

## Canada from Coast to Coast

Halifax, N.S.—From August 4th to 18th Halifax, the oldest of British settled cities in Canada, celebrated the 175th anniversary of its birth. The British Special Service Squadron, accompanied by a warship representing Australia, aided in the celebration. A program of yacht races, pageants, and sports of all kinds featured the period of carnival.

Toronto, Ont.—More comprehensive than ever will be the exhibit of the Federation of British Industries at this year's Canadian National Exhibition, according to the exhibition manager for the Federation, who has arrived at Toronto from London. Both British and French exhibits are to be open to the trade five days before the formal opening of the exhibition. This year's display, it is announced, is to include a far more representative showing than last year, a number of British manufacturers spurred on by the marked success of those who showed last year, having entered the Canadian field for the first time. Between thirty and forty separate exhibitors will this year form part of the British showing at the International Building.

Winnipeg, Man.—For the year which closed June 30th, the profits on the cattle pool of the United States Growers' Ltd., amounted to \$30,870, which will make possible a distribution of one per cent. on the value of their cattle to be paid to shippers in

addition to the full market value which they have already received. Since the pool was inaugurated in February, 1923, it has sold more than 100,000 cattle of a value of \$3,200,000.

Regina, Sask.—The pure seed growers of Saskatchewan are making preparations for organized merchandising of the best quality products under the standards and regulations of the Canadian Seed Growers' Ass'n. Whilst the marketing association is only getting under way a substantial quantity for export each year is already assured, among the leading varieties and kinds of seed to be handled being: Marquis wheat, Banner and Victory oats, O.A.C. No. 21 and Canadian Thorpe barley; Prenost flax; Prolific rye, Arctic sweet clover, Grimm alfalfa, Superior bromegrass, and Western rye grass.

Calgary, Alta.—Irrigated farm lands at Taber, in South Alberta, are attracting prospective settlers from the United States and Eastern Canada and several land scouts have been sent to the vicinity by colonization organizations.

Dawson, Y.T.—A rich strike of silver lead ore has been made on claims on Galena Hill. One is eighteen feet in width and seventy per cent. lead with 30 to 50 ounces of silver. Several big mining interests are now becoming interested in the area, according to report.

## 50,000 PERISH AND MILLIONS HOMELESS

Villages Inundated by Devastating Floods Sweeping Widespread Chinese Areas.

A despatch from Shanghai says: Millions have been rendered homeless, and at least 50,000 persons have been drowned in devastating floods which are sweeping widespread areas of China, submerging tens of thousands of villages. Thousands of refugees are pouring into Peking. It is impossible to get even an approximate estimate of the fatalities, but 50,000 is said to be a conservative estimate.

Unusually devastating floods, with accompanying widespread destruction of property, have been reported from various sections of China during the last few weeks. Late in July there were serious inundations in the Provinces of Chihli and Hunan. On Saturday further floods were reported from Kwangsi and Sinkiang, but it was reported that the loss of life had been up until that time comparatively small.

A despatch from Washington says: Ten million people are affected by famine in China, according to an announcement by the China International Famine Commission, obtained for the American Red Cross by Jacob Gould Schurman, the American Minister in Peking. The estimate is that \$10,000,000 will be needed for relief operations. The emergency relief measures now under way are carried on by various Chinese philanthropic organizations, and Dr. Schurman reports that the Famine Commission is laying plans to meet the distress which will follow the destruction of the crops.

A later despatch from Peking says: The international famine relief committee announced on Thursday that the latest estimate of the number of deaths from the floods which have been sweeping China is 14,115. The committee estimates that 15,000,000 persons are affected in the flood areas in the Provinces of Hunan, Chihli, Kiangsi, Fukien, Kwangtung, Shantung, Honan and Hupeh.

## Natural Resources Bulletin.

The Natural Resources Intelligence Service of the Department of the Interior at Ottawa says:

Time was in Canada when nothing but clear white pine would be considered in building operations. White pine was the standard lumber for practically all purposes, and the cut of this universally adaptable timber was enormous.

This demand of the market and forest fires had their effect upon this favored species, however, with the result that white pine is not as plentiful as heretofore, and many other varieties have had to be substituted in building construction.

Spruce has largely taken the place of white pine. One-third of Canada's lumber cut is now obtained from spruce, while the Douglas fir of British Columbia furnishes about 15 per cent.

