

August Biggest Building Month

In Canada This Year—Largest Number of Contracts Awarded

Contracts awarded for all types of construction throughout Canada for the month of August, as compiled by MacLean Building Reports Limited, amounted to \$22,113,400 as compared with \$21,158,200 for July. This is the highest monthly total for the year to date and is the seventh consecutive month to register an increase over the preceding month.

Awards for eight months to date total \$123,926,800, the highest since 1931 with the exception of 1937, when the total for the first eight months was \$139,651,900.

Ontario In The Lead

Ontario provided the largest portion of the month's total with \$9,827,200; Quebec, \$6,749,900; British Columbia, \$1,561,900; Nova Scotia, \$1,067,000; Manitoba, \$923,400; New Brunswick, \$881,600; Alberta, \$534,600; Saskatchewan, \$415,700; P. E. Island, \$32,600.

Contracts awarded for projects on the Island of Montreal amounted to \$2,464,200 as compared with \$1,827,400 for the Toronto metropolitan area. Total for year to date, Montreal, \$12,062,700; Toronto, \$14,784,900.

Contemplated new construction for August amounted to \$24,617,600 as compared with \$24,572,100 for July. Total for year to date, \$207,308,200.

Alfalfa Seed Crop Prospect

Second Yield Is Expected To Be Better In Ontario This Year—Increase in Prairies

It is yet too early to estimate the total yield of the alfalfa seed crop in Canada for this year, states the Plant Products Division, Dominion Department of Agriculture. A great deal will depend on the setting of seed of the second crop of alfalfa in Ontario where most of the seed is grown in Canada. The first crop in Ontario failed to set seed, but it is hoped that the second crop will turn out better. The second crop has bloomed well under variable weather conditions for seed setting.

The alfalfa seed crop in the Prairie Provinces has increased remarkably in the last few years. The estimated crop this year is 2½ million pounds as compared with 1½ million pounds in 1937. This is due to an increased acreage. It is mostly of the Grimm, Cossak and Ladak strains. The western crop will, therefore, furnish a fine supply of seed for the rest of Canada even if the Ontario crop is light, which is likely from present appearances.

Finnish Attitude Towards Women

Finland Was First European Country To Give Them The Franchise—Fair Sex Given Equal Chance With Men In Work

Everyone knows, or should know, that Finland was the first country in Europe to grant the suffrage to its women, writes A. M. P. in the Glasgow Herald. One hour in Helsinki is enough to show the visitor that that act was no piece of party legislation rushed through in a national crisis, but the natural outcome of a definite attitude towards women.

Female Bricklayers
For when, on arrival, the visitor boards a bus, her route is suggested by a woman conductor. When she enters a bank to change her money, the transaction is promptly carried through by a woman teller. When she inspects the House of Parliament she walks through grounds tended by women gardeners into a Senate House where 16 out of 100 members are women. When she watches the building of the new flats springing up on every side she sees women bricklayers sharing the work on walls and roof with men. When she visits the National Gallery and Museum, educated women curators in the different rooms are ready to inform and guide.

This does not imply that men have been banished to the wilds of Lapland and the country handed over to a horde of Amazons, but if the evidence of our eyes counts for anything it means that in manual and in clerical work they have an equal chance.

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An officer on board a battleship was drilling his men:

Officer (explaining)—"I want every man to lie on his back, put his legs in the air, and move them as if he were riding a bicycle. Now begin!"

After a short effort, one of them stopped:

Officer—"Why have you stopped, Cassidy?"

Cassidy—"If you please, sir, I'm coasting."

A man looking at some ties tossed one or two aside, contemptuously. Lingered after having made his purchase, he notices that the clerk put those he had so positively rejected in a separate box:

Man—"What becomes of those?"

Salesman—"We sell them to the women who come in here to buy ties for men."

The Builder

Character is the foundation stone upon which one must build to win the respect and admiration of his fellows. . . . Failure to build on the solid bedrock of character means that all else will be superficial, with results sure to be disappointing.

A man on trial for his life was being examined by a group of alienists. Suddenly one doctor jumped up and shouted to him:

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What Science Is Doing

ALL-ELECTRIC FARM

A Welshian peep into the future of farming was afforded visitors to the Royal Agricultural Show at Cardiff, Wales, in a display of electrical machinery which some day may turn farming into an arm-chair industry.

