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Canada, The Empire and The World at Large

CANADA

Fighting Mosquitoes

From Orillia, where concerted efforts to eliminate the mosquito pest have been attended by such success that what was once the bane of the Summer season is now virtually non-existent, there comes word of a further advance being scored against this undesired frequenter of Ontario's Summer resorts. It is in the form of an electrically charged screen door to be attached to cottages and other buildings and its inventor is confident that its general use will completely safeguard buildings in which it is installed from all insect pests.—Brockville Recorder.

Beauty of the Railways

The average traveller who uses the Canadian railways is constantly admiring the beauty of the yards about the railway depots. The two big companies and their employees appear to be enaged in a permanent effort to prove that horticulture and railroading go hand in hand. Some of the flower gardens thus prepared are places of real beauty.—Port Arthur News-Chronicle.

The Restless Age

The restless spirit of a community is well indicated by the fact that Toronto's new telephone book records 85,000 recent changes of address.—Toronto Globe.

Staying Married

A Hollywood star and his wife have gone to the pains of inserting a notice in the newspapers to the effect that they have been married 11 years and hope to remain so for many more despite stories appearing from time to time in the gossip sheets. The latter have not yet let it be known whether they can see their way clear to accepting this state of affairs.—Edmonton Journal.

Fruit Farming

The fruit farmer certainly must gamble. He doesn't know whether there will be a bumper crop which gluts the market and ruins prices or one which will be ruined by drought and pests.—St. Catharines Standard.

Sleep

For those to whom the poppy-crowned god Morpheus is a reluctant visitor, Dr. George L. Walton, neurologist, offers encouragement in his book "Why Worry?" when he wrote: "It is astonishing how much sleep can be lost without harm, provided its loss is forgotten." Again, he declared, that it is not work but worry which causes the nervousness which precludes sleep. Nor should the sufferer, he says, jump to the conclusion that it is loss of sleep rather than the worry which makes him wretched. This expert, a consultant at the Massachusetts General Hospital, goes on to say that the best immediate preparation for sleep is the confidence that one will sleep and indifference if one does not.—Moncton Transcript.

Laurier Shrine

In Arthabasca, Quebec, the old home of Sir Wilfrid Laurier is being transformed into a national shrine. Everything is to be restored as Sir Wilfrid left it, and a room he devoted to pictures and statuary of old rural Quebec will be preserved as it was when the great Liberal leader made the house his home and retreat. This is something in which all Canadians, regardless of party allegiance, might wish to have a part. In perpetuating his name and his fame Canadians honor themselves.—London Free Press.

Suitable Answer

Every teacher should ponder the remark of a five-year-old girl. In a phychology test she was asked "Are you a boy or a girl." She looked the teaches squarely in the eyes and solemnly replied "Boy." Later she told her mother, "When a person asks you a dumb question it's all right to give a dumb answer."—Fredericton Mail.

Billboard Danger

The billboard has long been famous as a nuisance. Now it is becoming apparent that it is actually dangerous as well. Col. Frederick S. Greene, superintendent of public works of New York State, declares that the billboard distracts the attention of speeding motorists on country highways and thereby causes traffic accidents.—Vancouver Sun.

A Seller's Market Soon

For the last two or three years Canada has been enjoying a buyers' market. Prices have been so low that the bottom has dropped out of values. Although they did not take advantage of it, people with money to spend were able to secure greater value for their money than for many years. Now a change is on the way. It is coming as a result of [illegible] improvement and as a result the application of natural forces.—Ottawa Times.

Fit For Wedding Bells

Men who join the Metropolitan police force in London must not get married during the first four years of service. At the end of that period they are supposed to be well trained and afraid of nothing, fit for the wedding bells.—Stratford Beacon Herald.

Pioneer in Appendix Removal

The claim advanced in behalf of an Ontario surgeon that he performed the first operation for appendicitis is disputed by friends of none other than Dr. H. A. McIlmoyl, a native of the vicinity of Cardinal, who is still engaged in practice in the neighboring city of Ogdensburg, notwithstanding the fact that he graduated from McGill University as long ago as the year 1876. Moreover, the operation which Dr. McIlmoyl performed on a girl on Grindstone Island, opposite Clayton, in the St. Lawrence, on May 5, 1881, is said to be recognized by the American Medical Association as the first authentic case of its kind in the world.—Brockville Recorder.

