

## Woman Who Took Plane Ride At Age of 102 Passes in Manitoba

Winnipeg.—Mrs. Thomas Ballingal, one of Canada's oldest citizens, who took her first airplane ride on her 102nd birthday, July 14, 1929, died at her home in Dominion City, Man. She died on March 26 after a two-day minor illness.

Pioneer of the Dominion, Mrs. Ballingal came to Canada from her birthplace, Hillhead, near Glasgow, in a sturdy sailing vessel that took six

weeks to reach Quebec. In 1864 she was a passenger on the first train to journey from Toronto to Montreal. She had travelled from Toronto to Paris, Ont., 85 years ago, by stage coach.

Mrs. Ballingal lived for many years in Ayr, Ont., where she married Thomas Ballingal, in 1857. He died in 1873, and in 1895 she went to Dominion City, where she resided with a daughter.

## Children Frost Victims When School Bus Stalls

Five Perish and 15 Suffer Tortures While Limbs Thaw Out in Colorado Snow Drifts

### DRIVER FOUND DEAD

Lamar, Colo.—Fifteen small children patiently endured the torture of slowly thawing arms and legs in Lamar Hospital last Sunday night, while parents of their companions who were frozen to death in a blizzard-stalled school bus prepared for a joint funeral service.

A blizzard of almost unequalled intensity sweeping over the bleak prairie of Eastern Colorado held the bus imprisoned in drifts for 33 hours while cold killed one and then another of the children shivering in the vehicle, while the driver struggled on foot in a vain search for aid. He also was frozen to death, not far from the bus.

The survivors were rescued late Friday and taken to a farm home, then to the village of Holly, and finally to the Lamar Hospital by plane. When the children regained full consciousness and realized the horror of all that had happened since the start of their tragic journey from school last Thursday, many of them became hysterical.

Doctors, who gave them every medical attention possible, however, said they believed no limbs would have to be amputated despite the severe freezing that all of the small passengers suffered.

Parents of the five who died and relatives of the driver, Carl Miller, indicated that all would be buried in a joint cemetery plot, on Tuesday. A father of one of the dead explained, thus:

"They died together, the bravest children that ever lived. So we will bury them together."

The surviving children were placed in a single ward of the hospital. None but nurses and physicians was allowed inside. Parents, weeping, gathered in the small ante-room. They did not speak. A childish cry occasionally pierced the stillness.

Suffering Tortures Mrs. Marie Wadhams, hospital superintendent, said the children were suffering now more than at any time since the chain of disaster started. They were dazed from cold and hunger before, but now the pain of thawing flesh was almost more than they could bear.

Blanch Stonebreaker, 10 years old, with a hair ribbon still in her blond curls, is in the most critical condition. Her arms were frozen to her elbows and her legs above the knees.

"She looks much better now," said Dr. N. M. Burnett, "but she still is in a serious condition."

The body of the bus driver, Carl Miller, was discovered face downward, arms outstretched toward the help he had been unable to reach. He had wandered apparently in circles through the blinding snow, only to die within a few hundred feet of a ranch house.

Miller's body and the five children who perished, Mary Miller, eight daughter of the driver, Louise Stonebreaker, 14; Orville Untied, seven; Bobbie Brown, nine, and Kenneth Johnson, seven, were placed in the North mortuary at Holly.

### Foot of Snow

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.—On Sunday Algoma was recovering from a record March storm, which assumed the proportions of a blizzard and left nearly a foot of snow, which drifted before a northeast wind. The storm was general over the upper lakes region. However the wind subsided, and, contrary to weather forecasts, the mercury was steadily rising.

### Bald Eagle Is Killed In Attack on Airplane

Saranac Lake, N.Y.—"Old Baldy," monarch of the air for years over the Essex County section of mountain folk who daily watched the great eagle sweep high above their homes. The huge bald eagle was killed in a fight with an airplane, the battle witnessed by scores of persons. Going far above the plane, the eagle dropped on it like a bullet, but made the strategic error of a frontal attack and was caught in the whirling propeller.

## Two Youths Drown In Goderich Harbor

Two Fisher Lads Swept from Capsized Skiff in Gale

Goderich.—Two Goderich youths, William Mallough, aged 21, and Leonard MacDonald, 17, were drowned on Sunday morning when in Goderich harbor their flat-bottomed skiff capsized in the stormy lake as they were attempting to lift sucker-nets.

