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Canada Grows

The average hour sees 25 children born alive in Canada.
The average hour sees 12 people die in Canada.
The average hourly net increase in population is 13 without taking migrations into account.
That is every four and a half minutes, on the average, the population of the Dominion has a net increase of one from natural causes.
It is not always realized that although immigration and emigration are no longer proceeding on a large scale, there is a natural increase in population of about 116,000 per annum. — Toronto Star Weekly.

Horribly Killed

Sunday a Simcoe man was horribly killed when the wheel came off an ancient auto in which he was driving. It suggests that people might far better do without autos at all than drive old used cars in doubtful mechanical condition. — Hamilton Spectator.

Ontario's Highways

After driving several hundred miles over highways in one of the neighboring States of the Union, the Editor of The Farmer's Advocate feels that the Ontario Department of Highways is deserving of a few words of praise. We desire to compliment our own officials because of two policies, particularly, one being the absence of all unnecessary roadside signs, and the other is the ample and dignified highway markings.
We have no criticism to offer concerning our neighbors and their highways. We found them just as careful drivers and just as courteous as the average in Ontario. What we do prefer is the clean, peaceful roadside rather than one marred with a multiplicity of advertising and unnecessary highway signs. Our own Department of Highways has shown good taste in this regard, and it is a policy from which they should not depart.
Withal, Ontario highways are well-marked. The highway number just around the corner, when a turn is necessary, is a very useful and reassuring guide. The curves and danger points of our highways are clearly indicated because the signs are not obscured or blended into a confusing pattern of blatant colors and designs.
Most of all we like the simple, dignified marker with crown imposed saying it's the King's Highway. There is something regal about that sign suggesting authority, stability and safety. It is only a metal sign, but we respect it and we like it. — Farmer's Advocate.

Grubs in the Wood

We have heard for some time the marvels of the "electric eye," and now comes, as fruit of painstaking research, the wonder of the "electric ear."
It has long been known that the presence of grubs of destructive insects can play a very serious part in relation to the strength of timber. Today, the British Government's Department of Scientific and Industrial Research can detect the presence in wood of these larvae because of means of an ingenious telephone instrument, similar to those used in wireless telephony, the "muffled and peculiar noise made by the writhing of their tiny bodies in the wood can be amplified to such a degree that a trained scientific ear can detect them." — Halifax Herald.

Cars From Afar

The Department of National Revenue issued over 4,000,000 permits for tourist automobiles in 1936.
Most of the 2,500,000 tourist permits issued for cars staying not more than forty-eight hours were used by those living along the border. About 1,200,000 cars from the United States came on sixty-day permits. New York and Michigan license plates were in the majority. Six cars came to Canada from Australia. Some tourists from Ceylon, China, Hongkong and Japan brought their cars. From Europe there came automobiles from Belgium, Germany, France, Italy and Switzerland. Naturally the United Kingdom was well represented. From sixty-five from the West Indies and eighteen from the Philippines. Chile sent one car, four came from Peru, three from Colombia, one from Venezuela, eighty-two cars from Panama, seventy-eight from Mexico, forty-nine cars from Alaska and twenty from Newfoundland. Canadian National Revenue Review.

Hot Weather Health Hints

The present widespread heat wave has led Dr. Robert A. Fraser, chief medical director of the New York Life Insurance Company, to issue a health warning, cautioning every one to take simple safeguards that their health may not be impaired by the extreme temperatures.
Dr. Fraser offers ten health hints for hot weather that are easily followed by young and old. They are:
1. Take it easy—don't rush around.
2. Wear a hat in the sun.
3. Wear cool, loose fitting clothes.
4. Get plenty of rest and sleep.
5. Eat moderately of easily digested foods.
6. Drink plenty of cool (not ice cold) liquids.
7. Exercise moderately.
8. Take frequent tepid (not cold) baths.
9. Do not stay in direct sunshine for long periods.
10. Avoid large meetings in poorly ventilated auditoriums.
"If all of us would observe these rules," Dr. Fraser said, "our general physical condition would be vastly improved and we would be able to withstand hot weather with much less difficulty." — St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Pronunciation

Another thing we wish people would pronounce the word "vacation" as it was intended to be pronounced and not in the Americanized form of "vay-ca-tion." And what is wrong with the good old alternative of "holidays"? — Brockville Recorder and Times.

