

Voice of the Press

Canada, The Empire and The World at Large

Canada

A General Idea

—His Honor Judge McLean of Picton, likes a good joke. He tells the one on the foreigner who recently came before him for his naturalization papers. When asked who was the Premier of Canada, the man answered that it was Bennett. To the question who was Premier of Ontario, the man said Henry. But when asked who was the King of Great Britain, the surprising reply was Ferguson.—Trenton Courier-Advocate.

Essential to Prosperity

—Commodity prices are going up and you don't hear even a whimper from the consumer. They all realize that if the country is to be prosperous the greatest producer of all—the farmer—must get a fair price for his produce.—Chatham News.

Nickel and War

—If Canada shut off nickel from all the world, every nation would be on the same footing and the danger of war not lessened, for if history is to be believed, men fought when armed only with the bow and arrow. Much could be said for preserving our nickel resources for Empire use, but this would require joint Empire action.—Moncton Transcript.

Won't be Seen

—Out in Provo, Utah, Mary Mirth Dahlquist has never missed being at Sunday school for eleven years. Now if she had killed her husband and been acquitted, she would have been offered a fat vaudeville contract, but it will be waste of time to watch the electric lights to see the name of Mary from Utah.—Niagara Falls Review.

Paper Money

—The Chinese are given credit for inventing many things centuries before they were discovered in the Occidental world, such, for example, as chinaware, gunpowder and printing. But very few people know that the Chinese were the first to use paper money. Authorities on Chinese history believe that paper money was current in China at the beginning of the ninth century A.D.—London Free Press.

Worth While

—In regard to mothers' allowance, the general verdict in Ontario will be that they have been well worth while, that they have resulted in lesser demands upon public institutions, and that they make it possible for widows to take care of their children in their own homes, a most decided advantage from more than one point of view.—Peterborough Examiner.

Time and Money

—Man arranged the clock to suit himself. Perhaps some day he will see the same can be done with currency which, in itself, is neither half so complicated nor nearly so serviceable as the time-piece was. It has been done with time; let us hope for the day when it is done with money.—Ottawa Citizen.

Canada Will Come Through

—Canada and the Province of Ontario have their problems, plenty of them, but our general position is strong and when contrasts are made with many countries that might be named, our country stands out as a rock of towering strength. Never fear, Canada will come through with colours flying.—Windsor Border Cities Star.

Making More Jobs

—Wier circumstances eliminate a blacksmith shop, it is replaced by a garage or a service-station employing more men; the tradition of the cross-roads carriage shop continued in the automobile factory, and so on down the roll of industry. Among them the engineer, the inventor, the scientist, it appears abundantly proved, have made far more jobs than they have destroyed, and in addition they have added enormously to the comforts and luxuries available to the masses of the people.—Ottawa Journal.

Not in the Curriculum

—In many quarters there will be agreement with Prof. Stephen Leacock's statement before the McGill Society of Toronto to the effect that if a University cannot get along these days without a famous football team it ought to get out of the educational field.—Toronto Globe.

Speed in Russia

—Soviet freight trains, it is contended, do not travel at a faster rate of speed than two or three miles an hour due to obsolete rolling-stock and faulty management. At that rate, the justly-celebrated mixed train from Brockville to Westport is a positive flyer.—Brockville Recorder.

One Drink too Many

—A Montreal judge has ruled that a man can take three or four drinks and still remain in complete possession of his faculties at the wheel of an automobile. Such a rule might apply in one instance and be invalid in others. The safest rule for all



The first photograph together of their majesties King Leopold III and Queen Astrid of the Belgians, since their accession to the throne last month.

Country member.

It is all an effect of deliberate centralization, which has taken many forms.—The Bulletin, Sydney, N.S.W.

Depression's Hardships

The demand for Reno divorces is diminishing. In their present financial condition, many gentlemen have been forced to keep the old models for another year or two.—New York Herald-Tribune.

