

Voice of the Press

Canada, The Empire and The World at Large

CANADA

RADIO COMMISSION

The radio commission has been the target of much criticism, a large part of it being of the non-constructive type. Much of this criticism has been unfair. But many Canadian radio enthusiasts refuse to admit this. They realize that the commission has put Canada on the air. Several excellent features by Canadian artists have been developed, some of these being so good that they are broadcast regularly by the United States chains. This means that home talent is being employed and encouraged. A large part of the outlay of the commission is for programs, which financially benefits many Canadians directly and many others indirectly.

Another important accomplishment for which the commission should be given credit is the unification of Canada over the air. The fact that the commission has made it possible to broadcast a Canadian program from coast to coast makes for a feeling of unity.

Nor should it be forgotten that the commission has made radio pleasure general throughout Canada by enabling local broadcasting stations to function by providing them with programs. Were it not for these programs many of the stations would find it extremely difficult to carry on, and those who are largely dependent upon these stations for their radio entertainment would be deprived of much of the pleasure which they are now receiving. — Stafford Bacon-Herald.

HITLER'S KINDNESS

Out of the kindness of his heart, Germany's Mr. Hitler proposes to allow Germans sentenced to death to choose their own means of exit. Thus, if a man is sentenced to be executed, there will be placed in his cell a vial of poison and a loaded revolver. If, within a reasonable time, the condemned man fails to make judicious use of either of these, the executioner will simply come along and relieve him of his head in the usual way. — Vancouver Sun.

SLOGANS NOT ENOUGH

In Great Britain they put on a "safety-on-the-highways week." The results was that in that particular week 126 persons were killed and 5,543 injured, the second highest casualty list for British highways on record. The experience suggests that carelessness on the highways calls for something sterner than experiments in road precepts. — Ottawa Journal.

RELIEF FOR BOWED BACKS

Those who have become stooped-shouldered from carrying around pocketfuls of paper money will hail with glee the Ottawa announcement that the new Bank of Canada notes—shortly to be issued in denominations from \$1 to \$50,000 or thereabouts—will be much smaller than our present greenbacks. Smaller, in fact, than the dwarfed currency of United States. — Beaver City Star.

USE OF WORDS

It is related of a Frenchman who studied English that he testified: "When I first discovered that if I was quick I was fast; that if I was fast I was quick; that if I spent too freely I was fast; and that not to eat was to fast. I was discouraged; but when I came across the sentence: 'The first one won one-dollar prize' I gave up trying to learn the English language." This recalls the conversation reported by "Punch" from a whist drive long ago. One player in a set remarked "we are two to two." At a neighboring table another player called out "Are you two to two?" We are two to two, too." What could the Frenchman make of that? — Hamilton Herald.

COURTESY

Making reference to the death of a notable public man it was said of him that he will be remembered for his unflinching courtesy. That feature was stressed and that is as it should be. There is nothing as fine as unflinching courtesy whether it be in man or woman. It smooths the pathway of life and makes contacts with our fellows much more pleasant. No matter what the business may be, courtesy is a great factor in bringing it to success. But courtesy must be something innate, not forced, the outward expression of an inward state of mind.—Niagara Falls Review.

THE OLD FAMILY DOCTOR

The old family doctor type has been given a new lease of life though many have feared he was soon to be extinct. Dr. A. R. Dafoe, of Callander, who brought the Dionne quintuplets into the world is a case in point. The Journal of the American Medical Association has paid the highest tribute to the doctor, who serves along the concessions and settlements. There is still and will always remain room for the old style family practitioner as well as the other type of physician for both are necessary in this world of births and deaths and developments.—Ontario Intelligencer.

BICYCLES AND CHILDREN

"During the past few weeks there have been a number of close calls of boys and girls in town being either killed outright or at least severely injured, as the result of careless riding on bicycles. Just last week a boy, through downright carelessness, ran into a motor car, but fortunately neither the bicyclist nor the auto driver was going very fast, and the only result was a bad scare on the part of both. It is useless on the press to warn the children of the danger they run, for that is a duty devolving upon the parents, and every father and mother should impress upon their sons and daughters the absolute necessity of using precaution while riding when crossing streets in the centre of blocks. At crossings pedestrians have some rights, but in the centre of blocks they apparently have none.—Perth Expositor.