Farm Land Value

What is good farm land worth? An Englishman, a friend of ours, stated not long ago that the best land in England, where the average production per acre of all crops is much higher than in Canada, the market is at the door, the growing season is longer and the climate generally more favorable, can be bought for $100 or less per acre, when it can be bought at all. With an experience of two thousand years behind them, English farmers are pretty likely to know what values are. We doubt whether any land in Canada can earn interest on a very much higher valuation than that, except in a very few highly favored spots, and then only by intense cultivation of high-priced perishable fruits and garden truck. One of the principal causes of much of the present trouble of farmers is that they paid, or promised to pay, more for their land than it is worth, and their mortgages represent more than the actual value. Land, like anything else, is worth only what it can earn.—Forest Standard.

Sheep on Quebec Farms

In a great number of farms of irregular surface and dry ground the raising of sheep could be made the principal activity. As a secondary enterprise, sheep production offers great advantages on the majority of farms. The sheep cleans the land and uses up pasturage and byproducts which would otherwise be wasted; provides the family with the wool required and adds to revenue without increasing the work at busy seasons. Despite the many advantages of this product, the number of sheep being raised in Quebec Province is steadily decreasing. Without making it a specialty as they do in Australia, Quebec should have at least five times as much sheep raising as at present. We cannot build up a prosperous woollen industry in the Province on the basis of steadily declining wool production.—Le Progres.

THE EMPIRE

Debt to John Bull

John Bull has signed a trade agreement with Denmark. If our venerable parent can pick up a bit of his lost trade by making agreements with Denmark, Argentina, Norway and Sweden, it is not for us to object, so long as our interests are not sacrificed. Rather should we rejoice, for practical as well as sentimental reasons, since (for one thing) every Briton put back in work is a potential purchaser of Australian food. During the most terrible peace year he has experienced since Waterloo was fought, the Old Man refrained from asking us for interest and something off the principal of that war debt we contracted with his Government. We owe him thanks for that and admiration for the unflinching courage he has shown in all his tribulations.—Sydney Bulletin.

Trade With India

There are signs that trade not only in India but throughout the world is beginning to move again, and of that revival it is essential that those concerned in business between England and India should take the earliest and the fullest advantage. We have emphasized again and again that no two countries in the world are in a better position to profit by lifting of the world depression for their mutual benefit.—Calcutta Statesman.

Drought in South Africa

When sheep are dying by the score great lamentations are heard. But the lamentations are always for the owners. Scarcely a thought seems to be given to the suffering of the sheep. In Australia one sometimes reads of flock masters cutting the throats of their sheep in such circumstances in order to save them from the agony of a slow death. But if similar action is ever taken in South Africa there has been a strange conspiracy to conceal it from the outside world.—Cape Argus.

Juvenile Courts in Hong Kong

The Government Gazette contains a draft bill for creating a new machinery for dealing with juvenile crime in the Colony. Because a system works well in Great Britain, it does not follow that it will be a success ten thousand miles away in Hong Kong. The [illegible] about [illegible] the same everywhere is [illegible] nonsense. There is, however, this in common between the Chinese of Hong Kong and the people of Britain. Both are essentially lawabiding. It is no small thing for a Criminal Sessions, like that just concluded, to contain no cases, none for great seriousness. No one claims perfection for any human institution, but English legal and police methods have justified themselves in this place, and there is no reason why this great experiment in reforming young offenders should not be of benefit both to the youth of Hong Kong and to the community in general.—Hong Kong Press.

A Daring Display of Skilful Riding

Spectators at the recent Tidworth tattoo in Wiltshire, England, are treated to a thrill as two daring horsemen pick up handkerchiefs as their mounts gallop by at top speed.

London Girls Give False Marriage Age

London, Ont.—Two local girls in detention at the observation home are providing local juvenile court officials with a problem.

