

Canada Speeds Up Xmas Industries

Dominion's Christmas Trees, Holly, Flowers and Poultry in Brisk Demand Here

A bulletin issued by the Canadian Pacific Railway says that the coming Christmas season means a period of brisk activity for certain Canadian industries. Some of these, though relatively small, have a certain importance to the producers as a means of added income, while the railways benefit from the increased traffic, and the Dominion generally from the increased volume of trade.

"The principal of these is perhaps the furnishing of Christmas trees," says the bulletin. "Christmas trees from woods in every part of the Dominion will be found in the northernmost ends of the continent. More than one million Christmas trees, it has been conservatively estimated, are used in Canada each year, while of the 10,000,000 trees used in the United States Canada is called upon to furnish a substantial number, estimates varying between 2,000,000 and 4,000,000. Last year more than a million trees, or some 500 carloads, averaging 2,000 trees to a car, were shipped from New Brunswick alone to the United States market, Fredericton reporting shipments three times as great as the year before. Shipments from the Province of Quebec to the United States over Canadian Pacific lines alone ran to 450,000 in 1925, and were substantially greater last year.

"Contrary to what is often claimed, the satisfying of the domestic and export demand for Christmas trees is, according to expert forest authorities, an insignificant drain upon Canadian forest wealth. One authority points out that to recover small trees destroyed to retrieve Christmas trees a million are killed in Canada by forest fires. Again it is pointed out that certain species of trees, such as the balsam and cedar, which enter into the trade are known as "weed trees" and have little or no value except as Christmas trees. Again other species are supplied through the process of clearing land for agricultural purposes, and also from a very necessary thinning out of commercial forests.

"To an ever-increasing extent, however, Christmas trees are coming from farmers' grown-up pastures, swamps and wastelands, and many sections of this business each year when conveniently situated as regards markets. In 1925 the revenue of Quebec farmers from this source ran, according to estimate, to \$100,000, and was substantially greater in the Maritimes. In the annually increasing demand there is opportunity in certain sections to plant woodlots and follow a thinning-out process each year ensuring a steady addition to income.

"Another Christmas adornment which is going from Canada to the United States each year in increasing quantity is holly. Holly production in Canada is confined to the Pacific Coast of British Columbia, but this very limitation has resulted in the development of a thriving little industry. An expansion of cultivation is taking place there as the demand across the line becomes brisker. The relatively few ranchers engaged in the industry find it a profitable undertaking, and, according to one of them, 8000 acres is a fair average income from this pursuit.

"The sale of decorative plants and cut flowers is particularly brisk at the Christmas season, and it is remarkable in this manner in which this industry has developed in the Dominion, though there is still a very heavy import trade carried on. In the next year indoor plants sold in Canada numbered 15,776, and had a value of \$148,581, while cut flowers sold numbered 15,269,144, and had a value of \$1,295,928. Still more remarkable is it to discover that many of these move to the United States at the Christmas season, even the Prairie Provinces engaging in this trade. At the City of Medicine Hat, which first came into prominence as the centre of a great ranching territory, are greenhouses with one exception in Canada. The products of this and other Western Canadian plants are developing a profitable trade with many United States points at Christmas time."

Best Played by Aviation

Aviation is playing a greater part each year in the exploration of the natural resources of the Dominion and also in the conservation of these resources. One of the methods of solution of some of the most pressing problems of the forester, surveyor, geologist, and explorer in their work in the more remote parts of the country. In the past seven years great strides have been made, and flying now plays an important part in the work of many Government services.

Silver in Canada

Following the discovery of rich silver deposits near Cobalt, Ontario, in 1905, the production of silver in Canada rapidly increased and since that date up to 1925 Ontario was the leading producer. Recent discoveries in British Columbia restored that province in 1926 to the position of leading producer of silver in Canada, when the production exceeded that of Ontario by more than one million ounces. Canada's total production of silver in 1926 was 22,373,924 fine ounces.

EFFICIENCY IMPAIRED

Why Many Men and Women Are Badly Handicapped.

