



Have You Heard?

How is it you never have a new suit? ... "How is it you never have a new suit?"

A political platform is made of planks, but we suppose the ladies will add a rug and a rubber plant.

Farmer—And how's Lawyer Jones doing, Doctor? Doctor—Poor fellow, he's lying at death's door.

Friend—How's your business? Business Man—Huh! I'm just on my way to the drug store now to get some chloride of lime to sprinkle on it.

Laws are much like cobwebs which catch many small flies, but let the wasps and hornets break through.

Mrs. Jones could only find two wise seats—one behind the other. ... "When your troubles weight you down, invest in a new set of thinking scales."

Man—Are you afraid of the germs they claim are so thick on our paper money?

Friend—Not a bit. My money goes out so fast no germ could be quick enough to get from it to me while its in my possession.

Pupil (after lesson creation)—But, teacher, Daddy says we are descended from monkeys.

Teacher—We can't discuss your private family affairs in class.

World's Biggest Nose

The huge cavities in the skull of the sperm whale, which seem like tanks for storing the valuable sperm-oil of commerce, have only recently been recognized as the creature's nostrils!

Through the bones, fat, oil and consecutive tissue of this vast organ run the nasal passages, the right and larger one capacious enough to admit a man.

This unique control of its breathing apparatus enables the whale to "hold its breath" when it dives to a depth of a mile, and also prevents the tremendous pressure at that depth from forcing the air out of the whale's lungs.

Australia Willing To Cut Wheat Quota

CANBERRA, Australia. — The Australian Wheat Advisory Council recommended recently that Australia accept an export quota of 120,000 bushels if a new wheat agreement between the major exporting countries is reached.

HER ARMS AND LEGS IMMOVABLE

Ten Years with Rheumatism

To this woman it must have been like commencing to live a new life, when she began to use her arms and legs again, after they had been helpless for ten years.

"I suffered with rheumatism," she writes, "and I could not move arms or legs, and had to be fed like a child. Everybody thought I should be an invalid all my life. I forced myself to fight against it and tried a number of different things. It was Kruschen that eventually saved me, and to-day I consider it is saving my life."

Two of the ingredients of Kruschen Salts are the most effective solvents of uric acid known to medical science. They swiftly dull the sharp edges of painful crystals, then convert them into a harmless solution.

Other ingredients of these Salts have a stimulating effect upon the kidneys and assist them to expel the dissolved uric acid through the natural channel.

Schools Proposed For Prison Inmates

TORONTO — Compulsory school attendance for inmates of all penal institutions was suggested in the fifth annual report of the Citizen Service Association, presented at their recent annual meeting here.

With a view to bettering conditions, it recommended that every illiterate prisoner should be given schooling, and every prisoner with the ambidexterity of a left hand should be encouraged to study should be encouraged to do so.

Notable Progress Made By Royal Bank of Canada

Deposits Increase \$50,000,000—Liquid Assets \$382,172,287

—Profits Down Slightly After Heavier Taxes

The financial statement of the Royal Bank of Canada for the year ended November 30, 1934, reflects a period of improved business conditions. Figures of total assets, deposits, cash, investments, commercial loans and note circulation all show an increase during the year.

Total assets are \$755,423,904, of which \$382,172,287 are liquid, being 50.16 per cent of total liabilities to the public compared with 55.76 per cent a year ago. Cash, cheques and bank balances aggregate \$165,658,031 or 24.35 of public liabilities.

Government and municipal securities have increased during the period from \$113,782,602 to \$123,220,459. Big Gain in Deposits

The outstanding feature of the statement is the increase of \$50,554,510 in public deposits. Of this increase it is understood that \$21,947,334 is in Canada, the balance abroad. Canadian savings deposits being up \$11,126,336.

After a steady decline in commercial loans of banks in Canada over the period of the past few years, it is encouraging to note as further evidence of business revival, that the Royal Bank's figures under this heading show an increase of \$19,092,494 the total standing at \$220,942,925.

Profits for the year were \$2,988,217 but are not properly comparable with published profits for the previous year, because heretofore they were reported after deducting Provincial taxes but before Federal taxes and for the sake of uniformity and fuller information, not shareholders, both classes of taxes are now disclosed in the published report.

During the year under review Dominion and Provincial taxes aggregated \$1,075,016. Making allowances for the increase under this heading, profits are lower by \$268,448. Net profits, after taxes, covered dividend payments of \$2,800,000, annual contribution of \$200,000 to Officers' Pension Fund, the usual appropriation of \$200,000 for Bank Premises, and left a surplus of \$123,200 to be added to Profit and Loss Account, increasing that account to \$1,508,804, to be carried forward to the next fiscal year.

