

# Voice of the Press

Canada, The Empire and The World at Large

## CANADA

### EMPIRE FRUIT

Canada this year has imported 100,000 cases of oranges from South Africa—five times as many as in any previous season. This is a very satisfactory volume of business of benefit to both parties, but after all it is only an introduction to the potential market in this Dominion for Empire fruits.—Ottawa Journal.

### THE BRITISH WAY

Pride in achievement is a satisfying reward for most of those intangibles which build up the traditions upon which mighty empires have been founded and upon which a people is cemented. The British race, of course has no need to shout from the housetops or to boast as noisier nations of their accomplishments. They speak for themselves.—Brandon Sun.

### IN TIGHT SHOES?

If a woman wishes to be really smart this winter she must wear a colored ring on the small toe of her left foot to match the color of the nail varnish she uses on her fingers.—Yorkshire Telegram.

### WONDERFUL, ISN'T IT?

Modern blessings are manifold. Today you can step into your car and go anywhere your wife says, provided your children agree.—Aylmer Express.

### TEAR DOWN OLD SHACKS

While Cornwall shacks scattered over the right side and kind, it has some that it should be better without. There is quite an assortment of decrepit old shacks scattered over the civic landscape—houses in almost the last stages of disintegration, apparently only waiting for the first wind to flatten them. How they stand up is a mystery.—Cornwall Standard.

### REMEMBERED HIS ALMA MATER

In accordance with directions contained in his will the technical library of the late Major J. Mackintosh Bell of Almonie has been dispatched to Kingston where it will be placed in Miller Hall, Queen's University, and will form the nucleus of a library in geology and geography for graduate students to be known as the Mackintosh Bell.—Almonie Gazette.

### GANDHI AGAIN

Gandhi, it is said, plans to retire from leadership of the All-India Nationalist Congress, but retirement means little to the Mahatma's secretary, but somewhat exciting life. Time and again he has been "re-fired" by the British authorities for preaching civil disobedience, but has gone on fast and furious fasts, but has always, lobbed up again, full of vim, vigor and vitality.—Boston Cities Star.

### PUBLIC DEBT

A United States Journal, writing on government spendings warns the people that each dollar of new debt incurred by the government is a mortgage on the earnings and property of every citizen. To-morrow, it will be foreclosed in the form of confiscatory increases in the levies on incomes an additional impost on all commerce. Your home, your means of living, constitute the collateral your government offers. Public debt, mortgages your security and that of your descendants.—Brandon Sun.

### MYSTERY OF COLDS

There is no greater service medical science can do mankind than by discovering the germ or whatever it is that causes that most prevalent human ailment, the cold, yet doctors know less about the common cold than about any other of man's ills, with the possible exception of cancer. Almost everybody has at least one cold a year, with consequent discomfort and loss of work. It is estimated that more than half of all the time lost through sickness by employees is due to bad colds.—Sarnia Observer.

### RIVALRY OF CHIVALRY

In a recent issue of the London Times, a report was given of a dinner of Knights of the Round Table Club, when the principal address for its theme the need of Chivalry for Chivalry at the universities. The speaker said he had a practical purpose in putting it forward, and the idea was welcomed by the audience. "The Professor of Chivalry the speaker hopefully anticipated, would be an authority on the medieval romance, acquainted with the whole literature of chivalry, but his task would be to revive in the universities, and through them in the whole country the lost spirit of an earlier age."—Halifax Herald.

### GOOD EXCUSE

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### SHE'S STAY

"Greta Garbo" a Hollywood despatch says, "signed a new contract with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer today at a reputed salary of \$300,000 a picture, and announced that she would not return to Sweden." The last part of the despatch looks like a waste of perfectly good money in telegraph tolls.—Border Cities Star.

### THE SPAN OF LIFE

The span of life is enlarging and that includes the span of physically fit life. The forties are undoubtedly a time for beginning cautious living but no man should be turned down for a job because he has turned the fourth decade.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

### THE BEST

Premier Doumergue of France, is proposing changes in the constitution, which will give the cabinet greater power. The moves are along the lines of the British parliamentary system, which the test of time has proven is the best system of government for man by man yet devised.—London Free Press.