"Ologies" For Girls

If girls' schools could add to their courses in philosophy, psychology and biology, thorough courses in roasting, biology, stichology and general domesticology, the divorce courts would probably be emptied in no time. — Windsor Star.

Family Tree

Most people are interested in their family trees. They like to trace their ancestry back and discover whence they came in the hope of discovering some progenitor who distinguished himself — and they usually find one. It gives us a nice feeling to know that some member of the family, no matter how far back, made his or her mark in the world. It confirms our belief in ourselves, and we can bask in reflected glory as we relate to our children and our friends the story of the accomplishments of those from whom we sprang. — Stratford Beacon-Herald.

Sixth-Month Licenses

The request made by the people of Schreiber that they should be allowed a six months' license for their motor cars is one that might be made by the other municipalities of Northern Ontario. In this part of the province to motorist must buy a license for the full 12 months, although there is a large part of the year in which he cannot use his car — unless he lives in some such favored community as the Sault, where the streets are plowed by the civic authorities. And even in the Sault there are only a limited number of car owners to whom that service is of any value. — Sault Star.

THE EMPIRE

Know The Empire

The suggestion recently of Imperial Conferences for ordinary citizens and their wives has brought out the further suggestion that what is really needed to make the Empire a live conception in the minds of its peoples is the stimulation of Imperial tours for children of school-leaving and university age. The proportion is large of men in city, Provincial and Federal Governments in the Dominions who have never seen either Great Britain or the other parts of the Empire. Even a youthful glimpse of "how the other half lives" would give them such a breadth of mind and knowledge that both political and economic co-operation would be made easier. It would be interesting to know how many British members of both Houses have been out of Britain and out of Europe. — London Sunday

Trees That Thrill

The best known grove of big Douglas firs is that which lies on the Island Highway between Cameron Lake and Albern. These Cathedral Trees as they have been called, never fail to thrill anyone who passes through them. More than one government has promised that they will be preserved. But governments come and go and nothing is done. Mr. Pattullo cannot celebrate his confirmation in power in a better or more lasting way than by making definite and immediate arrangements to save these trees from destruction. — Vancouver Province.

Tennis balls for use in tournaments at Wimbledon are kept in a refrigerator so that their "bounce" will not be affected by exposure to the sun.

Ontario Herds Set High Marks

Lead in 50 Per Cent of Classes In Holstein Cattle Tests

BRAMPTON, Ont.—The May record of performance compiled by the Dominion Department of Agriculture, and released by the Holstein-Friesian Association shows that Ontario herds furnished eight out of the sixteen class leaders for the whole Dominion. Peel and Halton Counties breeders were responsible for three out of the eight.
W. L. McClure of Norval had the high four-year-old, milked twice daily, 365 days, with a production of 18,204 pounds milk, 587 pounds fat; Alex McWinnay, the high 305-day 4-year-old, and Mathew Dearing, Palermo, the best producing 3-year-old in the 305-day classification. Another in the 305-day class was fourth in a class of forty 2-year-olds milked twice daily, with a Roy H. Barker entry from Woodbridge in fifth. W. H. Hoiles of Maple made fifth position in the mature class for 305-day production, and George A. Love of Cheltenham and M. J. Bran, Norval, each scored well toward the top on 3-year-olds milked twice daily. Daniel Lindsay, Brampton, also had a heifer holding sixth position in a class of thirty-nine 2-year-olds milked twice daily for 305 days.