With the advance in prices of pine and spruce, the hemlock is finding a larger market. At first only the better grades of hemlock were saleable, but with the increasing scarcity of the better woods the lower grades have now come into use for purposes where a higher grade lumber is not required. Hemlock is a fairly stiff wood but rather splintery. It holds nails well, and where it is kept dry or where it is continually under water it is fairly lasting.

The demand for lumber and the enormous losses of valuable species by forest fires are gradually forcing cheaper and poorer grades of timber on the market. While at present those being used are quite satisfactory for ordinary purposes, there can be no question that we will continually have to find substitutes as our better timber grows scarcer.

## AIRPLANE CRASH CLAIMS TWO VICTIMS

Forestry Service Men Instantly Killed in Thunder Bay District, Third Injured.

Port Arthur, Ont., Aug. 17.—Junior Pilot Kenneth McBride, 20, of Brantford, and Victor Gilbert, Kingston, foresters, are dead, and Pilot E. C. Burton is in the hospital here suffering from a compound fracture of the right leg and body bruised and burns, the result of an airplane crash near Savanne early last evening.

The plane was one of seven being used in this district by the Ontario Government in forestry patrol work. Burton and his comrades were flying G-CAOC and were on a forced trip searching for G-CAOB, which had been missing since Thursday but which was located to-day and brought into Port Arthur where three planes are now lying.

Senior Pilot Burton told the Canadian Press that his plane "ran into a bump" on one wing which set him on edge. The machine went into a spinning nose-dive from a distance of 1,000 feet into a muskeg swamp one and a half miles from Savanne station. Kenneth McBride died of his injuries shortly after the accident and Gilbert succumbed in hospital here two hours after being admitted and 18 hours after the smash.

Fate which dealt death to Burton's comrades sent succor to him as he lay unconscious beside the wreckage of his plane. G-CAOD, piloted by J. F. Maloney, flew overhead and spotted the wrecked machine and was able to get immediate aid. Burton will probably recover. He has not been told of the death of his comrades, nor will he be told until his condition is improved.

McBride was a flying student and it was his first year in the game. Gilbert was an experienced forester, a graduate of one of the eastern colleges. Burton was unable to give much account of the actual crash. He believes it was from an up-current of air which tilted the wing.

## Hang for Five Hours Over 300-Foot Cliff

A despatch from Chamonix, France, says: Three Italian mountain climbers underwent the terrifying experience of hanging for five hours from a rope over a 300-foot precipice before being rescued. Unaccompanied by guides, they had reached the summit of the Aiguille De Grepon, an 11,000-foot peak, without mishap, and were on the way back when one slipped, dragging the others with him down the side of the mountain. The rope between the second and third men, however, caught on a rock as they went over the edge of the precipice. The trio were pulled up with great difficulty.

Kaslo, B.C.—The Canadian Mines Merger Co., Ltd., with capital of \$11,200,000 has been registered in British Columbia, with office at Kaslo. A group of properties in this area will come under the merger.

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Isle Royale, in Lake Superior, is soon to be converted into a matchless sporting reserve and placed at the disposal of the public. On it are forests and herds of deer, caribou and moose and other game.

## AGREEMENT OF LONDON SIGNED, RUHR EVACUATED WITHIN YEAR

### Final Session of Reparations Conference Results in Most Important Conference Since Treaty of Versailles.

London, Aug. 17.—The Agreement here, and four formal letters exchanged among the French, Germans and international compact since the Versailles Treaty, was partly signed and partly initialized at a final plenary session of the London Conference last night, just one month after the inter-Allied deliberations began.

Speeches were made by spokesmen for the United States, Great Britain, France, Germany and Belgium on the hard-won settlement that not only puts the Dawes plan into operation subject to ratification by the French and German Parliaments, but solves the Ruhr problem through the French written guarantee of evacuation within one year from Friday last.

The documents embodying the historic understanding include four protocols regarding the Dawes plan, fifth protocol under which final signature to the other four is promised following parliamentary sanction to what the various conferences have agreed upon within a year from Friday last.

### BRITISH EMPIRE MAY BE SELF-SUPPORTING

#### Development at Home and Conservation Necessary, Especially in Canada.

A despatch from London says:

Manitoba wheat—No. 1, North \$1.53; No. 2 North, \$1.44; Man. oats—No. 3 CW, 57½c; No. 3 feed, 56½c.