### GOLD AND SILVER

The old saying that the yellow races prefer the white metal while the white races prefer the yellow metal holds good. It would be very difficult to wean the Chinese from their affection for silver. The efforts which have been made in India with the same end in view failed conspicuously.—Hamilton Spectator.

### A BUSY TOWN

Quite recently, one of our business men was telling us that he had some work for a young man to do, and had a hard time finding such a person who was unemployed, and finally had to get an older man to do the work. Just at the present time, Tavistock's four major industries are working full time, and in fact, one is working 24 hours a day, and another 10 hours a day, with overtime two or three times a week. Show us another village of this size where a young man unemployed is hard to find.—Tavistock Gazette.

### COMMON COLDS

Two California professors have challenged existing theories. It is said: "They have not been able, they say, to infect one person with the cold of another. Inoculation will not work, and they doubt very much the theories held almost everywhere about the disease. It is being highly catching. They think also that germs are a result, not the cause of the disease. Some day, presumably we shall know."—Saint John Telegraph-Journal.

## THE EMPIRE

### THE TOLL OF THE ROADS

Official figures show that the terrible weekly increase in road deaths ceased some time ago. And now for several weeks a downward tendency has set in. But a really successful crusade against road accidents will have to tackle the whole road system. So long as pedestrians and all kinds of traffic are mingled chaotically together on one road surface properly. That will be a long business of building modern roads with verges and separate tracks for different sorts of traffic. The longer the job the quicker it had better be started.—London Daily Herald.

### THE COMMON COLD

The announcement that the executives of the late Sir Henry Royce's estate have in terms of his wishes decided to devote a tenth part of his estate to founding two research fellowships for discovering a cure for the common cold and influenza will be universally welcomed. This is an act of real benevolence which we all hope will triumphantly achieve its purpose, for there are few indeed who are prof against what must be regarded as being both the least and the greatest of human ailments. Even if we ignore the serious consequences of complications that often follow a cold there remain the loss of time and efficiency with which the milder types of infection are inevitably associated.—Glasgow Herald.

### INVENTIVE WOMEN

Nearly all the psychologists agree that the feminine mind is quick and intuitive, but always imitative, never inventive, and now, with the example of Mrs. Richardson of Shepherd's Bush, before them, they can guess again, for she has won the first prize at the International Exhibition of Inventions with her device for finding and identifying radio stations. She may puzzle the psychologists, but will surprise nobody who has seen the improvement.

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## Out Of Uniform



"Wie Geht's, Leutnant"—Hand extended, Chancellor Adolf Hitler of Germany eagerly greets an officer of his guard after official reception of foreign diplomats in Berlin.

### Hair-Dyer Loses When Cook Sues

Risks, Says English Judge  
London.—Judge Sir Alfred Tobin gave his views on women's hair during the hearing of a case against a hairdresser. "We always heard of grey hairs being treated with respect," he said.

### AWAITING CONQUEST

Britain gained the mastery of the seas not by the multitude of her people, but because of the intrepidity of her navigators. The air is now waiting to be conquered. We should see that we master it just as we controlled the seas. It is not in warships that we have dominated the oceans, but in commerce and ships of commerce. So also in airships of commerce we must make our advance.—London Express.

### TIPS

The illogicality of the system of tipping and the desirability of eradicating it are emphasized anew in the volume of "The Survey of London Life and Labor," published today. Nothing would please the public more than to rid of the practice. It operates unfairly as between man and man, since one person gets tipped and another does not.—London Daily Mail.

### BRITISH GUIANA'S PROBLEMS

Houses roofed with gold and streets lined with diamonds were what the early explorers confidently expected to find in British Guiana. But the vision faded and, though a quantity of diamonds and gold has been taken out of the country during the last 400 yrs, British Guiana today is almost as much awaiting development and settlement as is ward Denham the former Governor, wealth of British Guiana are tapped, it can only be by the advent of men and money on a scale to determine the problems of this "undeveloped asset of the British Empire." Assuredly immigration will not solve a title of British Guiana's problems. It may bring some local benefit in the long run, however and may also serve to direct world-wide attention to the vast possibilities of the woefully undeveloped of all British possessions in the neighbourhood of the Caribbean.—Trinidad Guardian.