FLIES ARE SO STUPID

Flies become a nuisance this time of year. Until now it seems they have been content to go hopping about elsewhere but in recent days they have taken to coming in here. What they expect to find is not the slightest idea. And yet they sit on the parliamentary guide, the dictionary, look over all the papers and sit on the top of one's head. Flies are meant that way. We are sure flies are stupid. Right near to the building there is a restaurant which keeps open long hours each day and night. If they knew anything at all they would not be wasting their time around an editorial office where no victuals enter. They would be snooping around the restaurant next door or departing on an excursion to the grocery store on the street. Even a brindle cow knows more than to pasture on a concrete highway surface, and a dog knows enough not to start chasing a cat when dinner dishes are being cleared. But the flies seem to be such stupid things.—Walkerton Times-Herald.

THE EMPIRE

AN AGED VINE

The grapes on the 166-year-old vine at Hampton Court Palace are now ripe, and cutting was begun on Sunday. The fruit was sold to visitors at 6s a pound, including a carrying basket made by the blinded inmates of St. Dunstan's Hostel. The grapes on the vine, which was planted in 1768, are of the black variety and of fine quality, the bunches aver-

Celebrate Hop Harvest



Boom Hop Harvest in Oregon with record prices likely is being celebrated by 20,000 Oregonians in festival at Independence, Ore. Omega Marjorie Plant (right) awards picking trophy to Mabel Allen.

'Chute Tangles, Pilot Dies



Enroute to Rhode Island with load of tear gas, Pilot Ten Taney of Pittsburg, died as plane crashed near Bedford, Pa., his chute becoming entangled in plane.

aging from 1 lb. to 1 1/2 lbs. in weight. The vine is bearing about 500 bunches—some years ago the yield was about 2,000 bunches. During the Summer the vine has been inspected by thousands of visitors, who have paid a penny each to enter the vineyard.—Inverness Review.

BUILDERS OF ENGLAND.

Devonshire raises the agricultural laborer's wage. It is the fourteenth county to do so. The laborer is too often forgotten when we think of agriculture, but the yeomen of England built her greatness in the past.—London Express.

Leather Bows, Flowers, Bracelets and Clips, Fashion's Latest

There are frills and thrills for the feet in Paris—if seeing is believing. Afternoon dresses of marvellously colored prints are all a rustle with frills and ruchings, large and small. Some are of the frock itself, while others stand out in crisp white contrast around the neckline and cuffs.

And the new shoes are not to be outdone. They, too, repeat the ruffled theme. The just-out blue and brown kidkin shoes have nifty little butterfly bows and odd trimmings lined with white, knotted coils of stitched and pleated kidkin tabs.

Leather flowers are doing their smart duty several places too—on plain kidkin pumps, either at the side or in front, and also are to be found trimming leather and fabric purses, belts, hats and the gauntlet cuffs of gloves.

Leather bracelets and clips are new some even set with stones while others are content to ornament them, selves with knots of leather or bits of bead, glass or straw.

Heads Two Sets of Five Generations

Proud head of two sets of five generations, and with 14 children, seven living between 50 and 60 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren, David Noakes of London, England, celebrated his 100th birthday. He was married twice.

Improving Economic Position Shown By Latest Relief Figures

Ottawa.—Arresting statistics made available by the Department of Labor show, as one of the most satisfactory features of the Dominion's improving economic position, the extent to which expanding Canadian business is affording re-employment to the heads of families.

As compared with May, the figures show, the number of heads of families drawing direct relief dropped from 265,796 to 226,959 for the month of August just ended. During the period, accordingly, approximately 39,000 Canadian family heads achieved a sufficient measure of economic re-establishment to do without public aid.

The number of dependents who were dropped from the relief rolls as a consequence was no fewer than 174,934.

The drop throughout the summer in the number of direct relief recipients has been steady, as each month has afforded a higher volume of employment. Costs to the Federal Treasury are also, accordingly, on the down grade. Whereas the May cost was \$36,500,000.

Jobless Man "Ends It All" By Sitting Nude on Hornets' Nest

Tampa, Fla.—The stings of scores of hornets killed Ramon Perez, 34, unemployed cigar maker who leaped nude into a colony of the insects with the avowed intention of killing himself.

Perez died after suffering hours from the stings. He was in the swarm of hornets for about 10 minutes. He went from his home to an adjoining vacant lot, removed his clothing, and sat down in the midst of the insects.

New Homes Provide Room For Games

Ten out of twelve of the houses being built today provide game rooms, a prominent architect declares. He is not talking solely about luxury homes, he insists, but about moderate-priced structures to be occupied by families with average incomes.