All the above, c.i.f., bay ports.

Am. corn, track, Toronto—No. 2 yellow, \$1.33.

Milled—Del. Montreal freight bags included: Bran, per ton, \$20; shorts, per ton, \$31; middlings, \$37; good feed flour, per bag, \$2.05.

Ont. wheat—New No. 2 white, red or mixed, \$1.10 to \$1.15 f.o.b., shipping points, according to freights.

Ont. flour—New, 90 per cent. pat, in bulk bags, Montreal, prompt shipment, \$6.25; Toronto basis, \$6.25; bulk seaboard, \$7.

Man. flour—1st pats., in jute sacks, \$8.20 per bbl.; 2nd pats., \$7.70.

Hay—Extra No. 2 timothy, per ton, o.b. bay ports, per ton, \$22.50.

Cheese—New, large, 19 to 20; 22c.

Butter—Finest creamery prints, 37 to 38c; No. 1 creamery, 35 to 36c; No. 2, 34 to 35c; dairy, 28 to 29c.

Eggs—Extras, fresh, in cartons, 42 to 44c; extra, loose, 40 to 41c; firsts, 35 to 36c; seconds, 27 to 28c.

Live poultry—Hens, over 5 lbs., 26c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 18c; spring chickens, 22c; Stiltons, 22 to 23c; Old, large, 23 to 24c; twins, 24 to 25c; triplets, 25 to 26c.

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Dressed poultry—Hens, over 5 lbs., 28c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 18c; spring chickens, 22c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 18c; roasters, 20c; ducklings, 4 to 5 lbs., 35c.

Beans—Can. handpicked, 1b., 6½c; primes, 6c.

Maple products—Syrup, per imp. gal., \$2.50; per 5 gal. tin, \$2.40 per gal.; maple sugar, 1b., 23 to 26c.

Honey—60-lb. tins, 11 to 11½c; per lb., 10-lb. tins, 12 to 12½c; 5-lb. tins, 12½ to 13c; 2½-lb. tins, 13 to 14c; comb honey, per doz., No. 1, \$2.75 to \$3.50; No. 3, \$2.50 to \$2.75.

Smoked meats—Hams, med., 27 to 28c; cooked hams, 42 to 43c; smoked rolls, 18 to 20c; cottage rolls, 20 to 22c; breakfast bacon, 23 to 27c; special brand breakfast bacon, 29 to 31c; backs, boneless, 34 to 36c.

Cured meats—Long clear bacon, 50 to 70 lbs., \$17; 70 to 90 lbs., \$16.50; 90 lbs. and up, \$15.50; lightweight rolls, in barrels, \$32; heavyweight rolls, \$27.

Lard—Pure, tierces, 17½ to 18c; tubs, 17½ to 18½c; pails, 18 to 18½c; prints, 20½ to 20½c; shortening, tierces, 15½ to 16c; tubs, 16½ to 17½c; pails, 16½ to 17½c; prints, 17½ to 18c.

Export steers, choice, \$7.50 to \$7.75; do, good, \$6.50 to \$7; export heifers, \$6.50 to \$6.75; baby-beeves, \$7.50 to \$10; butcher steers, choice, \$6.25 to \$6.75; do, good, \$6 to \$6.25; do, med., \$5.75 to \$6; do, com., \$4 to \$4.50; butcher heifers, choice, \$6 to \$6.50; do, med., \$5.75 to \$6.25; do, com., \$3.50 to \$4.25; butcher cows, choice, \$4.25 to \$5; do, fair, \$3.50 to \$4; bologna, \$2.50 to \$3.50; canners and cutters, \$1 to \$2.50; feeding steers, choice, \$6 to \$6.25; do, fair, \$5 to \$5.50; stockers, choice, \$4.50 to \$5; do, fair, \$3.50 to \$4.25; milkers, \$4.25 to \$5; do, country points, \$9.77; do, select, fed and watered, \$11.80; do, offal, long haul, \$11.15.

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Oats, CW, No. 2, 63½c; No. 3, 61½c; extra No. 1 feed, 61½c; No. 2 local white, 60½c. Flour, Man. spring wheat, pats., 1sts., \$8.20; 2nds., \$7.70; strong-bakers', \$7.50; winter pats., choice, \$6.75 to \$6.85. Rolled oats, bags, 90 lbs., \$3.40 to \$3.60. Bran,

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