

## Dominion News in Brief

Somerside, P.E.I.—The breeding of mink for commercial purposes is associated with the Associated Growers of British Columbia, a new industry which has followed the success of the silver black fox breed.

Winnipeg, Man.—Farmers of Western Canada are now giving increased attention to the improvement of their home surroundings. They have not only planted 5,250,000 trees distributed from the Canadian Government forestry stations at Indian Head and Sutherland, Sask., this year, but have also purchased large quantities from private nurseries.

Regina, Sask.—Two poultry-marketing pools have been arranged through the co-operation and markets branch of the Saskatchewan Dept. of Agriculture; one pool working in conjunction with the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association to market dressed turkeys direct through country points, and the second pool to market live turkeys through the various killing stations of the Saskatchewan Cooperative Creameries.

Edmonton, Alta.—The first carload of Alberta tar sands to be shipped out of Alberta for experimental purposes left here for Petrolia, Ont., recently. The shipment is being made by the Draper interests, who are operating tar sand claims at Waterways. The carload of material sent to Petrolia will be used for the repairing of street paving. Part of the material will also be used for experimental purposes at the Draper plant in Petrolia.

Vancouver, B.C.—Since the opening of the present crop year there had been exported from this port 4,240,574 bushels of grain; of this, 3,510,388 bushels went to the United Kingdom, 334,263 bushels to the Orient, and 242,340 to the Antipodes.

Montreal, Que.—One thousand and forty-eight ocean-going vessels have arrived in Montreal to date this season, as against 974 during the corresponding period of last year, according to a statement made by the Harbor Master.

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## PRINTER LOST FOR DAYS IN NORTH WILDS

Toronto Deaf-Mute Sleeps in Hollow Tree Trunk While Wolves Howl Near By.

A despatch from Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., says:—I. J. Walters, a deaf-mute, recently of Toronto, where he has a wife and family living at 30 Sellers Avenue, but who is now operating a linotype at The Sault Daily Star office, recounts a harrowing tale of his experiences in the Northern bush near the Sault, where he spent most of three days wandering about after losing his way near Glendale, on the Algoma Central Railway, 24 miles above the Sault. To add to his predicament, he encountered one of the worst storms of the season, was without matches or food, and at night wolves prowled about him as he lay under logs seeking shelter, though they did not attack him. He believed steadfastly in his compass, and eventually, in a fainting condition, sometimes crawling on his bleeding hands and knees, he made his way to Island Lake, ten miles below his starting point, where he was found and given food and shelter by Mr. and Mrs. William Calvert, who happened to be in their summer camp on a hunting expedition.

The country through which he travelled is probably the wildest portion of the district near the city, and contains many lakes, swamps and muskegs, besides mountainous hills. He entered the bush on Monday morning and was found Wednesday noon and brought to the Sault. His feet and hands were badly swollen from the severe frost and all parts of his body wracked by the privations he endured.

Arrangements had been made to send one of the Ontario Forestry aeroplanes and members of the Provincial Police staff in search of the lost man, but word reached here that he was recovered just in time to head off the rescue parties.

## Telescope Locates Crack in Steeple 10 Miles Distant

London, Nov. 16.—Sir Frank Dyson, Astronomer Royal, while testing the big telescope at Greenwich Observatory, turned it on London. A church steeple caught his eye. He observed a menacing crack at the base of the steeple. Although the church was ten miles away, he measured the crack with the instruments used to determine lunar distances and was convinced it was dangerous.

It was difficult for him to find out where the church was located, because the magnification was so great, and only the steeple showed in the telescope's field, but with the aid of a large scale map and instruments, Dyson discovered the church and telephoned the vicar. When he heard a voice say the Astronomer Royal wished to warn him his steeple was about to fail, he thought it was a practical joke. Sir Frank Dyson finally prevailed upon him to examine the steeple, which, invisible from the ground, was as dangerous as the church has been closed.

"After this," said the Astronomer Royal, "who can call astronomy a useless science?"

## Swiss Travels Around the World on a Bicycle

M. Leuret, a Swiss bicyclist, who started from Geneva in 1921 on a trip around the world, has passed through Vichy on his way home. He has traversed forty-nine countries and covered over 25,000 miles. His trip has been managed by the Swiss cyclist union.

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Field Marshal Lord Plumer is shown laying a wreath on the cenotaph in London in honor of the "Contemptibles," who held the line at Ypres against overwhelming forces ten years ago.

## OIL-BURNERS WILL NOT REPLACE STEAM

### Steam-Driven Vessels Likely to Remain as Fuel Prices Increase.

A despatch from New York says:—Oil-burning ships are not likely to replace steam-driven vessels because of the extensive use of the former would increase the price of oil until it would not be employed profitably as fuel. Captain Walter T. McFarland, retiring president of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, said at the opening session of the Society's 32nd annual meeting on Thursday.

"There are services on which motor ships can use oil at its present price," he said, "but authorities warn us that the oil supply is not inexhaustible, some predicting its failure within two decades. Many designers, now even, are insisting that boilers be constructed to permit a ready shift to coal when the price of oil becomes prohibitive."

### Breton Peasant Settles War Account of German Cruelty

A despatch from Paris says:—First Lieutenant Knaetsch of the Prussian army was during the war in charge of French prisoners. Now he is busy buying up the Brittany apple crop for making German "chamagne."

A point which is exercising Canadian authorities is whether the Dominion is to get her share before or after expenses in connection with the collection of reparations are deducted. She has asked that she receive her percentage before there is any deduction.

## 'BEAM' SYSTEM OF TRANSMISSION HAILED

### Marconi Says Signals Between England and Australia Heard Regularly.

A despatch from London says:—Signor Marconi, inventor of wireless, has perfected his "beam" system of transmission to the point where signals between England and Australia have been heard regularly, he announced on Friday.

Scientists are enthusiastically declaring this ends the experimental stage of "beam" transmission, and forecasts rapid development in wireless in the immediate future. By the beam system the radio waves are sent out only in one direction and in a limited beam.

Signor Marconi has been conducting experiments along this line for nearly thirty years. Adoption of his new system means greatly reduced radio rates and greater privacy in transmission, declared Marconi. He said contracts would be entered into at once with the British Government for erection of beam stations to link up the far-away dominions with England. He also expects to make rapid progress in circling the globe with these stations.

### Allies Turn Back Rhinelander Railways to Germans

Coblenz, Germany, Nov. 16.—The Rhine and railways to-day were handed over to the new German railway company, which was established in accordance with the London protocol. The transfer was made a full fortnight earlier than the time provided for in the protocol.

To-day's action marks the conclusion of the turning over of organizations seized by the Allies as guarantees for the payment of German war debts.

According to a report, the farm of Smith Bros., near Cardston, Alta., has maintained an average in wheat of forty-two bushels an acre, for eleven years.

## BLACKFEET CHIEFS MEETING AT MACLEOD, ALTA., DECLARE TREATY VALID

A despatch from Macleod, Alta., says:—Macleod, famed as a trading post of the early days, and coupled with the pioneer activities of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, is the scene of an unique convention—a conference of Indian chiefs representing the Blackfeet tribe of the North American continent. Delegates are present from reserves in the United States and Canada, discussing problems and grievances. Many belonging to the newer generation are educated, and well versed in present-day conditions, while there are also "veteran" chiefs in attendance, some of whom attended the signing of the Blackfeet treaty in 1877.

When their treaty was signed, the old chiefs declared the Government Mountain Horse, of Bloods, is compromised them \$12 every year until 1877.

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