"The game room has come to have a definite place in the home scheme," he explains. "Especially is it important when there are young people growing up in the house. The game room gives them a place to which they may bring their friends and find equipment especially designed for the kind of amusement they like best.

Most important of all, since the ideal game room generally is isolated as much as possible from the rest of the house, the young folks can make all the noise they please and nobody else will be disturbed."

The ideal place for the game room, of course, especially when it must be inserted into a house that already has overtime use for every room, is the cellar. The cob-webby, cluttered basement, useful only for holding the furnace and those intricate winding pipes that nobody ever seems to know the use of anyway, is no longer fashionable.

WILLING HELPERS AVAILABLE
The clever householder, contemplating the installation of a game room, will interest not only his young people but the sons and daughters of his neighbors in the project. Then, before he knows it, he will have a

volunteer corps of carpenters, fixers and planners whose eager enthusiasm will make up for minor lacks in technical skill.

In some successful cellar play rooms, the ugly fixtures of which every basement seems to unnecessarily full, are hidden by false walls. But if they must show, it the youngsters paint them to match the general color scheme.

STAGE IN ONE CELLAR
One cellar playroom that has proved especially successful in a large family has one corner devoted to a stage where amateur theatricals are performed. Another, belonging to a family of fishermen and hunters, is decorated with the trophies brought home by proud anglers and good shots. If it is not possible, as it sometimes is not, to dedicate an entire room to the game idea, the living room may be made to serve the purpose if one corner is fitted with a table for games and comfortable chairs for the players.

The room where Norma Shearer and her husband entertain their friends at cards has walls panelled in dull-finished wood and a floor carpeted in dull blue-green, with furniture covered in various shades of beige and brown and draperies in henna.

YOUR DRAPES
You can carry out any color scheme with little expense if you are clever with your fingers. Unbleached cotton may be dyed at home to any shade you wish. A ball fringe to match may be bought for a few cents a yard. Checked or plaid gingham or an expensive cretonne may be used to cover old furniture and you may buy lovely shades of paint and lacquer and have a perfectly lovely time "going up" your game room to the Queen's Taste at an expenditure of a few dollars.

Such a room may well provide fun for all the members of the family. Mother could have her bridge club there or Dad his poker party without disturbing the rest of the house. There might be a folding ping-pong table and if there is a small stage, there could be charades, tableaux and

all sorts of "stunts" for both your own children and the neighbors. It would be a good way to keep the youngsters at home during the long winter evenings.

Marine Disasters In Past Century

While the loss of life in the Morro Castle tragedy was appalling, other marine disasters of the past century have taken bigger toll.

Following is a list of the more notable marine disasters in the last 80 years:

March, 1854 — Steamer City of Glasgow left Liverpool for Philadelphia; never heard from; 450.

Sept. 13, 1856 — Steamer Austria, Hamburg to New York, burned in mid-ocean; 471.

Oct. 25, 1859 — Steamer Royal Charter wrecked; 446.

April 27, 1865 — Steamboat Sultana, with exchanged Union prisoners, destroyed by boiler explosion on Mississippi near Memphis; 1,700 (approximately).

Oct. 29, 1867 — Steamers Rhone and Wye and about 50 other vessels wrecked at St. Thomas, West Indies, by hurricane; 1,000.

Sept. 7, 1909 — British warship foundered off Finisterre; 472.

April 1, 1873 — Liner Atlantic wrecked off Nova Scotia; 547.

Dec. 6, 1874 — Cospatrick burned at sea; 470.

Sept. 3, 1877 — Princess Alice sunk in collision in the Thames; 700.

Sept. 19, 1890 — Turkish frigate Ertogrud foundered; 540.

March 17, 1891 — Utopia sunk by collision off Gibraltar; 574.

June 25, 1894 — Steamship Norge wrecked in North Atlantic; 600.

Feb. 15, 1898 — Battleship Maine blown up in Havana harbor; 260.

July 4, 1898 — La Burgogne in collision with Cromartyshire; 560.

June 15, 1904 — Excursion steamer General Slocum burned in East River; 1,021.

June 28 — Steamer Norge wrecked off Scotland; 646.

Sept. 13, 1905 — Japanese warship Mikasa sunk by explosion; 599.

April 14-15, 1912 — Titanic sunk by iceberg; 1,513.

Sept. 28 — Japanese steamer Kikermaru sunk off Japan; 1,000.

May 29, 1914 — Empress of Ireland sunk in collision with Danish collier Storstadta; 1,024.

May 7, 1915 — Lusitania sunk by German submarine; 1,198.