When you are so run down in health that it impairs the efficiency of your work as well as your power to enjoy your leisure hours, or obtain rest, it is time you looked to the cause. If you do not, a serious breakdown is almost sure to result sooner or later. In nearly all cases this condition, which doctors usually describe as general debility, is due to poor blood—blood that is deficient in red corpuscles. When the blood is thin and weak your whole system suffers. You lose appetite, have no energy, your nerves trouble you and you feel restless.

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BY D. D. SLADE.

The modern hatcheryman must follow modern business methods, that's certain. If he has sales problems to solve, he must solve them in a modern way. His hatchery is like a factory: eggs are the raw material; baby chicks are the finished product. The factory must be kept working at capacity to keep overhead and production costs down. Sales must keep step with production.

In the early days of the baby chick industry selling was simpler. Once the public got the idea that baby chicks could be bought in the market like apples or handkerchiefs, it was necessary only to tell it where the chicks could be bought, for everybody wanted to buy them. But it wasn't long before the problem complicated itself. Competition developed rapidly and hatcherymen had to begin in to use their brains in working out selling problems. Quality production proved to be the best solution of the quantity production problem's quality. Chick mean satisfied customers. Here is one method to help reduce the added cost of producing quality chicks.

In carrying on the business of the Kentucky Hatchery, we make it our regular practice to have the customer pay delivery charges upon his chicks. All shipments of our chicks are made by express or parcel post, shipping charges collect. We know this is entirely different from the usual custom, but we are able to do it because our chicks are high quality and our customers are so anxious to get them that they willingly pay the shipping costs. It means only a slight extra expense to them, but to us the aggregate saving is a very material item.

In any case, it seems logical to us that the customer should pay delivery charges. In practically all other businesses where delivery is made by mail or express, this plan is accepted without question. We make it a matter-of-fact proposition, emphasizing it clearly in our catalogue and price list; people simply make up their minds they want Kentucky chicks and the question of a small delivery charge does not deter them from ordering.

It is an easy step in the same direction to sell chicks on a C.O.D. basis, which we have been doing regularly. A \$1 deposit is all that is necessary to secure the booking and shipment of an order, no matter of what size. We require this nominal deposit to show us that the customer is in earnest in his desire for the chicks.

Last year 60 per cent. of our business was handled on a C.O.D. basis, with entire satisfaction. We found that the percentage of returns was very small; such chicks as were returned were brooded in our own storage brooders. Our chicks can readily stand the shipment and return without injury. We run them in the nursery for two weeks and another week in the colony house before selling them as three-week-old chicks. We also sell some six-week stock.

Of course, one must have high grade chicks if the C.O.D. sales plan is going to work. That reduces the chances of return, for the customer will be so pleased with the quality of his shipment that there will be no reason for refusal.

Plants from Cuttings

It is easy to start a potted winter garden with almost no capital. The mere statement of one's desire usually brings offers of cuttings from anything that one fancies in the collections of friends, together with directions as to how to grow them. All one needs for such cuttings is a glass of moist sand in a sunny window. In this sand must be buried the cut end of the stem; in a few days the roots will appear and before long the new plant will be ready to take its place among the potted collection.

It may be true, but nevertheless it is a "tail" story, that the height of Japanese children has been increased by their proclivity for sports.

Canadian National Hotel and Terminal at Halifax



This is taken from the architect's drawing and indicates that the group when completed will form a fitting Atlantic gateway to the Dominion. The terminal will be connected with the deep water pier at which the Trans-Atlantic passengers will arrive and depart. This pier possesses the most modern facilities for dealing with passengers of all classes and special provision has been made for the reception and comfort of new settlers. These latter will be able to proceed from ship to train under shelter and in comfort.

Hunting Cancer To Its Lair

Dr. Louis Sambon, as Test of Cancer Theory, Plans Concentrated Research in Isle of Man

London.—As soon as the sanction of the Ministry of Health is obtained the Isle of Man will become the centre of a concentrated cancer research to be carried out by Dr. Louis Sambon, one of the world's leading cancer experts.

He plans to make a minute examination of the flora and fauna of the island and to leave no stone unturned in the hope of finding a cure for the disease. Dr. Sambon, who is working under the direction of the British School of Tropical Medicine, has indicated that he already has a theory regarding the origin of cancer and hopes by this means to find support for his theory.

