Voice of the Press

Canada, The Empire and The World at Large

CANADA.

Onward and Upward.

Election of Mr. Malcolm MacBeth of Milverton as President of the Ontario Educational Association suggests that this sturdy Canadian is worthy of some personal attention. Mr. MacBeth is one of the Bruce County old boys who may be found all over the country—any country—and, as with the real Scots from the original Scotland, generally in the high places. In the rather long ago he held high rank as a boy orator, and many a time the walls of the Walkerton High School resounded to his fiery, and usually denunciatory, eloquence. In those days he generally was found in opposition to any proposal; but time has exerted upon him its customary mellowing influence, and now Mr. MacBeth is ready to support worthwhile propositions.

For some years the new President taught school, and his square jaw and ample shoulders ensured peace and order in the classes. As with many teachers, he heard the call of the press; and at once secured control of the Milverton Sun. Milverton became his home, and that community has honored him in many ways. In time he became President of the Canadian Weekly Newspaper Association; and now the Ontario Educational Association accords him similar distinction. Thus, in two of his chosen fields of activity Malcolm MacBeth has reached the top. And through it all the Milverton Sun continues to shine.—Toronto Globe.

Making Good.

City people sometimes forget that there are many small telephone systems in the province as well as the large one. A remarkable report has been issued by the Bruce municipal line which shows that out of $161,400 borrowed to construct the system, only $14,918 remains unpaid, and "considering the surplus account of $13,643, there are almost sufficient cash accounts and other liquid assets to retire the total obligations of the company." It will be only a few years until this public venture, originated by a few citizens in 1912, will be entirely free of bonded obligations—a remarkable record.—Toronto Star.

Britain's Comeback.

There is an old saying that in war Great Britain loses every battle but the last one. Apparently the same thing is true in the species of economic welfare from which the world is suffering today. Great Britain carried the load for a long time. She accepted sacrifices no other nation was prepared to make. But when it came to the pinch, when her own stability was greatly threatened, Britishers rallied to the need as they do in war and fought their way through. When the history of this period of international economic adjustment comes to be written as a whole, as it will be some time, the story of how Great Britain fought her way into the leadership in the short period of six months will be its most interesting and perhaps its most entertaining chapter.—Winnipeg Tribune.

John Bull Leads the Way.

In the United States income tax collections are $86,000,000 behind the total of the same period last year. In England the estimate of £272,000,000 for the entire year has been passed with ten days yet to go before the limit period elapses. John Bull continues to come back faster than any of them—Brantford Expositor.

Teachers' Salaries.

Chicago now owes its 14,000 school teachers an amount close to $25,000,000 and there are no prospects of the bill being paid. A community which cuts its salaries and then pays the reduced amount is just and merciful in comparison.—St. Catharines Standard.

Science and Poor Mortals.

For nearly six months a boy, Clarence Hastings, existed in a respirator in the City Hospital, Syracuse, before he succumbed to infantile paralysis. So far as he could co-operate by keeping his spirits up under there conditions, he did his best, earning the title of "the Gamest Kid in America," and receiving thousands of letters, telegrams, etc., from all sorts of people, important and unimportant. While he put up a great fight for his life, science put up a still greater.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

If the Lindbergh babe has been in half the number of places reported, it soon will be as well travelled as its distinguished father.—The Globe, Toronto.

Empire Preference.

Within the month the adoption of the principle of an Empire preference by Great Britain has added millions to the value of the British pound sterling, and it is common belief that before the Conference opens the Bank of England note will be worth par in the foreign markets of the world.—Sherbrooke Record (Ind.).

Better Prospects in Saskatchewan.

The business situation in Saskatchewan is sound. There is, of course, a similar condition to that which is prevalent throughout the Dominion, but trade is improving and prospects growing brighter. It is the farmers who are still the principal sufferers, but their troubles will pass away should there be a favorable crop this season.—Regina Star (Cons.).

Tailors decree that men's clothing shall be brighter this summer. Have you had your blue suit shined up?—Toronto Star.

EMPIRE.

British Films in British Guiana.

