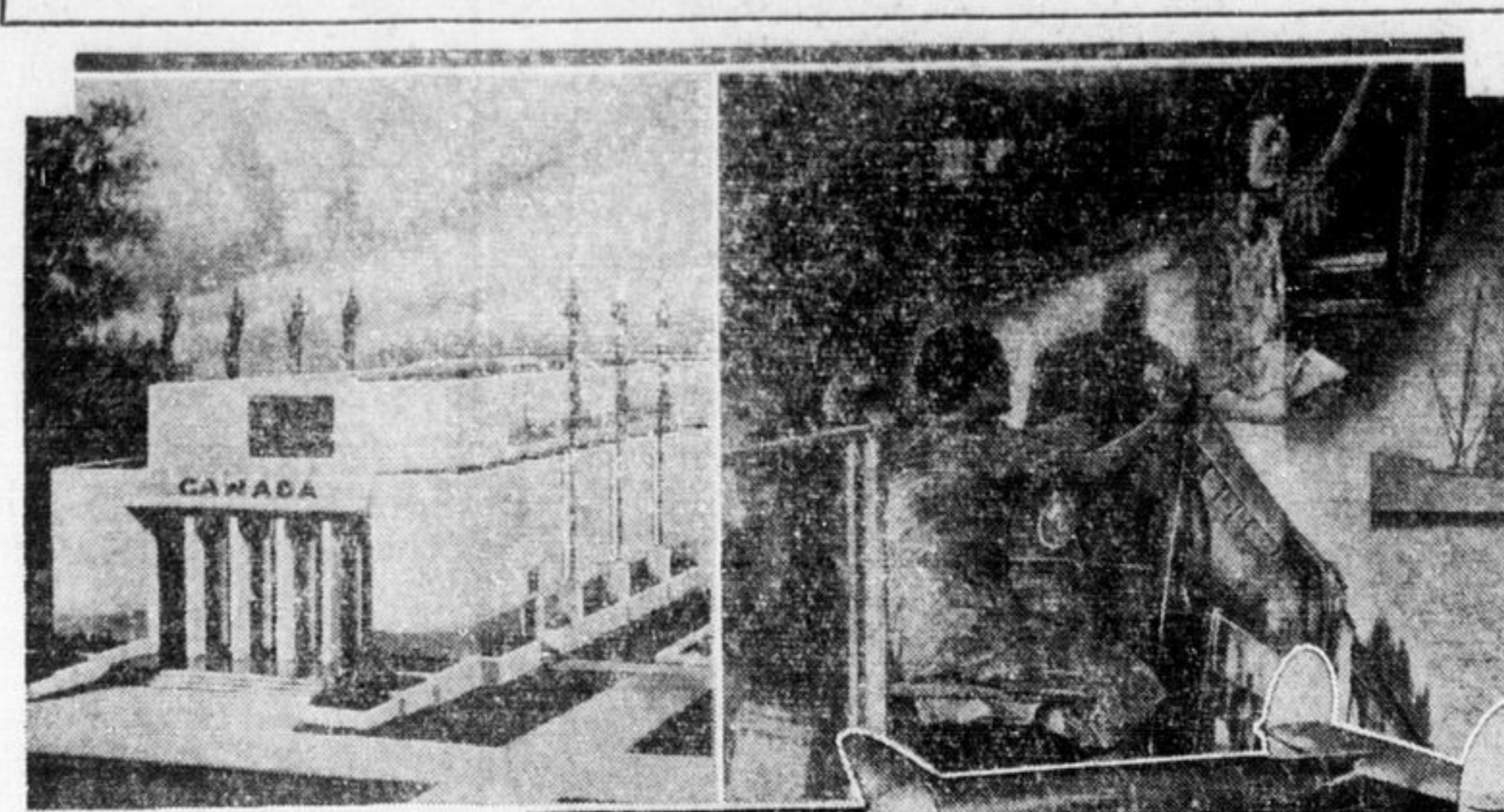
Thinks Main Business is Collection of Taxes

At least one Kirkland Lake firm believes that the government is practically turning its business into a collection agency to gather taxes for the government. Following the recent legislation to add two cents per gallon to the gasoline tax, this Kirkland firm, the Northern Motors Service displayed a new sign. The sign read:

"TAX COLLECTION AGENCY" This in large letters And below, in very small type "We also sell Gas."