### Toronto Surgeons Lengthen Man's Leg

Toronto, Ont.—Orthopedic surgeons at a hospital here are bringing to fruition a test case in which they seek to make the legs normal of a man born with one shorter than the other.

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### Winter Sport

On the trail of health and sport, two skiers invaded the winter sanctuary of the Riffelberg above Zermatt, Switzerland. Looming in the rear are the famed twin peaks, Matterhorn and Dufourspitze.

## Car Accident Toll Mounts in Ontario

Toronto.—Automobile accidents in Ontario for the first nine months of 1934 were 9.2 per cent above the same period last year, with the death toll at 260, Hon. T. B. McQueen, Minister of Highways announced recently. The minister declared the figures "clearly indicate that stricter measures must be adopted." These stricter measures he continued would mean increased fines and jail penalties. Increases in the suspension period for licenses of drivers convicted of offence also will appear. "There were many more cars on the road this year than last," the minister said.

## Potato Harvest of 1934

According to the preliminary estimate recently issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the total production of potatoes in Canada in the year 1934, will be 47,341,000 cwt from 568,800 acres or 83 cwt. per acre, as compared with a revised estimate of 42,745,000 cwt. from 527,700 acres or 81 cwt. per acre in 1933, and 46,017,000 cwt. from 564,000 acres or 82 cwt. per acre, the average for the five years 1928-1932. By provinces the yields in cwt. per acre are, in order as follows, with last year's figures within brackets: New Brunswick 128 (115); Prince Edward Island 129 (100); British Columbia 112 (96); Nova Scotia 112 (91); Quebec 97.7 (101.9); Ontario 69.6 (64.2); Manitoba 50 (63); Alberta 53 (58) and Saskatchewan 31.4 (50.0).

There is an increase of 7.8 per cent in the 1934 potato acreage over that of 1933. In addition the yield per acre in Canada was 2.5 per cent higher in 1934 than in 1933, so that the total production is placed at 10.5 per cent above the 1933 level.

## Mary Looks Ahead

Mary Pickford interviewed by the Kansas City Times  
—I had some interesting talks with Harpo," she said, "and he tells me television is much nearer than we think. It's going to be a staggering blow to the movies, but I think they will survive it. It seems certain to bring back the legitimate theatre but for a time at least, there will be a tendency to have all mechanical entertainment played direct to the home.

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"I am sorry it happened," she said. "You should take more care when you are walking. I have been driving a car for seven years."

"Well," replied the victim, "I am not a novice myself. I have been walking myself for fifty-seven years."

## \$26,000,000 Revenue Gain

### Canada's Earnings For Seven Months Soar; More Also Spent

Ottawa.—Recovery of business is reflected in the Dominion revenue statement for the first seven months of the fiscal year. Total ordinary revenue shows an increase of \$26,000,000 for the period April to October, inclusive.

The big producer was the sales tax, which, with excise taxes, yielded \$63,863,000 since April 1, or \$8,900,000 more than the corresponding period last year.

Customs revenue, totalling \$45,000,000 was \$9,000,000 ahead of last year, excise duties totalling \$26,000,000 were \$5,000,000 up, income taxation yielded \$49,404,000 and \$1,000,000 better than last year, while the gold tax thus far has brought in \$3,873,145.

Loans and advances to provincial governments so far this year have totalled \$23,862,558. Unemployment relief for the seven months under review totalled nearly \$23,000,000, or nearly \$6,000,000 more than in the corresponding period of last year.

## No 'Plane Allowed On Coat-of-Arms

Airplanes Are Not Heraldic, Say Noted Authorities  
London.—"Airplanes are unknown in heraldry." That is the official reason why the Duke of Bedford cannot honor his wife, the "Flying Duchess," in a new coat-of-arms.

The duke had prepared a new armorial shield. One of the quarterings showed an airplane. But the Herald's College, final authority in such matters, said "No."