They obtained marriage licenses from the city clerk's office by declaring they were 21 years of age. Records showed one was barely 1, and the other slightly past that age. Entering the clerk's office with their prospective husbands, they quietly intimated their intentions of being married.

"Are you 21 years of age?" each girl was asked.

"Oh, yes," came the replies.

In the absence of a way of checking the statements the licenses were granted but when birth records were scanned the correct ages were found. The parents were notified immediately and steps taken to prevent the marriages.

One of the young men is drawing city relief at the present time while the other is employed.

Take Precautions If Sleeping Out-of-Doors

Lots of people tell me they are sleeping out of doors on warm fine nights—either in their gardens or on their roofs, writes a doctor. Most of them who do it really seem to think they are better for it; and wake up all the fresher in the morning.

I personally find the same thing myself; and always encourage healthy folk to do this when they ask me about it. Yesterday, one of them came and told me he had tried it, and was quite disappointed. He kept on waking up feeling cold, despite the fact that he was covered with several rugs.

But what he had forgotten was to put enough clothing underneath him, and it must be remembered that you want even more underneath than on top to keep you warm, especially when sleeping on a camp-bed.

Those who prefer putting a mattress straight on the ground must always take the precaution of putting underneath the mattress a good waterproof sheet to keep out the damp from the ground.

British Women Interested in Empire Migration

The annual report of the Society for Overseas Settlement of British Women, or the S.O.S.B.W., as it is more familiarly called—is always an interesting document, for it reflects more aspects of the world's affairs than would appear on the surface, says a dispatch from London, Eng.

The report for 1932 reveals a further decrease in migration, which was to be expected in view of present conditions in the Mother Country and the Dominions, but a noteworthy fact is that the reduction was less for professional women than for other categories. The number of teachers sent overseas was actually slightly in advance of those sent during 1931. South Africa has absorbed nearly 50 per cent. of the settlers placed during the year under review.

There has been no renewal of State assisted passages and immigration regulations have been tightened rather than loosened. Nevertheless, there is evidence that women of good training and professional qualifications are more than ever interested in the question of Empire migration.

Reports on Crops Heavily Guarded

Washington.—A good place to keep out of is the Department of Agriculture's crop reporting offices on a day when a report is to be issued. Intruders get snared in the elaborate device used to prevent premature "leaks" and find themselves imprisoned, sometimes for several hours.

The recent cotton consumption report was held up two minutes because three persons inadvertently blundered into the offices. They found hall doors locked behind them and guards adamant against their pleas to get out.

The entire section of the building is cut off from the outside world on the report days from opening time until the report is issued.

All telephones are disconnected, window shades are drawn and the statisticians go to work.

Cancer Clinic Will Open in London

Like Institutes Now Established By Government in Toronto and Kingston

Toronto.—The establishment of an institute of radio-therapy in London, Ontario, which will be in operation early next year, is announced by the Ontario Government.

About two years ago, cancer mortality figures rose, the Provincial Government started wheels in motion. The first step was the creation of a Royal Commission. The second, completed, was consideration of the commission's recommendations, and the third, now in progress, the implementing of those recommendations.

The commission's chief suggestions were the establishment of institutes at university centres where the public, especially the indigent, might take radio-therapic treatment, the purchase of radium and the establishment of a radium emanation plant, and an educational campaign among medical men and the general public.

Institutes or radio-therapy are already established at Toronto and at Kingston. The third, at London, is to open within a year. The London institute will collaborate with Victoria Hospital. It is proposed to erect a new building for laboratories and treatment clinics and to provide 20 extra beds in the hospital. Building operations will commence shortly.

This and the other institutes will receive all cases, though they are principally designed to meet the needs of those unable to pay for treatment. Already a large number of such persons are receiving the benefit of the best treatment available at Toronto and Kingston.

The next step to be taken by the Ontario Government in respect of cancer cure will be cancer clinics for diagnosis in the outlying districts of the province.

Much has been accomplished already but officials of the Department of Health claim that this is only a start in the war on the scourge.