With the aid of street maps and medical registers he plans to make a thorough check-up in all the island districts of persons who died from cancer in the last fifty years and all cancer victims now living.

"If my previous experience counts for anything," he said, "I will discover that cancer clusters in well-defined areas where the people living there are liable to be attacked.

"My colleagues and I will then conduct a minute examination of the vermin in each district, especially rats, mice, cockroaches, cellar beetles, and various kinds of worms. We have already established a theory and we want to see how it is supported."

Dr. Louis Sambon, an authority on tropical diseases, who almost twenty years ago reported the cause of pellagra and later investigated the cause of malaria when he lived in the mosquito-infected Roman Campagna, has in recent years devoted his attention to cancer.

In 1925 he announced a belief that the disease was parasitic. His declaration was printed in The Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, published in London, and received much attention. Cockroaches, cellar beetles and other insects were the contagion carriers, he wrote.

Last April Dr. Sambon reported investigations on cancer in villages in Northern Italy, where he had searched death records and street maps and isolated whole sections as "cancer streets" and "cancer villages." At that time he made the request, supported by medical authorities, that the British Government and public should subscribe to a fund to carry out further research into this theory and set apart a region for mass investigation.

Early last month the authorities of the self-governing Isle of Man gave permission to carry on the work there. The local medical society furthered the plan, which now awaits sanction of the British Health Ministry.

"Spare Comb, Spoil Scalp" Shingled Women Warned

London.—Since the shingle and boyish hair have been growing prematurely bald, say West End hairdressers. The short-haired vogue isn't wholly to blame, they hasten to add, declaring it is a case of "sparing the comb and spoiling the scalp."

In the olden days when a woman was compelled to spend several minutes daily combing and brushing her long tresses, she stimulated the scalp, keeping it healthy, while nowadays the hair seldom gets a good brushing, merely being run through, stray wisps coming loose from the permanent wave. It used to be man's privilege alone to buy scented confections guaranteed to make bald patches bristle, but now the beauty experts stock up on restorers and revivers to meet the feminine demand.

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Disorders in Russia

Paris Temps: The rupture of relations with Britain and the tension of relations with France, the impossibility of obtaining credits from abroad and the virtual eradication of the Soviet Union have put the Soviet rulers in a difficult position at the very time when they have to grapple with opposition at home which is gaining power day by day. For some time now attempts have been reported from various sources to renew relations with London and in a recent speech the British Prime Minister, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, allowed it to be understood that the British Cabinet would not refuse to consider re-opening relations with the Soviets as soon as they were ready to conduct themselves according to the obligations and rules of international courtesy.

At an examination a boy, asked to state why a tiger is striped, wrote: "It is striped because it makes it better for circus proprietors. If a tiger escapes from a circus it is easier to find him than if he had no stripes. He will not go far without someone noticing that he is not a horse or a dog, account of his stripes, and calling up and asking the circus people if they have lost a tiger."

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Much of the inertia that seems to come with the first warm weather is probably due, thinks this food expert, to an inadequate supply of vitamins during the winter. "Vegetables," emphasizes Mrs. Irvine, "are an important part of our winter diet. They are our most abundant source of food minerals, far exceeding fruit in their store of those dietary essentials."

"Calcium is the principal constituent of the bones and teeth. Green-leaf vegetables, such as spinach, lettuce, and cabbage, furnish calcium. Phosphorus is combined with calcium to form the bones and is a necessary part of every living cell of the body. Dried legumes—peas and beans—are rich in phosphorus. Green-leaf and stack vegetables furnish some phosphorus. Iron is highly important as a constituent of the red corpuscles of the blood which carry oxygen. Green vegetables, carrots and beets are the best sources of iron."

Minard's Lintiment for Colds.

Italian-French Rapprochement

Pett Parisien: Up to the present France has maintained a perfectly calm and dignified attitude in face of the attacks which she has received at the hands of Italy. There can be no thought of conflict between these two great countries who fought alongside one another. Italians died in Champagne for France; Frenchmen were killed for Italy on the frontier of the Trentino. It was vastly different, bringing about a Franco-German rapprochement. The binding together of Franco-Italian friendship is happily a much easier task.

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