Laboratory wizards have perfected electrical gadgets which do almost everything but eliminate the hen in egg laying and poultry raising. And in a low-roofed shed the same magical force grows enough food for ten milk cows—which increases their yield continuously.

The miracle of the food-growing shed is accomplished by t'sers of shallow trays over which are spread grains of corn or any other cereal, although corn has been found to respond better than the others. Electric heat applied to the trays acts so quickly and efficiently that ten inches of growth can be brought about in eight days.

WORLD'S RAREST GAS

A new still that manufactures three quarts a day of the rarest gas in the world, heavy nitrogen, was announced last week by Columbia University.

The difference between ordinary nitrogen and heavy nitrogen, though small, is of great importance to chemists. The first use is to attach these rare molecules to food. They there replace ordinary nitrogen. They permeate the living tissues the same as the common nitrogen and because of their greater weight, their course through the body can be traced. Biologists are using this method to find out where nutrients go after digestion, and how long they stay in the body.

VITAMIN "K" ISOLATED

Complete isolation of vitamin "K"—diet factor necessary for coagulation of blood—was announced this week by Dr. Edward A. Doisy, St. Louis University research chemist. Dr. Doisy said the transparent and colorless crystals of pure vitamin were obtained from an alfalfa meal oil.

England's physical fitness program has already cost \$14,000,000.

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"Canadiana" will be returned to Ottawa about Sept. 30th. Tree catalogues will be given to every public school child attending next Saturday. Regular price is 25c. These catalogues contain 25 plates of historical pictures now at Casa Loma and this offer is to give the children and the parents the opportunity of viewing and studying these interesting and educational prints and pictures. There are over 500 pictures and prints in all. The famous painting "The Fall of Nineveh" will remain a few weeks longer. It is expected that the picture will go to the World's Fair, New York. It has 29 life size figures and is valued at over \$50,000.

Slow Lightning

When a flash of lightning is not followed by a thunderclap, you may be certain that it is what is known technically as a "slow" flash. That is, it has not discharged energy at the usual rate.

Thunder is caused by the release of energy in millions of a second, but according to K. B. McEachron, expert of the General Electric Company, when a flash is not followed by thunder, the release takes from one to two-tenths of a second, and such discharges are far less destructive than those accompanied by thunder.

Thunder, incidentally, is the result of a wave of pressure caused by a rapid expansion of air resulting from a quick discharge of energy.

Turkey has abolished its consumption tax on medicines.

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Clifford Magone, solicitor to the attorney-general's department; Dr. W. H. Avery, and Lionel Conacher, M.P.P., LEFT TO RIGHT, form a commission appointed by the Ontario provincial government to investigate Hebert's indicated that the commission was appointed in the belief that many patients are committed and retained in mental hospitals unjustly.

Doctor—"Quick, how many feet has a centipede?"

Man (coming back in a dry, dry voice)—"Gad, is that all you have to worry about?"

Don't weep; don't sigh; don't pine; don't sob;

I may have found a better job. Don't stand around me feeling blue.

I may be better off than you. Don't tell the folks I was a saint Or any old thing that I ain't.

If you have "bunk" like that to spread, Please pass it out before I am dead.

If you have roses, bless your soul, Just pin one in my buttonhole. Today—while I'm alive and well. Don't wait 'till I'm safe in (Heaven).—Author unknown.

A general, who was widely known for his temper and for his strict insistence upon implicit obedience to orders, was in command of a base camp. He met a soldier carrying a steaming kettle from the camp cookhouse:

General (ordering)—"Here you are, let me taste that!"

Soldier—"But, sir, it isn't—"

General—"Don't give me any 'buts'. Get me a spoon!"

Soldier—"Very good, sir."

The soldier went back to the cookhouse and got a spoon. While the soldier stood at attention the General helped himself to a spoonful of the liquid, and immediately spat it out.

General (roaring angrily)—"You don't call that soup, do you?"

Soldier—"No, sir, that's what I was trying to tell you. It's disinfected, sir."

The Contributor wrote—"The enclosed are original and have never been published."

The Editor (returning them) replied—"I can quite believe it."

Teacher—"If you added seventy-six thousand, nine hundred and twenty-three to eighty-one thousand, four hundred and twelve, what would you get?"

Pupil—"A wrong answer."

Canadian National Railways Revenues

The gross revenues of the all-inclusive Canadian National Railways System for the week ending September 7, were \$3689,291 as compared with \$3,739,198

for the corresponding period of 1937, a decrease of \$49,907