The showing while gratifying to the shareholders, will this year be of special interest to the bank, as it affords perhaps the most striking evidence yet given of the extent of the improvement in trade throughout Canada.

The Annual General Meeting of the shareholders will be held at the Head Office of the bank in Montreal on Thursday January 10th. The principal accounts with comparative figures for the year, are as follows:

Table with 3 columns: 1934, 1933, and 1932. Rows include Total Assets, Liquid Assets, Deposits, Cash, Loans, etc.

Investigation removed any doubt as to the nature of the virus. It did indeed belong to the filtrable variety.

Now come Drs. Andrews, Laidlaw and Wilson Smith with a new discovery and a new step in the fight against influenza. Strains of human and swine virus which had laid ferrets low were successfully used in infecting mice through the nose.

France Also To Export Wheat

LONDON, Eng.—The big four wheat exporters are prepared to work export quotas for the crop year 1934-35

are finally allocated to make room for France as a temporary wheat exporter, it was stated by the wheat advisory commission's permanent secretariat last week.

The statement indicated the commission's 600,000,000 bushel estimate for the world export demand during the present crop year would be divided so the 500,000,000 bushels tentatively allotted the four overseas exporters—Canada, Australia, the Argentine and the United States—will be reduced to 526,000,000 bushels.

The estimated quota of 10,000,000 bushels for the smaller exporters, Hungary and Bulgaria, will be reduced to 6,000,000. With "reserve" quota France will be allowed an export quota of 11,000,000 bushels, apart from 6,000,000 quintals of denatured wheat.

Conquering Influenza

Tests Indicate It Is Caused By a Filtrable Virus

"Find me a suitable animal which can be infected with a disease and I will give you good hope of prevention, if not of cure," said the late Sir David Bruce. Influenza has hit it if anything to do with tropical medicine—Sir David's specialty—yet like Malta fever and Nagana, the diseases with which Sir David's name is especially linked, its nature has been made a little clearer by practically applying the principle of "find me a suitable animal."

It has long been suspected that influenza is caused by a filtrable virus. In other words by some virus organism too small to be seen in any microscope, so small, in fact, that it flows through the finest porcelain filter like water. With that hypothesis the medical profession had to content until last year. Then it was discovered that influenza can be transmitted to ferrets. The call for a suitable animal had been answered. The animal found, further

SCOUTING Here There Everywhere

Boy Scout toy repair shops in well over a hundred towns and cities across the Dominion from coast to coast again helped Santa Claus to visit the many thousands of children of needy families at Christmas Eve.

In the parade of Scouts of many lands that opened the Scout Jamboree at Melbourne, Australia, December 27th, Canada was represented by Scout J. G. Langley of Peterboro, Ontario.

To express the appreciation of the Alberta Scouts for practically shown interest, a Thanks Badge was presented by Lt. Gov. W. L. Walsh, the Chief Scout for Alberta to Col H. G. Reid, head of the Western Arctic transportation system of the Hudson Bay Company.

A diary report, date by date, of the doings of the Glenora, Man. pack and troop, published in three issues of the Western Prairie Gazette, was the effective form of annual report made to the community.

The third Annual Hobby Show of the 1st Queenston, Ontario Group made a new record with 995 entries and \$300 worth of prizes. Some many apples, pumpkins and vegetables were shown by Scouts and by other boys of Lincoln and Welland counties.

Gives Duchess Shoe of Canadian Spruce

(Canada's Weekly, London)

One of Canada's presents to Princess Marina, now the Duchess of Kent, was probably unique. For a considerable time experts have been carrying out extensive experiments with Canadian spruce wood. The ultimate success attendant on these experiments has resulted in the introduction of a new and intensely interesting fabric to the Mother Country, and one which is destined to enjoy immense popularity on account of its extraordinary durability and utility.

Through their experiments and discoveries in this direction Canadians may well be instrumental in opening up new and important trade connections with England and other parts of the Empire.

The fabric resulting from the experiments with Canadian spruce wood is startlingly similar in grain and texture to leather, with all its commendable features of durability, but the fabric is actually manufactured from the purified cellulose fibres of the spruce wood. By means of a recently discovered process these fibres can be moulded by intense heat pressure until this takes on the form of a leather-like fabric, which has withstood remarkable tests, enabling it to be placed in the front rank of durable fabrics.