Rum-Runners Abandon Plane

Coastguards believed this plane to be one of Balbo's seaplanes in distress when picked up off New [illegible] Coast. It was found, however, to be abandoned and full of liquor, one of the first rum-runners of its kind seized.

British Magistrate Presides in Court On 86th Birthday

Reads Without Glasses, Walks to Office; Extends no Leniency on Plea of "Old Age"

Frederick Mead, the Marlborough Street magistrate, smiled once—otherwise it might not have been his 86th birthday at all.

He celebrated it in his court for a whole minute on Saturday.

At 10.30 a.m. he strode in, after his usual walk from London Bridge Station.

Mr. C. H. Hornby, the solicitor, rose to congratulate him on behalf of the legal profession practising in the court.

A smile—the one smile of the long morning—flashed on Mr. Mead's face, and flickered out.

At 10.31 a.m. he was hearing applications.

Mr. Mead was born 10 years after Victoria became Queen. During the Crimean War he was a schoolboy, during the Franco-Prussian War a barrister.

He has sat on the bench since 1889. "Fancy," said everyone in his court, "eighty-six to-day."

"Five shillings," said Mr. Mead.

He sent his court racing through 15 minor cases in 15 minutes. He had men and women moving in and out of the dock in an endless chain.

He was never still. He leant forward so that the light from the big skylight threw a shadow into the little hollow under his cheek-bones.

He leant back, his face, with its grey, sidewhiskers, against the deep crimson of his chair-back, his fingers now interlaced, now fluttering to tug at his cheek or his chin.

He moved restlessly from side to side. Now his eyes halfclosed, now reading rapidly his papers, without glasses.

He listened to pleas of all kinds but one. No one dared to ask for lenience on the ground of old age.

Canada Extends Preference On French Products

Ottawa.—Freer access to Canada of certain French products is provided by Order-in-Council passed last week. It covers certain items which the French treaty provided should become effective only by special order. Meanwhile there have been consultations with the British Government as to items affected by the Ottawa agreement.

The Canadian British preference is to be applied to French novels and works of fiction, but not to include juvenile or toy books, to printed freight rates for railways and telegraph rates in French, to books, printed periodicals and pamphlets. To the intermediate tariff is now admitted French camel, alpaca and goat hair.

The British preferential is also extended to French surgical instruments of any material.

Find Body of Farmer Lost Nine Years Before

Halifax.—Nine years ago Donald Gillis set out from his farm in Margaree Forks to bring the cattle home. He was never seen again, although for weeks the entire district was the scene of one of the greatest man hunts the district has ever known. The search lasted for weeks.

Nine years to the day of the disappearance of the school teacher, Angus Gillis, Dan Gillis and Archie McLellah went into the mountains to look for lost cows. They found a human frame with portions of clothing still adhering to it. The body was identified through these fragments of cloth. Death was believed to be due to exposure.

Says Canada Can Use All British Guiana Rice

Georgetown, British Guiana.—Canada can absorb the entire rice production of British Guiana, S. C. Collier, secretary of the Canada-West Indies League, and editor of the Canada-West Indies magazine, said last week before leaving on his return trip to Canada. He visioned a great future in the Dominion for British Guiana rice, and urged that export rice be shipped in package form.

Speaking at Port of Spain Mr. Collier said that Canadian dealers were prepared to buy all the bananas and limes supplied by Trinidad, owing to a shortage of fruit in the Dominion.

New British Envoy Going to Moscow

London.—The King has approved the appointment of Viscount Chilston as ambassador to Russia, succeeding Sir Esmond Ovey, and received the new ambassador at Buckingham Palace.

Lord Chilston has been minister at Budapest since 1928 and will leave for Moscow in September.

In March Sir Esmond Ovey was summoned to London to report on the Metropolitan-Vickers Case, involving British engineers who were tried by the Soviet government on charges of espionage and sabotage.

Washington Irving's "Sketch Book" was written during 1819-1920.

Dominion Shorts

Apple Export

Ontario apple growers expect a bumper business this fall owing to the failure of the Virginia apple crop which usually supplies the European market.