Fair Warning

—In one of the dime stores last week a "spieler" was selling American diamonds. He ended his appeal to the prospective buyers with the sentence, "You'll have to hurry to get yours. I'm selling them to-day only. To-night I'm leaving town."—Topeka, Kans., Capital.

Clean Hotels For Tourists

Canada Week by Week.
In its latest issue of "The Tourist Bulletin," issued by the Provincial Government Department of Roads, emphasis is again placed upon the need of a high standard of cleanliness in hotels within the province. Although a high standard has already been attained, it is obvious that pressure will be continued to raise it even higher.
The Bulletin says in part: "A great display of luxury is not suitable in a small hotel, but cleanliness should be found in large and small hotels, being at the base of the good reputation of all establishments, receiving giving shelter and food to travellers. We believe that excessive cleanliness would advantageously take the place of luxury, even in large hotels called 'palaces' in Europe."
It is added that all hotels and inns in the province should have an appearance of tidiness that will be "in keeping with the beautiful and good roads, so as to give to the Province of Quebec a reputation of neatness in accordance with the numerous attractions it offers to tourists and travellers."

"Student Prince" Author Is Dead

Berlin, March 18.—Wilhelm Meyer-Foerster, author of the world's greatest stage hit, "The Student Prince," died to-day after a long illness. He was 72.
"The Student Prince" claimed the biggest stage success of all time. It was a dramatized version of a short story Meyer-Foerster wrote in 1899, called "Karl Heinrich." This attained a sale of 20,000 copies within two years.
Its success induced the author to rewrite it as a play. The play has been translated into every modern language, and at present is being produced in Tokio in Japanese and in Johannesburg, Union of South Africa, in English.

Duke of Gloucester Hurt in Steeplechase

Chippinghurst, England.—The Duke of Gloucester, third son of King George, had a nasty spill in the nomination race for the Oxfordshire point-to-point steeplechase, but was not hurt.

The Empire's Jugular Vein

—The Suez Canal is of vital concern to India. Of late the strategic importance of the Canal to India, Australia and New Zealand and the Far East has indeed, in contrast with the apathy of seventy or eighty years ago, been fully realized by Imperial strategists and statesmen. Its defence has figured in all the British discussions with Egypt since the War, and is now, whatever may be the political status of Egypt in the future, regarded as a major British interest. During the Great War Germany described it as the "jugular vein" of the British Empire.—Calcutta Statesman.

Drifting to the Cities

—There has been a persistent drift of people from the country to the city, especially since the War. T. Waites, the N.S.W. statistician, has remarked on it from time to time in his "Year Book," and it is reflected in the distribution of seats in the House of Representatives. At every rearrangement of electrical track men since the Commonwealth was established, the cities have gained seats at the expense of the interior, and the size of country electorates has swelled to such an extent that many outback people never see their member from one year's end to another. Kalgoorlie, for example, spreads over more than 900,000 square miles. Maranoa is three times the area of Victoria. Maranoa is to be enlarged again, and South Australia is about to lose a



The beach of Del Monte, California, is a popular photographic background generally used by movie stars attired in bel bathing suits, basking in the sun. This particular photograph was taken at sunset and all conpires to blend into a beautiful study.

What Does Your Handwriting Show

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(Editor's Note:—Letters are coming in in batches, in response to the author's invitation to readers to analyze their writing. Some delay is unavoidable, as each letter requires careful scrutiny, but replies are being mailed as quickly as possible. If you want your handwriting analyzed, see the announcement at the end of this article.)

A young lady from a small Ontario town sends me a letter, and encloses a specimen of the writing of her sweetheart. Part of her letter follows: "In sending you my own handwriting, and also that of my sweetheart, I would like you to advise me. I am very worried and unhappy. I love my sweetheart very dearly, and I have always thought he reciprocated my affection. But I am beginning to wonder if he really does, and whether he is the right type of man for me. I love him very much, but would rather finish things with him now than to have a lot more trouble and unhappiness later on. We are engaged to be married, but he keeps putting off making a date for the wedding. And I have heard that he goes out with other girls. He admits this, but begs me to forgive him, and assures me that when we are married, he will have nothing more to do with other girls. At the same time, he puts me off by telling me that his business is much too insecure for us to contemplate marriage now. Please advise me."

