

Cross-Canada Happenings As Told By Wire

News From Halifax to Vancouver Boiled Down and tersely Told

During the fiscal year closing March 31, Canada's trade totalled \$1,952,008,788 or \$73,804,334 less than the year previous. The greatest decrease was, however, in imports. These are down \$67,000,000 in comparison with the previous year. Domestic exports are up by \$24,000,000.

The death of Henry M. Cockfield, well known in Montreal educational circles, occurred suddenly on Park Avenue, near the corner of Laurier Avenue, as he was walking on the street shortly before 6 o'clock Thursday evening. Mr. Cockfield was in his 65th year.

Mrs. W. F. Todd, wife of his Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick, who is honorary president of the Provincial Chapter of the I. O. D. E., was Thursday afternoon, at Fredericton, presented with a life membership in the chapter.

Addressing the annual banquet of St. George's Society, at Montreal, Thursday night, Sir Frederick Williams Taylor, general manager of the Bank of Montreal, gave a solemn warning against increasing danger of extravagance in public and private affairs in Canada. "For years," he declared, "the arch enemy of this country, imprudence, led by general extravagance, has been marching through Canada. Our outer trenches have been carried, and slowly but surely our citadel is being sapped. No constructive scientific defense has been presented. Surely a counter-attack is long overdue."

Hon. W. R. Motherwell, Minister of Agriculture in the Dominion Government, was assailed at a mass meeting under the auspices of the On-to-the-Bay Association, at Winnipeg, Thursday night, for raising the Port Nelson or Churchill issue recently in connection with the movement for the completion of the Hudson Bay Railway. F. H. Mackin, consulting engineer, and Brig. Gen. R. W. Paterson, claimed that certain interests did not want the road and that if any controversy as to the relative merits of Port Nelson and Churchill as the railway termini were allowed, the line would not be completed for 20 years. Following the addresses, a resolution emphasizing the urgent necessity of the Dominion Government completing the road to tide water without delay was passed.

There is a slight increase in employment at the beginning of April, according to a report of 5,890 firms who reported an aggregate payroll of 718,524 persons to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics; on March 1 they employed 718,162 workers.

Negotiations which have been going on since last October for a reciprocal interchange of student teachers between McGill University and the National Committee for the Training of Teachers, Scotland, have been practically concluded, it is learned from Col. Wilfrid Bovey, assistant to the principal at McGill. The exchange will commence with the college year of 1925-26.

Charging negligence against the directors of the Hearst Music Publishers, Limited, of Canada, Alex. Rose, Burn Cloudy, Man., has filed a writ in Court of King's Bench, claiming \$43,875. The plaintiff claims to have been induced by misrepresentation to invest his money in the defunct company.

A bill authorizing an increase in the borrowing powers of the Ottawa Electric Railway Company, "in order to carry out its obligations to the Corporation of the City of Ottawa to make certain extensions and additions to its properties," was approved by a committee of the House of Commons, on railways, canals and telegraph lines.

No action will be taken by the Manitoba Government in connection with the fruit combine, recently investigated by the Dominion authorities, according to a decision reached at a Cabinet meeting. The Manitoba Cabinet decided it was solely a Dominion Government affair, as most of the evidence was heard outside of that province.

The proposed removal of the Royal Canadian Air Force Station from Camp Borden to Camp Mohawk is being considered by the Department of National Defense, but no decision had been reached, said Hon. E. M. Macdonald, Minister of National Defense, in the House of Commons, in answer to question by W. A. Boys, Conservative whip.

J. B. Harkin, Commissioner of Canadian National Parks, Department of the Interior, has been awarded the Vermeil Medal by the French Government, and also elected to a fellowship in the American Geographical Society. The Vermeil Medal has been conferred on Mr. Harkin in respect for his excellent work in the conservation of wild life. His election to a fellowship in the American Geographical Society marks the recognition of Mr. Harkin's services in the interests of science.

The death occurred last week at Bermuda of Mr. Justice James-J. Ritchie of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia. Judge Ritchie was 69 years of age. Before his elevation to the bench, he was prominent at the bar, and in politics, having been a Conservative candidate in several elections. He came of a very old Nova Scotia family, and is survived by his widow and two daughters. He was a graduate of Harvard Law School, and was admitted to the bar in 1877. He twice unsuccessfully contested the District of Shelburne-Queen's with the Hon. W. S. Fielding.