News In Review

Wheat Jumps

TORONTO.—Market excitement, which has carried Canadian July wheat to within fraction of \$1.50 a bushel and has left Chicago July wheat just over \$1.25, is the brighter side to the disastrous crop situation in the Canadian West. Farmers in the West who have any wheat to sell are now assured a good price, but, judging by latest reports from the wheat belt, the Canadian crop this year is now certain to touch an all-time low in the history of the West.
Various estimates are still coming out on the yield. The more optimistic are insisting that there are possibilities of a 200,000,000-bushel yield, while the more pessimistic are suggesting that it may finally be cut down to 150,000,000 bushels.

Jack Dempsey's Father Faces Assault Charge

SALT LAKE CITY.—Hyrum Dempsey, 80, father of Jack Dempsey, was accused of assault and battery in a complaint signed by Hannah Lythgoe, 66.
Deputy Sheriff Lee Richardson said Mrs. Lythgoe accused Dempsey of striking her on the nose during an argument over Dempsey's stepdaughter and a boy friend.
Dempsey was released on a \$300 bond.

\$4,074,805 Relief Cost

TORONTO.—Direct unemployment relief cost \$4,074,805 during the first six months of 1937 compared with \$5,002,945 during the first six months of 1936, a reduction of \$928,140. Welfare Commissioner Laver stated last week in a report to the Board of Control.
At the end of last month there were 56,730 individuals receiving relief, including 90 men in hostels, as against 74,327 relief recipients one year ago, a drop of 17,597.
Up to the end of June the taxpayers of Toronto paid relief bills totalling \$1,324,805 while government contributions totalled \$2,750,000. During the first half of last year the city paid \$1,512,732 and the governments, \$3,490,213.

Eleven Million Women in German Labor Front

BERLIN.—More than 11,000,000 women are included in the ranks of the German Labor Front. This is the organization which has replaced the old trade unions and gathered all the German workers together in one group.

U. S. Congresswomen Help Girl Scouts

The three Congresswomen who made it possible for foreign girls to receive exemption on visas and duty payments when they visit Girl Scout Jubilee at Briarcliff Manor, N.Y., present document of exemption in Washington. Left to right: Rep. Edith Rogers, Elizabeth Warner, Sen. Hattie Caraway; Rep. Caroline O'Day and Florence Farwell.

One of the principal concerns of the women's sections is transferring women from heavy jobs into lighter work, by exchanging them with men. As far as possible this is done without diminution of wages.
Five hundred advisory bureaux for working women have been set up by the German Labor Front throughout the country.

Salary Cuts Restored

TORONTO.—School Boards generally throughout the Province have completely or partially restored the salary cuts imposed on teachers during the past few years, reports at the summer meeting of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation in the Physics Building of the University of Toronto, revealed.
Six months ago the Federation set an objective to secure restoration of these cuts. The 200 members attending the meeting indicated they were greatly encouraged by the action of the School Boards in the matter.

Air Tragedy

Tragedy and triumph marked another week in the history of aviation. Tragedy as the American Navy carried on a hopeless search in the vicinity of Howland Island, in mid Pacific, for some trace of the missing Amelia Earhart and her navigator, Fred Noonan. Miss Earhart has been distinguished for her daring flights ever since her successful crossing of the Atlantic and her disappearance on the present venture has been the more tragic from the fact that it was her last great adventure.
Air Triumph
Over the stormy Atlantic, two great flying boats have just completed the first round trip in what may become, in time, a regular passenger route to Europe. Under twenty-four hours is the aim and as soon as the route has been tested under all weather conditions, it is reasonable to expect that the object will be attained. Two points are of particular interest in the Atlantic flights, first, there is the ease with which the ships performed their tasks and the margin of safety indicated by the fact that the American Clipper, one of the planes inaugurating the service, had sufficient fuel left on completion of the trip for an additional two thousand miles.

Ship of the Future

It is not expected that passengers will be carried for another year and in the meantime, larger and better ships are built on both sides of the Atlantic. Under construction in the Boeing works is a new giant capable of lifting forty tons with motors developing 6,000 horsepower. It will be a three decker with accommodation for seventy three day passengers or forty sleepers. Fuel will be carried in the wings and sponsors while a cat walk through the leading edge will allow engineers free access to the motors while in flight. Based on the cost of Pacific flights at the present time, fares to Europe will probably be around \$450 to \$500.