We should like to see more British films. For our part where they are produced is a secondary consideration, so long as they have the English background, the English setting and the English accent with which we are more acquainted by education or personal contact. Moreover some of the most enjoyable portions of the cinema program are the news reels, and we are prepared to wager that those done by the British in Britain would be far more interesting to British Guianese.—Georgetown (British Guiana) Chronicle.

"Colonial" Preference.

The Dominions have grown to man's estate and because they have discovered that their interests are not always complementary to those of the Motherland, they have gradually sought and been given autonomy. Such freedom cannot, of course, be one-sided. If the Dominion are free, then also is England free. The Crown Colonies, on the other hand, are neither free nor is England free. England must stand or fall with us so long as we are governed from Downing Street. This means then that we can ask and receive of England—and England can ask and receive of us—quite independently of what the Dominions may think about it. —Trinidad Guardian.

Tariffs and Foreign Industries.

Foreign firms are making haste to acquire factory sites in this country that they may have the shelter of our tariffs. That will provide employment for our workers, but it will also provide most active competition for our manufacturers. If British firms are not to be ousted by competitors operation on British soil, many of them will have to revise their marketing and advertising methods, and in some cases their manufacturing processes, for they will have domesticated their rivals in their own back garden. —Spectator (London).

Disarmament.

Disarmament is becoming increasingly good party politics since Governments which can achieve it may look simultaneously for prestige and for a much-needed saving of expenditure. Just as the depression has enforced a fashion in economy and in home buying among citizens, so it may tend to enforce a fashion in disarmament among nations. There is, then, reason to hope that in spite of a most discouraging start the men at Geneva may be forced—by sheer fear of the consequences of failure—to show results even at the cost of real concessions.—Week-End Review (London).

OTHER OPINIONS

Ireland and Great Britain.

A London correspondent of the New York Times cables: "The United Kingdom has the whip hand and Mr. De Valera knows it. The Free State may be legally free to secede, but all except her most extreme politicians realize she is tied to Britain by bonds of iron. She can no more escape from Britain's economic orbit than the moon can cease being a satellite of the earth.

"Britain may be willing to conduct any number of friendly negotiations over the oath or land annuities, and she is now giving the Free State every advantage of her own market of forty-five millions. But if the Free State Government cuts its ties of willing allegiance, however shadowy they may be, Britain will be prepared to clamp down the tariff against Irish products, 95 per cent. of which go to Britain or Northern Ireland, by the automatic device of removing the preferential treatment all the Dominions now enjoy.

"Furthermore, there is a special reason why Ireland is not free to secede and become a foreign nation. Hundreds of thousands of Irish subjects living and working in Britain, many of them in the Government services, would be liable to deportation as aliens and to loss of employment if the policy of separation should be carried to the bitter end.

"It follows that Ireland is not free, whatever her legal status, and she never can be free no matter how much impassioned rhetoric her leaders use."

BEING HAPPY.

The word would be better and brighter if people were taught the duty of being happy, as well as the happiness of doing their duty. To be happy ourselves is a most effectual contribution to the happiness of others.—Sir John Lubbock.

Coming and Going

A splendid display of horsemanship by the crack calvary unit at Fort Myer, Va., in their criss-cross jump for the annual society circus.

WITH THE LONE SCOUTS

The Lone Scout Dog Show

It sounds like a very ambitious undertaking to hold a show for the pets of the Lone Scouts of Ontario, scattered as they are all over the province. But when operated on the lines which have been circulated to the Lonies, it is not such a big task after all. You see, like a great deal of the activity of the Lone Scout Department, this "Show" is being held by mail!

There are three classes, and any dog can be entered, irrespective of his pedigree (if he has one) or color or size.

The Lonies have been asked to write an essay of not more than 200 words, describing their dog, stating all particulars about him, such as his size, color, what tricks he can do, what work he can do, why he is specially fitted to be a Lone Scout Dog, and why his owner particularly likes him.

That is Class One, and prizes will be awarded for the best dogs, judged from their master's description.

Class Two has prizes for the best worded, written and arranged essay, so that if "Fido" does not win a prize, perhaps his master will be more lucky and get one instead.