Mrs. H. F. MacLeod of Fredericton, N.B., was re-elected Provincial President of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire at the session of the Silver Jubilee meeting.

An appeal for relief for the distressed people in the mining district of Nova Scotia is to be issued immediately by Bishop Farthing to the church people of the Diocese of Montreal. This was decided at the session of the Synod of the Diocese of Montreal, held in the Synod Hall.

Monsignor Alphonse Deschamps was consecrated Auxiliary Bishop of Montreal, as Bishop of Thenesus, at St. James Cathedral, Montreal. The great Cathedral was filled to overflowing with Church dignitaries and citizens of Montreal, and the consecration was the most elaborate and impressive held in some years.

Approximately 4,000 passengers on the five liners which were due at Montreal last week-end will mark the first rush of the 1925 shipping season in that port. The ships are the Maburn, from Antwerp; the Montcalm, from Liverpool; the Montroyal, from Glasgow; the Aurania, from Liverpool and the Megantic from Liverpool.

Three barns, with their contents, and the residence of James McKillan, were destroyed in fire of unknown origin which caused damage estimated at \$25,000 at Maxville, Ont., Wednesday. Mr. McKillan's young son, who was seriously ill, had to be carried to safety from the burning building. The barns were on adjoining farms, and it is thought that the sparks from the first fire started the others.

George B. B. Bond, who disappeared from Winnipeg on February 5, walked into the office of the police at Calgary Thursday forenoon and gave himself up. He was arranged before Magistrate G. Saunders charged with the theft of \$4,000 from the Farm and Ranch Review of Calgary, and was remanded until Wednesday. Bail of \$200 was furnished. It is understood that Bond returned to Calgary from the United States.

Two-thirds of the chattels seized from 35 Doukhobors recently for non-payment of fines for violation of the School Law were sold by auction at Grand Forks, and the sale is being continued. A large number of Doukhobors looked on, but there were no incidents. M. W. Czakoff, acting-president of the Christian Community of Universal Brotherhood, announced he had tried to raise the money for the fines, totalling about \$4,000, but had not succeeded in doing so.

Returning from a visit to Great Britain, Walter Herd, Chief Mining Engineer of the British Empire Steel Corporation, in an interview at Sydney, N.S., said that 300 collieries normally employing 70,000 men have closed down in the past six months, and the closing down is still going on. Many small companies have been forced out of business altogether, he said, and the larger companies are rapidly closing down their coal mines in an attempt to meet the fierce competition prevailing.

An increase of \$834,751 is shown in the product of the fisheries of New Brunswick last year, as compared with 1923. The total market value for 1924, comprising fish sold for consumption, fresh, and fish canned, cured or otherwise prepared was \$5,383,286.

D. W. McLachlin, M. C. I. C., of the Department of Railways and Canals, has been presented with the Gzowski Medal for his paper on the St. Lawrence River problem. The medal was donated by Col. Sir Casimir Gzowski, late president of the Engineering Institute of Canada. The first award was made in 1890.

Because of criticism by the Mayor, D. Taylor and several members of the City Council, all members of the Vancouver Exhibition Association's Board of Control, have resigned from office. Their action, they state, is taken "in view of statements made reflecting on the integrity of the Board of Control."

Copper, nickel, silver and gold mines in Northern Ontario will be the objective this year of McGill University's annual Field School for students entering the fourth or final year in the Department of Mining at the University. The school begins today and will continue for four weeks. Twenty students will leave on the expedition.

Failure of the Dominion Government steamer Arleux to find any bodies of the 38 men comprising the crew of the Japanese freighter Raxfuku Maru, which foundered 180 miles southwest of Sable Island on Tuesday last, and the consequent abandonment of the search, was reported in a wireless message from Captain H. B. Cousins of the Arleux at Halifax on Saturday.

Mrs. Albert F. Griffin of Victoria, B.C., was re-elected president of the Provincial Chapter, Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, at the annual meeting Saturday. Endorsement was given to several resolutions to be forwarded to the National Chapter annual meeting including one asking for the provision of four light cruisers for the Dominion to increase protection and provide training for cadets.

Imperial No. 4 well at Fabayan, Alta., drilled two years ago and capped as a gasser, has broken away. The casing head has cracked and is permitting the gas to escape in great quantity with a roar that can be heard for miles. It is estimated that the amount of escape reaches 30 to 40 million feet per day. An attempt is being made to recap it, but owing to the immense pressure considerable trouble is being experienced.