Never since the days of chivalry had any coat-of-arms borne a flying machine. So airplanes are barred.

"I wonder what today's knights and dames of the air will think of that," says the duke.

He has hung the shield he had prepared for the duchess among all the other coats-of-arms of all the duchesses which blazon the walls of Woburn Abbey.

The present duchess was the only one who did not bring a coat-of-arms to the Duchy of Bedford when she married.

She was Mary du Caurroy Tribe, daughter of Archdeacon Tribe of Lahore.

But since she became world famous by reason of her flying exploits in all parts of the globe, the duke—in true line with the spirit of chivalry—determined to commemorate her deeds for their descendants by a coat-of-arms. He has failed.

## Stanley Park Damaged

If storms like that of Sunday were frequent it would be necessary to provide dugouts for visitors to Stanley Park to take refuge in. But then, if such storms came often, we should soon have no Stanley Park.

Sunday's storm, it is estimated, blew down 2,500 trees, great and little, in the Park's 900 acres. It will be a big job to clear up the debris and the tangle. And it will be almost as big a job to repair the damage by reforesting. The chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners has expressed the opinion that it will take a hundred men throughout the winter to push the park back into proper condition.

The park is in an exposed position and its great trees, some decades ago and subjected during half a century now to the corroding influences of civilization, are growing more and more vulnerable. It is becoming apparent that we shall not be able to keep them always. Whether we like it or not, Stanley Park will have to be made over.—Vancouver Province.

## Death at the Wheel

(Ontario is not alone in voicing concern over the rising toll of road fatalities. The following selection of editorial opinions on dangerous driving and traffic problems is taken from recent issues of American newspapers published in nearby cities of the Atlantic seaboard.)

## THE AMERICAN TOLL

New York Journal: Before 1934 has ended, about 35,000 persons will have been killed in the United States in automobile accidents, as the National Safety Council believes, results from: Relaxed law enforcement; use of old vehicles rendered unsafe by wear or neglect; greater speed of new cars; increased use of liquor by motorists. Every auto, mobile driver should keep these four facts in mind, if he cares to live.

## RECKLESS DRIVING (Baltimore)

Baltimore Sun: The statement of Judge Robert F. Stanton that, in dealing with cases of motor-vehicle drivers convicted of manslaughter in accidents, he will not try to pressure for probation, should serve as further warning to reckless drivers of the possible consequences of their indifference to human life. When the heavy week-end toll of casualties in this city and vicinity is noted, Judge Stanton's attitude needs neither explanation nor apology. It is not possible to persuade the public that the heavy toll of death on the highways is not due in large part to reckless driving. And there is much reason to believe that if fatal accidents were closely followed up—as they are likely to be some time in the future—more motorists would find themselves brought up on charges of manslaughter which our courts and juries are treating with increasing severity.

## IN PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia Inquirer: Highways outside the business district have become speedways where reckless drivers rush past red lights with impunity. Badly synchronized signal lights and no signal lights at all intersections; absence of painted traffic lines to direct the course of travel on wide highways and one-way streets; scrambled parking rules that only add to the general confusion and confusion, all play a part in hopelessly deadening traffic control in this city. Street accidents continue to take their daily toll; the menace of drunken driving is on the increase.

## IN RHODE ISLAND

Providence Journal: During the first ten months of this year an increase of forty-six per cent, over the corresponding period of 1933 has been recorded in the number of automobile accident fatalities occurring on Rhode Island highways. The ten months' total for this year is greater than the twelve months' total for last year. November and December fatalities may push the 1934 fatality list to the highest point reached in several years. The situation which now exists makes evident the necessity for a fresh, thorough study of the accident problem with a view either to the revision of strategy or to the stimulation of fresh efforts along established lines.

## ACCIDENTS AND REPEAL

Washington (D.C.) Post: The increase in the number of fatalities, happily cut down in October, is still disturbing. All factors contributing thereto must be examined and so far as possible eliminated. The thesis that repeal is responsible for a striking increase in local automobile fatalities is somewhat undermined by publication of the October figures. There were eleven traffic deaths last month as compared with fifteen in October, 1933.

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