I am sorry for my correspondent, but am inclined to believe that she is sensible enough to realize, as she says in her letter, that it is better to effect a cure now, rather than make a great deal more trouble and unhappiness for herself later on.

Her own handwriting shows a warm, ardent nature that simply must have the affection of others. She is honest and trustworthy, and has a good deal of natural pride. Her writing shows that she would like to own a home of her own, and that family life would be her meter.

On the other hand, the writing of her friend is not so good. It shows unreliability and a predilection for deceit. He is of a cooler type than my correspondent, not naturally affectionate in the kindly sense. He is of a rather "physical" type.

My advice to the young lady is that the young man is not the one best suited for her. If she marries him, he will deceive her just as he is deceiving her now, because it is his nature to do so.

And there is a streak of dishonesty in him. This, coupled with the very definite indications of deceit, tells me that she will only be unhappy if she continues to go with him.

And, speaking of the practical, she is not getting on, younger. She is losing her opportunities of making the acquaintance of a man who may become fond of her, and make her a good husband.

Do you want your handwriting analyzed? Do you wish to know the character that is shown in it? Send a letter in your own handwriting, with 10c coin and a stamped (3c) addressed envelope to: Geoffrey St. Clair, Room 421, 73 Adelaide St. West, Toronto, Ont. Letters are confidential.

Restocking Methods Proving Successful

Distribution of Trout Fingerlings Throughout Ontario 1,500,000 Annually

We in Southern Ontario, are very apt to overlook the restocking requirements of northern districts, where there are innumerable, accessible and heavily fished waters, so much so that additional protection by Clear Lake, he did not try the finer methods of angling usually employed by the followers of Isaac Walton.

Practically one hundred per cent. of the maskinonge distributed from hatcheries on this continent are fry. Experimental work on the culture of maskinonge fingerlings has been undertaken, but the results accomplished to date are insignificant; in fact, practically nothing is definitely known of the actual requirements to rear this species successfully. It is well known that it is better to plant fingerlings and larger fish, and comparing the pond space devoted to bass culture in Ontario with that elsewhere, it will be found that the quantity of bass fingerlings distributed by the Department in recent years is creditable. Pond culture is only one phase of the subject; sane creel limits, suitable closed seasons, and bass sanctuaries are to be considered also.

The planting of rainbow trout in the French River seems a step in the right direction. Rainbows or steel-heads run into a number of streams tributary to the Georgian Bay and Lake Huron as a result of former plants in the St. Mary's River and in streams adjacent to the Great Lakes.

Certain streams and lakes in Ontario have been stocked with brown trout on an experimental basis, and a hatchery of additions to the Kenora hatchery experimentation with the culture of the species in that district, with restricted distribution of advanced fry has followed. It is only during the past two or three years that the Department has planted brown trout fingerlings to any extent, and although the results of the plantings may be known, it is not in the best interests of conversation to publish the details until the fish become properly established.

All scientific men are not anglers in any sense of the word, and they

Atlantic Ports Hum With Traffic

Heavy Freight Volume Puts Every Railroader in Maritimes to Work

Halifax.—The greatest volume of freight which the Maritime ports has known has been steaming into this city, bringing a new era of prosperity to railroad employees and waterfront men, anguring well for the future of the oldest province.

Tonnage Ahead.

As an indication of the progress of the port: the total tonnage carried by vessels in and out of the harbor in 1932 was 1,458,083 tons. In 1933 it was 1,751,826, and the figures for the first two months of 1934 were 382,994. In January and February, 1932, five months showed a volume of 281,637 tons.

For the first time in history the total volume of cargo tonnage in the port in any one month exceeded 200,000 tons. This record was made in October, 1933, when a total of 206,891 tons were handled. This record was broken in December, when 214,440 tons came in, and again in February, 1934, when the total reached 210,184 tons.