Establishment of an "open shop" has been effected on the majority of the steam coal mines in the Crow's Nest Pass, and according to the officials of the mines, workers who

have broken away from the United Mine Workers of America will be assured steady employment throughout the summer months. By a vote of 183 to 91, the miners at Hillcrest Colliery favored acceptance of a direct agreement with their employers on the same terms that are now in effect at other mines in the Crow's Nest Pass. Work in the mines will start immediately.

A verdict of a jury in the Montreal Court of King's Bench, finding Edgar G. Raymond, guilty of having participated in the hold-up of the Cote Des Neiges branch of the Molsons Bank on February 14, 1924, has been unanimously confirmed by the Court of Appeal, division of three judges. Raymond was employed as a paying teller at the Bank branch, and evidence at his trial showed that he had entered into a conspiracy with four other men who actually took \$1,800 of the Bank's money from him, after holding up other employees. He was found guilty and sentenced to serve five years. The other men were also convicted.

Robert E. Cumming, 80, former business of Brandon Mental Hospital, is dead at his home at Brandon. He was born in Leeds County, Ont., and went West in 1878.

E. H. Ross, Canadian Trade Commissioner at Melbourne, who is now in Ottawa, is to leave for Australia to conduct further negotiations in regard to the Canadian-Australia trade treaty. This was announced by Premier King in the House of Commons.

Thald Gratton, Hull, charged with conducting a lottery in connection with the circulation of cards containing the names of baseball teams in the American League and the distribution of premiums, appeared before Judge Constantineau at the Hull Court House and elected trial by a county judge. The case, which is a test one, and in which the facts are admitted, will be heard on May 7.

A slight earth shock was registered in Ottawa Sunday evening about the same time as more severe shocks were being felt throughout the Central States. The first preliminary tremors arrived at 11:30:55 p.m., and were not sufficiently well marked to determine distance, but it was probably the record of the disturbance reported from the Central States at shortly after 10 o'clock Central time. Canon Gould of Toronto, general secretary of the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada, was the guest of the Clerical Guild of Ottawa at a luncheon which was attended by the Right Rev. J. C. Roper, Bishop of Ottawa. Following the luncheon, Canon Gould gave a detailed account of the work in the mission field at home and abroad, dealing particularly with the activities of the society in the outlying districts of the various provinces of Canada.

Amendments to the Opium and Narcotic Drug Act are provided in a bill which was given first reading in the House of Commons. The Minister of Health, Hon. Dr. H. S. Belland, said that these amendments included a provision for criminal proceedings against physicians accused of traffic in drugs, and another to prevent a physician not licensed to practice in Canada, from prescribing narcotic drugs. It is also provided that motor cars and other vehicles used for the transportation of illegally sold drugs may be confiscated.

Rain and cold weather held up spring farming operations in many districts throughout the Prairie Provinces during the past week, but with the return of more favorable conditions rapid strides will be made with seeding, according to the weekly crop report of the Canadian National Railways Agricultural Department. In some districts of Manitoba, wheat is already well above the ground, while seeding in all the provinces is much ahead of last year. All districts report plenty of moisture, and warm weather will assure a good crop. In many localities, seeding will be completed during the coming week.

Approximately 37 candidates are to be nominated by the Conservative party in the coming Saskatchewan Provincial election.

Two city men came out to board Upon my father's farm, And all they did was brag about Their wondrous city's charm. They called it simply country folk. They thought that we were green; To hear them talk, they knew it all And everything they'd seen.

Out in the woods they stopped to rest Upon a little mound That housed a lot of fighting ants That started crawling round. The boarders hastily undressed, The ants away to shoo, And then sat down upon a rock Where poison ivy grew!

Next day their limbs began to swell Till twice their normal size, And when they ceased to brag, because it made them realize That, though the farmer little knows About the city's strife, The city man knows even less About the country life. —Ernest Stanton King.

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The Boy Scouts' Column

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Camp

The question of where to camp is the burning one of the hour with the First Durham Troop. The Scoutmaster is signed up for a Gilwell Course at Ebor Park, near Brantford, and unfortunately, it is at the same time as the District Camp at White Cloud Island. As a result, the troop is at a loss to know whether to go to the Island without him, or to stay at home and have a camp in the neighborhood of Durham. The Rocky has been suggested as an ideal place for a troop camp. If arrangements could be made with the owners of the property, there are some splendid spots for a small camp there. It has also been suggested that we get together with Hanover and camp with them at Allan Park. However, wherever the camp is, there is no doubt that there will be one. So get your duffle together. Gather up last year's kit and stow it away somewhere after you have gone over it to see that it is in shape. If there is a camp of the troop alone, all cooking will have to be done by the patrols. Put that in your pipe and smoke it, and also start getting pointers from your mother on cooking—you'll need them.