Prestige Flight

No content with one flight over the roof of the world, another plan bearing Soviet eagles has completed a flight even more outstanding than the recent one which ended near Vancouver.

Big Plan to Conserve Saskatchewan Waters

SASKATOON.—A plan involving expenditure of about \$400,000,000 over a period of five years for conserving the waters of the South and North Saskatchewan rivers followed by reforestation and irrigation, is being seriously considered by Eastern Canada financial interests. P. J. Philpot, of the Saskatoon branch of the Canadian Legion, said here.

Heat Victim Survives

NEW YORK.—Daniel Long, 60 years old, is in Bellevue Hospital with the distinction of having had the highest temperature ever recorded in a human being who survived—109.8. Doctors used oxygen and buckets of ice water to force his temperature down to normal, 98.6, after he had collapsed on the street from the heat.

How Much For a Hair Cut For a Shetland Pony?

LINDSAY.—Bert McLean, Lindsay horse fancier, took his Shetland pony to a barber shop for a hair cut. The barber thought the price for cutting a pony's hair should be a little higher than the regular price, but Bert didn't—finally the pony settled the argument by walking out of the shop.

Speeder is Sentenced to Hear 13 Sermons

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—Convicted of reckless driving, A. K. Patterson was under sentence to appear in Magistrate's Court for the next 13 Monday mornings and give a summary of a Sunday sermon. Justice John T. Fisher ordered Patterson also to be prepared to quote the minister's texts or go to jail for 90 days.

NEWS PARADE

Commentary on the HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEKS NEWS — By Peter Randal

Trouble at Home


And while Russia carried on her conquest of the air, the outer world hears occasional echoes of internal strife as Stalin continues his blood purge of the army. Charges that army leaders have conspired with Japan seem much more like the truth now in view of recent developments in the Far East. Russia and Japan have suffered minor clashes along the Amur River and the latest news is that Japan is threatening another aggressive campaign against China. Many observers say that the Japanese move is based on their belief in an unprepared Russia unable to come to the aid of the Chinese.

Quarrelsome Family

John Bull is having his troubles in the East. Last week, a Royal Commission recommended the partition of Palestine into three territories as a solution to a problem reaching back over twenty years. The Arabs were to get the largest portion, then a section for the Jews and in between, a British mandated territory containing Jerusalem and other holy places. To form a buffer state separating the two fractions. Neither Arabs nor Jews are satisfied and new outbreaks of violence are expected. The quarrel goes back to tangled war promises at a time when Britain was hard pressed for support in the East. The Arabs who participated in the famous rebellion directed by T. E. Lawrence, were promised independence and a unified Arab state. At the same time, to win Jewish support, the British promised to create a homeland for their race in Palestine. Since that time, the Jewish population has increased from 65,000 to 400,000 in spite of the continuous opposition of the Arabs. Outbreaks have been frequent and the present plan is advanced as a means of separating the races entirely now that it seems impossible for them to live together in any form of peace.

Sporting Comment

By Ken Edwards



It seems that throughout this province of ours at the present time the fisherman holds fast to first place in the true sporting world, and truly fishing is a wonderful sport. The thrill of a four-pound bass tugging for all its' worth and the thrill of bringing him in after the battle is something mighty hard to beat.
Last year a group of five boats pulled in 105 lovely bass of the south point of Thorah Island in Lake Simcoe. That same lot of fishermen expect to do the same thing this year. I hope they do because I happened to be one of their number last year.
They say a dog-fish will just bark like a dog after they are landed. I've caught these but whether or not that is authentic I cannot say.
Maybe some of you fellows like to fish muskies. If so the best place you can try around these parts is Mud Lake, and I don't mean maybe. It's about 12 or 15 miles north-east of Beaverton.
Leaving the old fishing pole on port side for a spell we see that Maxie Baer is angling for an exhibition bout with former champ Jack Dempsey. "The Dempsey of Broadway versus the Maxie Baer of California and all points west," wouldn't read so badly in bright lights and might tend to swell the old pocket-book once more.
Well, it seems as though Joe Louis the "Chocolate Kid", and Tommy Farr, the British Empire Champion, will settle this August 26. All this business is so perturbing to Max Schmeling who will now have to wait for another year to get a crack at Louis.
Well, guess we better run along now, and don't forget to give those fish lots of line.
Today's column is dedicated to one of our sport followers, Len Williams, the "thrower-inner". Thanks a lot for your helpful sport letter.
So long gang—Ken.