In 1931, in order to look after the grain business, Halifax added a 100,000-ton tower or leg to its grain handling equipment and the following year 209,335 bushels of grain were handled at the port. This was the first Canadian grain ever received over an all-water route from the Great Lakes. The following year, if Halifax had sufficient elevator space, 10,000,000 bushels of grain could have been routed here.

The first arrival of Canadian water-freighted grain made history. The S.S. Steelville, with 215,000 bushels, the Brown Beaver with 97,000 and the Grethred with 274,000, arrived the same day. There has been a vast increase in the water-shipped grain tonnage, which has, incidentally, also helped the railroad, for while some wheat had been coming by water, other products have been coming by rail.

Hopeful of Future.

The Great Lakes saw the start of seven sailings in 1934, with 6,511 tons of cargo. In 1933 there were 94 sailings with 87,555 tons handled in Halifax. In January, 1934, Halifax waterfront employees received \$206,000 for their labors, in February, \$226,000.

Railroad men, some of them out of work for a year or on part time, are happy and contented. They feel that the bad days are over, that the steadily increasing rise in freight is not merely a temporary matter; that even with the easing off of shipments of coal, which have been heavy, due to the cold winter and the high tariff on American bituminous coal, the future is more assured.

For the first time in the history of Canada, apples from the Okanagan Valley have been shipped across Canada in the dead of winter, in temperature-controlled cars, and silk trains so long of the route because of various conditions, are reappearing. In the Alouia, sailing last week from Halifax, the freight was so heavy that her holds were filled and storerooms were used to carry the overflow cargo.

Truro Imports Brakemen.

Truro, N.S.—Happy days are here again, at least for the railway men of this section of the Canadian National system. Freight movements have about doubled in capacity during the past two weeks and now there is an average of about fifteen trains a day clearing from this station, as compared with an average of about eight for the last few years. Every available railway man is employed. And it was found necessary to import brakemen from other sections of the line to handle the freight trains.

Extra Trains.

The hauling of the lumber to ocean ports will create much more activity for freight-handlers on the railways. Already, through the Musquodobit Valley, that branch of the Canadian National system has inaugurated extra train services to meet the demand of the lumbermen and industry closely allied with it.

Bond for Martin Insull Set at \$75,000

Chicago, March 18.—Bond of \$75,000 will be required of Martin Insull when he is returned to Chicago, the state's attorney office announced to-day. The attorney, John J. Quinn, said, "We are not going to take any chances. We will require \$75,000 bond for the return of Martin Insull to Chicago, for the purpose of bringing the former utility of the city."

The bond was set by a grand jury which has indicted Insull—on three charges: larceny, larceny by baillee, and embezzlement. The jury charged him with taking more than \$50,000 from the utility funds.

Two U.S. Railroads Loaned \$2,366,531

Washington.—Two additional loans to railroads totalling \$2,366,531 for new equipment and maintenance were announced recently by Harold Ickes, United States Public Works Administrator.

The Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific was loaned \$1,965,531 for building 75 new passenger cars, air conditioning of 22 dining and lounge cars and installation of 200 loading devices on automobile cars. The New York Central was loaned \$400,000 to pay track men in laying 37,000 tons of rails and fastenings.

Manitoba To Observe Boxing Day Holiday

Winnipeg, March 18.—Boxing Day, Dec. 26, the day after Christmas, will become a statutory public holiday in Manitoba in future if the legislature approves a bill to be introduced next Wednesday by Col. Ralph H. Webb, Conservative member for Assiniboia.

Swift's at Edmonton Raise Wages 10 p.c.

Edmonton, March 18.—Some 325 hourly-paid employees of the Edmonton plant of the Swift Canadian Company, Ltd., have received a wage increase of 10 per cent., effective at once. G. T. Robertson, manager, announced. The increase will add about \$25,000 annually to the company's payroll.