Troop Re-organization

Following out the suggestion of Field Secretary Jones, we have "re-vamped" the troop into four patrols. These patrols are as follows: Beavers, Patrol Leader, Wallace (Salty) Hepburn; Badgers, Patrol Leader, Bill Wilson; Owls, Patrol Leader, George (Slippery) Hay; Buffalo, Patrol Leader Ernest Neaves. The re-adjustment means that there will be about seven fellows in each patrol. It is working out much better than the two-patrol system, which was becoming very cumbersome. As it is, we started out to recruit about five new scouts last week and have about a dozen prospects. A list of the scouts in each patrol together with a description of the patrol colors and call will appear in this column next week.

Weekly Meeting

The mid-week meeting last week was well-attended. The Owls carried off the honors in the competitions. They are stepping right out under the leadership of Slippery Hay and Oscar Moon, and it seems a shame to break them up. However, the new combination should be better. Erny Neaves will have a smart bunch of youngsters, and they are going to give the Owls a sharp tussle.

Hikes

It was expected that Hanover would hike out to Allan Park to meet us last Sunday and put on a little field day of scout events, winding up with a baseball match. However, they disappointed us. We are hoping for better luck this week.

The most significant three-letter combinations are, C.O.D., K.K.K., S.O.S., F.O.B. and P.D.Q.

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TO DREDGE A RIVER

Mr. George F. Henderson, K.C., of Ottawa, referee under the Ontario Drainage Act, attended at the Court House, Walkerton, to hear the action brought by William Bannerman of Culross, to compel the Townships of Culross, Greenock, Carrick Brant, Kincaidine, Kinloss, Howick, Turnberry, and the village of Teeswater to proceed with the dredging of the Teeswater river, a work that is estimated to cost the above municipalities over \$150,000 to complete. According to Bannerman, a large portion of his farm, which ten years ago was a fine wheat growing tract, is now so completely submerged under water that he is unable to drive over it, a condition he maintains, that has been brought about by engineers constructing drains in these municipalities and shedding extra water into this river. After hearing the evidence on the matter, Referee Henderson advised that the drainage scheme which had been hanging fire for four years, should be done. He, however, adjourned the further hearing of the case until May 12, when he will again visit Walkerton and finally dispose of the affair.

Very Clever

Little Muriel had just been to the Zoo for the first time, and she was giving Granny a long account of what she had seen.

"And what animal did you like the best, dear?" asked Granny, whom Muriel had finished.

"Oh, the elephant," was the reply. "It was wonderful to see him pick up buns with his vacuum cleaner!"

A rolling stone may not gather any moss—but it gets somewhere.

A cross word a day will keep love away.

CLASSIFIED ADS. (Too Late for Classification.)

The annual meeting of the Durham Branch of the Women's Institute will be held on May 7 at the home of Mrs. J. Burgess, Durham. Miss Margaret McGirr will read a paper on "The Danger of Luxury in Modern Life." The President and Secretary will give their reports. Solo by Miss Winnie Blyth. Election of officers. Roll call answered by payment of dues. Everybody welcome.

CANADIAN GREYS I. O. D. E. WILL hold their May meeting in the A. Y. P. A. rooms on Tuesday evening, May 5, at 8 p.m. All members requested to be present.

MRS. DR. LORNE ROBERTSON OF Stratford (nee Jessie Munro), will be in town on Tuesday, May 12, and under L. O. D. E. auspices, will give a talk illustrated with slides on her recent trip to South America.

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Mrs. D. Hamilton spent a few days with her daughter, Mrs. T. Lawrence, Egremont.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex McLean of Hampden spent a day recently with Mrs. D. Hamilton.

Sorry to hear Miss Ethel Harvey has been in ill health. We hope for a speedy recovery.

Miss Eliza Patterson, who has been spending the last few weeks in Toronto and at a conference at the MacDonald Institute, Guelph, returned home Monday night; also Mrs. Esther Firth who spent the previous days at the conference at the MacDonald Institute, Guelph.

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