In Storms

Taking shelter under trees is said to be one the worst things a person can do if caught in an electrical storm. Lying on one's face on the ground is recommended as an alternative. The effect of lightning will power especially if rain is coming down fast.

Leave Guns at Home

Leave your revolvers at home this fall when you start north on your annual hunt, because the newly amended Criminal Code says you cannot take them any longer. If you're caught with one on you, you're not only liable to arrest, but to five years in the penitentiary as well.

Farmer Invents

Western Canada's grain crop no more will be unloaded by scoop-shovel from wagon to elevator and from elevator to box car if an invention of Wasil Gueroloff, farmer, of Waterous, Sask., comes into general use.

The invention, according to Gueroloff, who has obtained Canadian and United States patents, is capable of transferring 100 bushels of grain from one bin to another in 10 minutes.

Vetcraft Only

Vetcraft shops, operated under the department of pensions and national health, will furnish all the poppies for the national poppy day on November 11, according to an announcement made from the Dominion headquarters of the Canadian Legion, Ottawa. Distribution of these emblems will be directed by that organization.

A total of 1,600,000 small poppies together with substantial numbers of wreaths and other mementoes, has been contracted for, with half a million earmarked for distribution in Montreal and Toronto. Last year no government-made poppies were handled in either of these cities. In the Queen City a special committee of citizens supervised the poppy day activities. This committee has now been dissolved, it was stated at Ottawa recently, its work being transferred to the Legion.

Ontario Most Literate

Ontario today leads all provinces in literacy by a substantial margin, the annual report issued by the Ontario Department of Education reveals.

The percentage of persons in the province who could read and write in 1931 was 94.81, the report says, which was an increase over 1931 of 1.82 per cent. At the opening of the century the proportion of the population who were unable to read and write was 10.22 per cent. of the total, whereas in 1931 it was reduced to 5.19 per cent.

Given Tartan

Announcement has been received from the War Office, London, England, through Canada's National Defence headquarters, that the Army Council concurs in the Prince Edward Island Highlanders adopting the pattern and sporran worn by the Black Watch (Royal Highlanders). It is also announced that His Majesty, the King, has been graciously pleased to sanction, as a special case, the wearing of the Royal Stewart Tartan by the pipers of the Prince Edward Island Highlanders.

Mounties' New Method

Mounties always get their man—but they had to think of something new in the way of traps to capture five runaway lads from the Truro, N.S., Training School. Two officers with an insight into juvenile psychology went into the woods near the school and just stood around whistling. One by one, the boys walked into their arms. The Mounties had banked on curiosity doing the trick, and they weren't wrong.

Latin Beauty is a Locomotive Engineer

Senorita Carmencite Venegas, Campos, dreamy-eyed Latin beauty of San Pose, Costa Rica, can wear a mantilla or a pair of [illegible] overalls with equal grace, but she is more at home in the latter.

For Carmencita, 17, is thought to be the world's youngest woman engineer, and the only one on the American continent.

She has her electric locomotive engineer's license, and for a time was employed by the Pacific Railroad System of Costa Rica as a regular engineer, piloting passenger and freight trains over long runs, some of which lasted overnight.

And with those soft hands of Carmencita's firmly grasping the throttle, her lustrous brown eyes peering at the two ribbons of steel flashing toward her through the headlight's glare, passengers were safe. Carmencita was an excellent engineer.

But besides piloting a train with lives of dozens depending upon her coolness and experience, Carmencita is versatile in other ways. She is an experienced motion picture operator, and has repaired hundreds of automobiles in her father's repair shop.

While but a child, Carmencita was absorbed with a curiosity to "know how things work." She tore at clocks to see what made them tick. She never got over that curiosity.

There is this paradox in fear: he is most likely to inspire it in others who has none himself.—Colton.

Former Kaiser Still Wealthiest

Berlin.—With property at 700,000,000 marks ($185,000,000 par), the former Kaiser is the dwindling list of German princes.

This is revealed in the latest tion statistics.

The post-war inflation in pression have played havoc ranks of the wealthy Germans where there were more than mark-millionaires before there are now only 2,300, these belonging to the old families.

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