Yowls "Nuts" To Surrealism

Has Been Working On It For Two Decades

VAN LOON'S BOOK
OLD GREENWICH, Conn. — Surrealism is nuts, says the man who is writing a thousand-page book on "The Arts."
"It's like a painting any worse because it is lovely?" asked Hendrick Willem Van Loon, who is fathering the time.
"The author is definitely against the 'cult of the ugly' and he feels that there is no permanent place 'for feather apples and such nonsense.'"
"A modern painter," he opined, "is probably a man whose stuff is not yet in the collar."
"That is — we can't any of us be sure what constitutes modernism, and there's no use pretending. To a surrealist, it is surrealism. To me, surrealism is nuts."
"It's like the question what is good art." The definition has been different in every age — certain things pretty well remain, but most of it changes, and what is good today can be bought tomorrow for butter-and-egg money tomorrow."
Van Loon has been working on his book four years, but the materials were gathered during 20 years.

Auto Output In May Rises 38 Per Cent.

OTTAWA.—An increase of 38 per cent was shown in the number of over the previous month and a gain of 17 per cent against May, 1935, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported recently.
Production amounted to 23,458 cars against 17,081 in April and 20,696 in May last year.
Passenger car output amounted to 17,980 units, including 14,192 for sale in Canada and 3,787 for export, and commercial cars numbered 5,478, of which 3,695 were for sale in Canada and 1,783 for export.
Output for the five months ending May totalled 104,730 cars computed with 89,548 in the same period last year.

Will Require 10,000 Maps

Expect Big Demand for Ontario Government Highway Charts

WINDSOR.—A third shipment of 5,000 Ontario Government highway maps were received this week by Secretary-Manager J. D. McAlpine of the Essex County Auto Club who immediately placed an order for another 5,000.
To satisfy the demand of the thousands of American tourists who poured through this port on July 4 holiday week end, Mr. McAlpine required at least 10,000 maps.
On the Memorial Day week-end the auto club's stock of 2,000 maps was depleted.

Ravioli Process Now Mechanized

NEW YORK.—Since time immemorial the Italian housewife has rolled out her flour and water and eggs, cut this dough into squares, filled the centres of half of them with cooked chopped chicken and spinach, put the remaining squares on top, and thus made—ravioli. Now the process has been mechanized by a New Yorker. Ravioli may soon be added to the grocer's shelves.
In Italy a favorite sauce for ravioli or spaghetti consists of ¼ pound butter, one small cup of olive oil, half a pound of well-cooked chopped meat, two boxes Italian tomato paste, and half a cup red wine. This combination is boiled slowly for one hour and poured over the ravioli. The dish is served with grated Parmesan cheese.

Windsor, Prestige Up, To Return

There is not much doubt, when he sacrificed the dynastic duty to personal desire, the Duke of Windsor's once immense popularity was badly shaken. But it is equally true that since his marriage the Duke's shares have gone up appreciably.
Two dissociated factors may explain this. Popular sympathy reacted strongly towards H.R.H. owing to the manly simplicity with which he faced a trying ordeal. In all that he said and did, and not least in his efforts to prevent undesirable publicity, the Duke managed to be entirely dignified and yet perfectly easy and natural. Moreover, it is certain that public opinion warmed towards the Duke in resentment of the attempt to stop his Anglican marriage ceremony.
We shall have the Duke and Duchess of Windsor back here before long. The Duke is negotiating for a house in the best hunting country of the Midlands. —(London letter Ottawa Journal).