Two of the first articles made from this new fabric for introduction into this country may be found among the wedding gifts of the Duke and Duchess of Kent, although primarily designed and executed for the personal use of Princess Marina. They take the form of attractive soft brown shoes with a matching handbag, both produced to a corresponding design.

The use of these articles by the Duchess of Kent will doubtless do much to introduce and popularize this unique Canadian fabric to the people of this country. When once tested, the qualities of the fabric will commend themselves to British users, who are not slow to acknowledge a thoroughly reliable article. Shoes made from this fabric are light, soft and exceedingly hard-wearing, and the material lends itself to intricate design and inter-lacing. The Duchess of Kent's shoes have interlaced instep strappings.

The experiments on the cellulose fibres of spruce wood have opened up a wide range of possibilities, for the fibres can be utilized in many widely divergent articles, from fabrics, shoes and upholstery fabrics to asphalt roofs. New products will no doubt be rapidly developed, based on the new discovery, quite apart from the vast improvements to present utility articles which will be rendered possible.

During the process of perfecting this fabric many severe tests were carried out, after which the finished article bore no ill-effects. The proof that a fabric of this nature can emerge unharmed from the stringent and somewhat drastic tests of freezing and boiling, is sufficient testimony to its reliability. Two subsequent tests to which the fabric was submitted were those of baking and freezing, and after drying immediately an intense heat.

With a member of the Royal Family to set this new fabric on the road to popularity, and with its own undoubted advantages, Canada has every prospect of a new and profitable line of commerce.

Stone of English Abbey Sent to Kenilworth, N.J.

KENILWORTH, N.J.—The Urban District Council of Kenilworth, Warwickshire, England, has sent to its New Jersey members a stone from the ruins of the old abbey at Kenilworth Castle for the new municipal library in the Harding School. Founded in A. D. 1136, the old abbey was dissolved in A. D. 1538.

The inscription on the stone states that it was carved about A. D. 1300 and that it was taken from the ruins of the Abbey at Kenilworth by the council "as a token of good will for inclusion in the building of this library" at Kenilworth, N. J.

Two patrols of Lone Scouts numbering nine boys, have been organized at Fenelon Falls, Ontario, under the leadership of two former Scouts, Murray Graham and Douglas Ward.

In recognition of good work done on Poppy Day, the 1st Grenfell, Sask. Scout Troop was presented by the Canadian Legion with a handsome troop flag.

Scouts of Kent, England, saved enough small coins during last winter to entertain 300 unemployed boys at successive summer camps.

On behalf of the B.R.O.E. Exalted Ruler A. E. Megson presented the Moosejaw Scout Association with a shield for annual efficiency competition. President O. H. Zimmer accepted the shield, and awarded it to the 12th Moosejaw Troop for 1934.

A free skating rink is being operated this winter by the Scouts at Glenwood, Alberta.

Interesting experiences as a Scout leader in Japan were related to the 5th St. Thomas Ontario Group by Adjutant Kenneth Barr of the Salvation Army, a former Canadian Scout. Adjutant Barr had just returned from the Far East.

Little New Marinas

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Pipe Smokers! Fill up with GOLDEN VIRGINIA and enjoy a really good smoke!

Sugar From Wood

German Process Successful, But Is Not Considered Practical

During the war, War German chemists were hard at work trying to convert cellulose (wood) into sugar. It was a harder problem than it seemed—so hard, in fact, that not until after the treaty of peace was signed was success achieved.

A goat can eat paper, but a man cannot. A difference in digestive processes is the reason. Hence the problem that von Bergius and von Scholler faced was that of creating in the factory what was in effect an artificial stomach of glass and metal and letting that digest wood. The digestive juices were powerful acids that split the cellulose into sugar.

There can be no question of the efficacy of this process. But will it enable Germany to do away with sugar importations? Her production of sugar beets, while large, is not enough for her domestic needs.

Professor O. Spengler, director of the Institute for Sugar Industry in Berlin, crushes the wild hopes that German economists have based on the work of von Bergius and von Scholler. The process of converting cellulose into sugar is commercially cheap and efficient enough, but it takes too long to grow wood. To support ten people, according to the statistical data, Spengler, only 1.25 acres of land planted to sugar beets are required. The same area planted to potatoes will support ten and wheat but six. Because wood grows so slowly the same amount of forest-land would make even a poorer showing than does wheat over the year. Evidently a tree is a poor substitute for the sugar beet in Germany's present economic crisis.

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