Class Three is for the best snapshots received of a Lone Scout in Uniform with his Lone Scout Dog.

Quite a unique method of holding a Dog Show, isn't it?

Don't forget, Lonies, entries must be in not later than Saturday, April 9th.

A Prominent Canadian's Tribute to Baden Powell

Read what the Hon. Lieut.-Col. J. H. Woods, Managing Director of the "Calgary Herald" and Provincial Commissioner of the Boy Scouts of Alberta stated at a Baden Powell birthday banquet:

"No individual man has exerted such a world-wide influence for good on such a vast number of people of all nations as Lord Baden-Powell. His name and example will be remembered when the memory of many of his compeers has faded into oblivion. It is indeed a privilege for any man or woman to be associated with such a movement."

Any full-blooded boy should be proud to be a Boy Scout, and there is plenty of opportunity and room in the ranks of the Lone Scouts for boys who wish to join the movement.

This Week's Scout Law

No. 3—A Scout's duty is to be useful and to help others.

At his initiation as a Scout, every boy promises his Scoutmaster that, among other things, he will "Help other people at all times." Thus it will be seen that one of the keynotes of the Scout Programme is "Service." to put oneself to inconvenience, and

To help someone else often means thus the spirit of unselfishness is fostered. We all know what a miserable type is that person who is always too lazy to do anything for another, or who only offers help in the expectation of reward.

But the Scout should always be on the lookout for an opportunity to assist. He should have no time to be lazy, and of course he helps just because he is a Scout, and has no thought of reward.

In useful activity a contented mind is born. Discontent is only found amongst the lazy and amongst those who have nothing to occupy their time, and Boy Scouts are not to be found in this latter category.

The Scout Programme is essentially one of activity, and the boy who follows it thoroughly will soon find that this duty of being useful and helping others will turn into a very pleanant pastime.

Scout World Meet to Boost Hungary

Hungarians predict that Godollo, near Budapest, will earn a place in history alongside Arrowe Park, England, when the fifth world gathering of Boy Scouts is held there next year. They are counting upon the presence of Canadian Scouts.

Lone Scouting is open to boys who cannot join a regular Troop, and is intended primarily for those living on rural routes in small villages. The programme is carried on through the mail, and Lone Scouts are in constant touch with experienced Scout Leaders who assist them in every way possible. The "Lonies" have opportunities to pass tests and obtain badges, and to attend Scout Rallies and Camps just as the city Scouts do, and Scouting provides for them a congenial, instructive and healthful spare time activity, which will help them to fit themselves for their place in life after they are grown up.

Particulars may be obtained from The Boy Scouts Association, Lone Scout Department, 330 Bay Street, Toronto 2.—"Lone E."

Television Predicted Practical In Decade

Ottawa.—Practical television within ten years was recently forecast by Colonel A. W. Steel technical adviser to the House of Commons committee on radio. More optimistic forecasts were made by representatives of the Canadian Association of Broadcasters who added their support to that voiced by those who are urging the retention of the system of private ownership of radio broadcasting. H. S. Moore, Toronto, leader of the delegation representing the broadcasters, suggested practical television within five years and declared that the proposed seven 50 kilowatt stations would be of no use in the operation of television. Colonel Steel declared that television used radio channels that were not used by ordinary broadcasting and that the two would not conflict.

Immigration Ceases In New Zealand

Auckland, N.Z.—For the first time for about 40 years, departures from New Zealand in 1931 exceeded arrivals. The Dominion enjoyed a long spell of prosperity prior to the war, and in some years many thousands of immigrants arrived from Britain.

Owing to the present unemployment, immigration has practically ceased, and in 1931 there were 1,400 more departures than arrivals.

The increase in the population last year was only 15,800. The total population, including Maoris, is 1,521,000, which is only a fraction of what this country could support.

Peace Promoter

"Sports are proving to be one of the best promoters of good and friendly relations between the people of the world," Chancellor Bruening wrote to the Federal Committee of Athletics recently. "Sports appeal to the masses and devote themselves primarily to the youth, the bearer of the future. The Oympic Games have grown into a festival of peace among the youth of the entire world. I am happy that the German youth will participate in the Olympic Games in Los Angeles in 1932 and will weave new and strengthen old ties with the youth of the United States."