July 24 — Excursion steamer Eastland capsized in Chicago River; 812.

Feb. 26, 1916 — Cruiser Provence sunk in Mediterranean; only 870 saved of nearly 4,000 aboard.

June 5 — Cruiser Hampshire sunk by German mine; Earl Kitchener and several hundred others lost.

Aug. 29 — Chinese steamer Hsin Yu sunk off China; 1,000.

July 9, 1917 — British warship Vanguard blown up at her dock; 800.

Dec. 30 — British transport Aragon torpedoed in Mediterranean; 610.

April 25, 1918 — Chinese steamship Hankow; 500.

May 10 — British troopship Santa Anna torpedoed; 638.

June 14 — U.S.S. Cyclops left Barbados and never heard from; 293.

July 12 — Japanese battleship Kawachi blown up; 500.

Oct. 6 — Otranto, British ship with U.S. troops, sunk in collision off Scotland; 431.

He Thinks He Must Be Getting a Bit Old

At 97 He Only Handled 200 Barrels of Potatoes Last Harvest

Vernon Griffin, born at Black River, N.S., almost 97 years ago still gets up before 6 o'clock, makes the fire and performs the usual farm chores. He admits, however, that he is getting old because during the last harvest he dug and handled only 200 barrels of potatoes and fears his limit this fall will be 150 barrels.

Fewer Dead Letters

Annually it costs the postal authorities of this country, as of other countries, a considerable sum of money to trace and return to the senders all of the letters, parcels and other mail matter which are improperly addressed or otherwise fail to reach the intended destination.

One may, therefore, easily understand the rejoicing on the part of the postal authorities when they are able to announce that, as a result of greater co-operation from the public, there was a reduction in the number of articles reaching the Dead Letter Office during the past year.

The department adds, however, that much more co-operation from the public is still required before the desired results may be attained, and it suggests that the following rules be observed by the senders of mail in order to prevent the letter finding its way to the Dead Letter Office:

1. Complete addressing, including use of street and number when required.
2. Use of return addresses on all mail so that undeliverable matter may be returned promptly, unopened.
3. Full prepayment of postage.
4. Careful packing of parcels.
5. Use of correct mailing lists.
6. Correct address on all stationery.
7. Tie-on labels to be avoided as, owing to these labels becoming detached, there is the danger of the article being left in the mail without proper address.

Failure to observe these simple rules in the preparation of articles for the post very often leads to delays, expense and annoyance. It also costs the people of Canada a considerable sum of money each year through the necessity of maintaining Dead Letter facilities.—Perth Courier.

Backward, Upward For Your Hair Line

Chicago.—The feminine bob is getting longer.

This was ascertained at the Hairdressers' and Cosmetologists' Association convention where leading coiffeurs forecast fall and winter hair styles.

The new bob is from an inch and a half to two inches below the natural hairline where it stopped this summer, said Louis Prange, president of the Coiffeurs' Guild of New York.

But it is the difference in the fall silhouette that is going to make this summer's bob look as out of date as last winter's hat, it was learned from this expert. The new bob has a backward and upward sweeping line, as he described it, and it fluffs out in back yet manages to maintain a line shaped to the head.

He stressed that where formerly the side ends were curled toward the face, they are now curled away, which gives that new backward and upward line. Where formerly waves on the sides of the head were set almost horizontally, they are now placed in the hair at a decided angle.

Do Your Bit

A story is told of a medieval village that decided to hold a great feast. To insure its success, a huge cask was built, into which each participant agreed to pour a bottle of wine. "If I fill my bottle with water," soliloquized one, "and empty it into the barrel with the others, surely it won't be noticed." The big day arrived, and with all the villagers assembled together the great cask was tapped. And lo! only water flowed forth. Each of the villagers had also reasoned, "My bit will not be missed." Community feasts have gone out of style, but not the moral of this tale.—Lowell Banner.

Youngest Candidate For Judge Is Woman

Dansville, N.Y.—Unopposed in the primary for the Democratic nomination, Miss Helen Pratt, 25-year-old village attorney, is the youngest candidate ever in the field in Livingston County for county judge and surrogate.

Miss Pratt, a graduate of Albany Law School in 1923, has acted as a law practice acquired from her father, who died a few months after her return from law school and after they had formed a partnership.

Despite her practice and duties as village attorney, a post she has filled since 1923, Miss Pratt finds time for aviation, riding and other athletics.



Bring on all your poisonous snakes, venom and all. This young South African, toys with them as a baby does a rattle. Here he's carrying a python.