Toronto Telegram—Hope is eternal. That is what makes a man think the next coin might hit the jack-pot.

Largest Photographic Montage For New York World's Fair



THE largest colored photographic montage ever attempted forms the background of the exhibit of the Canadian National Railways in the Canada Building at the New York World's Fair. More than fifty feet long and with an average height of fourteen feet, the montage has a photographic surface of approximately seven hundred square feet. It is in full color—every piece of color having been applied by hand—and it features every transportation agency in Canada from modern passenger planes and huge streamlined locomotives to the tiny canoes that are still used prospecting in the far north of the Dominion. The montage, which is a blending of one picture into another in much the same fashion as a movie fade-out, curves around a huge screen on which natural colored motion pictures of Canada will be displayed continuously on the latest type television screen. Considerable space in the

exhibit is given to the Dominion's new commercial air service, Trans-Canada Air Lines. Part of this display includes a model of a T C A passenger plane. It is eight feet long and has a wing spread of ten feet. A sense of movement is imparted by the whirling propellers which are kept in motion by a tiny, model airplane engine, encased in a metal housing inside the plane. The photographs show Miss Phyllis Baker, the artist, coloring one of the fourteen panels which comprise the huge photographic montage; a workman building the model plane and the Canada Building at the World's Fair.

Pioneer Prospector Dies at Goldthorpe

Wm. Birt Was One of the Early Prospectors in the Porcupine.

(From Northern News)

Friends and pioneer prospectors of the camp attended the funeral for the Late Thomas William Birt, conducted from the Church of the Holy Name with interment in Kirkland Lake cemetery this morning.

Death occurred due to heart failure apparently about two weeks ago in his cabin at the Greenfield Goldfields Mine at Goldthorpe, but the body was not found until early last Saturday morning when R. H. Craig looked in the window after failure to get a response at the door. At the time of his death Mr. Birt was caretaker at the mine in which he had a large interest.

Thomas Birt was born in Ottawa and would have celebrated his sixtieth birthday yesterday. He came to Haileybury as a prospector in 1906 or 1907 shortly after the first rush to the Cobalt silver area. From there he went to the Porcupine and was one of the original stakers there, taking up claims between the Porcupine and Hollinger mines. While in that area Mr. Birt was in the disastrous Porcupine fire and had the experience of having to drive his horses into the lake to save them from the flames.

With the Hunton boys Mr. Birt was one of the original founders of the Hunton Mine in Kirkland Lake in 1911. When the company was formed he was made president and held the position until the company was bought out. After disposing of his shares of the Hunton property he went to his farm at Uno Park and lived there for some time, going out occasionally to do the odd bit of prospecting.

In the last few years, Mr. Birt has been actively connected with the Greenfield Goldfields Mine at Goldthorpe. The property was worked for a time but closed down recently and Mr. Birt remained there as caretaker.

He is survived by a brother, David Birt, living in Kirkland Lake; two sisters, Mrs. H. (Lillian) Porteous of Montreal and Mrs. Thomas (Aggie) Byrne of Ottawa, and another brother John, of Manitowick, Ontario. He was not married.

Constables L. Tregenza and T. Trimble of the local Provincial Police were called to investigate the circumstances of the death of Mr. Birt. Coroner Dr. J. F. Edis of Swastika accompanied them and decided that coroner's inquest would not be necessary as the cause of death was quite evident.

Legion Members Volunteer for Home Service if Needed

More than one recent reference has been made in The Advance to the prompt and general way in which members of the Canadian Legion in Timmins and district have volunteered for service to Canada in case of another war. The response here has been loyal, though no more than would be expected from the members of the Legion. It is interesting to note that elsewhere the response to the call for home defence has been equally impressive. Word from Ottawa last night was to the effect that already 27,800 members of the Legion in Canada have volunteered for defence service, or anything else that the authorities may feel they can do for Canada and the Empire. The figures were given out from Dominion Headquarters of the Canadian Legion. Officials of the Legion, however, are not content to mention the fact that 27,800 have volunteered, but also add that it is now confidently expected that as many more will volunteer for this indispensable service.