"Way Down Under"

We may be experiencing all the blasts of ice-cold winds but in the Melbourne Zoo this elephant had to be cooled off with an occasional shower bath.

The Lindbergh Baby

MARCH 2, 1932.

By Laura Guyol Wolfe.

"Here is your coffee, Dad, and here's
the paper."
And thus as on a million other days,
The little rite of Labor-for-One-Loved,
"The Lindbergh baby?" — And my
heart stood still!

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Oh Mary Mother ..... you who knew
the pang
Of bitter travail centuries ago
And yet more bitter anguish as you
knelt
Beside the Tomb wherein they laid
your Son,
Pray that the strength once given
you be hers
Who, with another life beside her
heart,
Kneels now in anguish waiting for
her son.

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The prayer of many hearts finds echo in these lines in the Worcester Evening Post:

A NATION'S PRAYER.

By Katharine J. Cronin.

God of all creeds and races,
Heeding our humblest plea;
"Guiding the course of the eagle
Over the lonely sea."

Tender all-seeing Father
Comfort an eaglet lone
Protect him, love and guard him
And send him safely home.

Heart that was pierced with sorrow,
Heed thou a mother's quest—
For the heart of the world is seeking
This eaglet, lost from his nest.

God of the open spaces,
Of land and skies and sea,
Though earthly power may fail us,
Our hearts have faith in Thee.

Bridge Too Quarrelsome For Married Folks Says Judge

Chicago — The bridge experts finessed into a blunder when they invited Judge Joseph Sabath, famous divorce court jurist, to make a speech at a contract tournament.

"Bah, bridge," said the judge, "that's the game that has caused nearly as many divorces as mother-in-laws."

Judge Sabath, who has issued more than 50,000 divorces, turned down the invitation and took the opportunity to issue the following statement concerning bridge tables, husbands and wives:

"If a husband and wife must play brige; although I can't see why they should even want to, they should never be partners. They shouldn't even play at the same table. If they do, there's bound to be fireworks. I have seen countless cases of jangled nerves and serious disagreements result from bridge table arguments. It is my advice to married people not to play the game at all if they want to stay married.

"Marreid folks don't make good bridge players They'd be better off if they didn't even try. You'll notice that in a list of the ten best bridge players, if there are any best players, at least seven of them are unmarried Bridge is all right for bachelors, I suppose, but no married man ever gets very far at it."

Sixth of Scotland's Acres Being Offered for Sale

London—One-sixth of Scotland is for sale. Some fo the biggest landowners north of the border are being forced by taxation and the inevitable inheritance duties to put their estates on the market.

The Duke and Duchess of Montrose, jointly two of the largest landowners in Scotland, are planning to sell most of their estates at Drymen and build a house much smaller than Buchanan Castle. The duke already has disposed of thousands of acres of Scotland's most historic and fertile land. The territory inclues Ben Lomond and a large part of the domain around Loch Lomond, where Rob Roy had his haunts.

He is now offering for sale the valuable estate of Inversnaid and contemplates further disposals of his holdings.

Lord Strathcona and Mountroyal has announced that his Glencoe estate is for sale.

Serious Literature Favored By Germans of Today

Berlin.—Germany publishes about 30,000 books annually, or eighty a day. Much of this is very serious literature. There is an immense amount of books investigating the present political, economic, social situation in Germany, in Europe, in the world. There are candid books on the horror of the last war, on the life of the proletariat, on the crisis of culture. German book shops reflect the sentiment of the people which is wholly stirred up. Even fiction deals only too often with a problem. Investigation, criticism and the search for something better characterize a large portion of present-day Germany's book world.

SELF STARTER.

A man must be a self-starter. The trouble is that so many are waiting to be cranked.—Henry Ford.

Garden Chats

Perennial Climbers

Nothing adds quite so much to the attractiveness of any verandah or wall as a climbing plant. This acts not only as a screen, giving privacy, but also provides the desired shade and a permanent appearance to the residence by breaking harsh lines and taking away bareness from featureless walls. In this country more attention might well be paid to climbers. Moreover, if we are only renting our home we should not run away with the idea that climbers are not for us because there is a very generous list of annual climbing plants, as well as those of a permanent nature. Of course, where one is the owner, a screen that will last indefinitely is advised. In this conection the Dutchman's Pipe, a very broad-leaved plant, is recommended, or we may use the Virginia Creeper, rapid growing and now secured in a variety which is self-clinging on rough surfaces. In the warmer sections of the Dominion, Boston Ivy will grow. In this connection also roses of the rambler type are very satisfactory, providing screens form May until October, and a profusion of flowers during the early part of the season as well. The semi-climbing Paul's Scarlet rose is a beautiful type with large flowers on long stems. Trellis work is usually used to suport all climbers and particuarly the roses, although many of the annuals, as well as Virginia Creeper and Dutchman's Pipe, may be trained on wires or strings. Ivy does best on the wall. Of annual climbers, we have the rapid growing Hops, Scarlet Runner and Hyacinth Bean, Morning Glories and Wild Cucumber. The latter is a very rank growing plant and is inclined to spread indiscriminately.

Fill In With Annuals

Until the perennials have occupied the full space in the bed the vacant spaces may be filled in with annuals such as Sweet Alyssum, in the front, and Gypsophilia Elegans, Portulaca, California and Shirley Poppies. Annual seedlings such as Petunias, Asters, Clarkias, Zinnias and Verbennas may be used for this purpose about the end of May, and Gladiolus and Tulips also work in well. "For best results in keeping down weeds in perennial or shrubbery borders," writes Professor A. Tomlinson of the Ontario Agricultural College, "it is necessary to use a hoe, preferably a Dutch or flat type, quite frequently during the growing season. The ordinary hoe is liable to go too deep and usually much more time is required."

A Word About Soil

A light, deep, sandy loam containing plenty of humus is the ideal garden soil. If ours does not come up to these specifications it can easily be corrected. If too light, dig in strawy manure or if the plot is very small add a few loads of clay. Strawy manure is also advised for improving heavy soil, as well as sand and even a light application of coal ashes. Always dig in vegetable refuse such as tops, leaves and lawn clippings. Plenty of this material, plus frequent cultivation, will put most soils into ideal gardening condition in a few years, although if the sub-soil is very heavy clay, it may be necessary to instal tile under-draining. Never work the soil while it is moist enough to stick to the shoes. When it crumbles if pressed in the hand, it is ready for the spade, but not before. Too early working will cause even light garden soil to bake later on.

Rotate the Vegetables

It is advisable to move your vegetables around the garden from year to year, the practice being known as rotation. One vegetable grown in exactly the same location each season will soon exhaust all the particular nourishment required, and may also fill the soil with disease. This is particularly true also of some flowers, especially the gladiolus. Then there are leguminous crops such as peas and beans which add fertilizer to the soil and should be moved around so that the whole garden will benefit. These will offset the inroads made by such heavy feeders as corn, beets and carrots.

$30,000,000 In Salaries Owed By Argentina

Buenos Aires, Arg.—Argentina owes its civil servants, its army and navy 118,640,000 pesos ($30,000,000) in back pay, the Finance Minister informed Congress recently, urging speedy authorization of the proposed 500,000,000 peso loan to meet salary arrears.

The monthly pay roll of about $9,000,000 has not been met since January 1, he said, and in addition many of the provinces are behind in their civil salaries, particularly those of teachers and police.

Northern Lights to be Studied By British Expedition

London.—One of the British expeditions which will investigate polar mysteries during the second international polar year will concentrate on a theory that aurora borealis is caused by rays from the sun which have been stopped by the so-called "Heaviside layer."

This was revealed in an announcement that Mr. J. M. Stagg, the noted meteorologist, will lead a British expedition of six men to Fort Rae, N.W.T., Canada. This will be one of the many field parties sent out by 13 nations under the auspices of the International Meteorolical Commission.

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