To-day's Stocks LISTED

Aldermac	33
Augite	48
Ashley	6 1/2
Base Metals	16 1/2
Big Missouri	18 1/2
Beattie	1 1/4
Bidgood	1 1/8
Bcbjo	10
Bralorne	10 1/2
Broulan Porcupine	33
Buffalo Ankerite	11 50
Canadian Malartic	69 1/2
Castle Threeway	80
Central Porcupine	8 1/2
Central Patricia	2 1/2
Chesterville	88
Coniagas	1 75
Coniarium	1 36
Con. Chibougamau	20
Dome	30 60
Eldorado	1 25
Falconbridge	4 80
Gilles Lake	5 1/2
Goldade	18
Granada	6
Gunnar	1 02
Hardrock	14 00
Hollinger	27
Honey	21 50
Hudson Bay	29 50
International Nickel	46 50
Jackson Manion	5
Kerr Addison	1 57
Kirkland Lake	1 35
Label Oro	4 1/2
Leitch	70
Lake Shore	40 25
Little Long Lac	2 70
Macaes	4 20
McLeod Cockshutt	1 85
Manitoba and Eastern	1
McIntyre	53 00
McKenzie Red Lake	1 14
McWatters	46
Mining Corporation	1 16
McVittie Graham	11
Moneta	17 1/2
Naycob	74 25
Noranda	7 25
Nipissing	1 75
O'Brien	2 23
Omega	29
Pamour	3 05
Paymaster	36
Pickle Crow	4 90
Pioneer	2 45
Preston East Dome	1 30
Premier	1 90
Reno	34 1/2
San Antonio	1 41
Sherritt Gordon	95
St. Anthony	11 1/2
Sullivan Con.	1 00
Sudbury Basin	2 10
Stadacna	4 48
Sylvanite	3 00
Siscoe	98
Teck Hughes	3 95
Toburn	1 85
Ventures	4 75
Waite Amulet	6 05

ORIGINAL METHOD USED TO SECURE PLACE IN STORE

Huntingdon Glenner—Getting along in years, although only 50, Harry Dawson lost his job as a salesman in a clothing store. Dawson soon discovered how hard it was for a man of 50 to find a job. Then he had an inspiration. He had friends galore, among them men in business firms to whom he had given his trade for many years. What he did was to draw up a petition heading which read as follows: "To Whom it May Concern"—To any first-class clothing store which employs Harry Dawson, we pledge purchase of at least \$5 worth of merchandise within three months after his employment begins." Then he went, first to his old customers, then his groceryman, hardware dealer, gas station, milk man, barber, and so on down the line, until he had 330 signatures who, with their families, represented 1,300 consumers. Armed with this petition, he went after a job again and it wasn't long before he had one.

Hitler Preparing Careful Reply to U.S. President

(From Toronto Telegram)

As was to be expected, Hitler is taking time to concoct a careful reply to President Roosevelt's appeal for peace. That the dictators are disturbed is evident from the angry outbursts in German and Italian papers, outbursts which show that the aggressors are still sensitive to world opinion. Hitler at least has professed a desire for peace and to reject the President's offer of hand would be to condemn himself in the eyes not only of outside nations but of his own people. It is necessary to rebuild a case that has been badly shaken and in calling the Reichstag into session on April 28 he has set the stage for a statement that will in itself be a manoeuvre.

Meanwhile American warships have left the Atlantic for the Pacific, apparently to take some of the load there off the European democracies, while France and Britain are rushing preparations to guard against any sudden coup. At the same time they are continuing their diplomatic campaign and there is now a definite prospect that

both Turkey and Russia will be linked up with the nations that are preparing to oppose aggression. The lines are being more and more sharply drawn and the choice for the dictators is being narrowed down to the plain alternatives of peace and war.

There is still the possibility of minor nibbling that might not lead to war and reports that negotiations have been renewed on the subject of Danzig indicate that in this direction may be Hitler's next line of attack. The question of Danzig is now one for Poland to settle with Germany, and what Warsaw will do in the circumstances remains to be seen. If the Poles decide to fight rather than give a potential enemy a strategic position, there may be general war; if they decide to compromise, the western powers will probably acquiesce. Hitler is said to desire the return of Danzig on or before his birthday, which is next Thursday. By Friday it will be known whether or not he has had his wish.

North Bay Nugget—Aspirin figures largely in the produce the Nazis seek to sell to other peoples, indicating that they realize they have been causing the world a great headache.



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