A single-handed and heroic attempt at rescue by Eric Jenner, 16-year-old companion of the victims, was frustrated when the heaving waters washed the two boys from the upturned boat before Jenner could reach them in another craft.

Throughout the day the fathers of the two youths, assisted by seamen, directed dragging operations from the tossing deck of the fishing boat Margaret MacDonald, whose skipper, Jack MacDonald, is an uncle of the younger victim.

As the day dragged on, hundreds of anxious townspeople visited the dock to stand silently watching as the Margaret MacDonald, pitched and tossed by the stormy lake, pursued her task. As night fell the drenched crew reluctantly returned to await a renewal of the search at daybreak Monday.

The two boys, who came from a long line of Great Lakes seamen, had set nets daily near the breakwater and had daily collected their catch.

At eight o'clock Sunday morning they prepared as usual to row the skiff to the nets. The third boy, Eric Jenner, was denied a chance to accompany them because the water was too rough to warrant an extra passenger.

Some time later he walked out along the dock, to see his two chums clinging to the flat bottom of their upturned skiff. The lad hurried back to where a battered old motor boat was moored, and after considerable effort managed to get under way and headed out. When he hoisted his light on the derelict the two passengers had disappeared. He continued until he reached the scene, but seeing no trace of the two he headed about and notified Bert MacDonald, father of Leonard.

The father set out in the same motorboat. En route a gas line gave out, and the rickety old boat drifted north, headed for the jagged ice floes along the shore. A rescue boat saved the father from the fate which had claimed his son.

## Imperial Airways To Supply Orient

Air Freight Line to Asia and Africa to Open Soon

New York.—A new high-speed air-rail service will shortly be inaugurated by Imperial Airways, Ltd., of Great Britain, Percy Beyshe, United States Manager of the Airways, announced recently.

Five important railways in Great Britain; the Great Western, London & North-Eastern, London-Midland & Southern, Southern, and the Metropolitan, will participate, receiving urgent freight at 140 stations.

Mails will go by fast trains to London and by trucks to Croydon Aerodrome for despatch throughout Europe, Egypt, Iraq, India and Central Africa.

The agent said plans are being formed for through service in Europe, Asia, Africa and North America.

## Keep Canada Beautiful

The Canadian Horticultural Council is setting on foot this spring a campaign to "beautify Canada." It is to touch city and country alike, to preserve our rural byways and spruce up our city streets. It is to be confined to no province, but will be Dominion-wide.

Dr. W. T. Macoun, Dominion Horticulturist, is directing the Ornamental Horticulture Committee, which has taken steps to have provincial committees formed. It is hoped to extend the work so as to include the remoter districts, as well as those which lie upon the beaten path.

This is a splendid movement. Nature gave to us Canadians one of the fairest lands on earth. Where man has brought ugliness, whether from careless destruction or industrial necessity, let him restore whatever beauty he may. Where man has raised up noble works and broad thoroughfares, let him render them more fair by careful art. We owe this much to Canada. Montreal, with one of the most splendid city sites in the world, should lead, not lag, in this movement. —The Montreal Daily Star.

A True Friend A true friend is one who makes us do what we can.—Phelps.

## New York to Moscow



Preparations for new round-the-world flights are almost completed by Clyde E. Pangborn (left) and Hugh Herndon, Jr. (right). Pair will attempt to fly non-stop from New York to Moscow on first leg.

## Pomp Will Mark Viceroy's Arrival

Thunder of Guns to Greet Bessborough at Halifax Saturday

Ottawa.—A glittering pageant whose actors will be the naval and military forces of Canada will greet Their Excellencies the Earl and Countess of Bessborough when, with their suite, they disembark at Halifax next Saturday.

From the citadel, whose massive bastions tower majestically above the harbor, a salute of 19 guns will announce the fact that the new Governor-General has set foot on Canadian soil. The reverberations of the first gun will synchronize with the royal salute to be given His Excellency by a guard of bluejackets from the Royal Canadian Navy, who will be drawn up, 100 strong, on the pier.

When the Governor-General leaves the docks to proceed to the Province House, where he will take the oath of office, a troop of cavalrymen from the Royal Canadian Dragoons, garbed in scarlet and blue, with plumed helmets, will precede the Vice-Regal party. Drawn up on Hollis Street at the entrance to the Legislature 100 officers and men detailed from the Royal Canadian Regiment will receive His Excellency with a royal salute.

Immediately after the Earl of Bessborough has taken the oath of office, the guns will again thunder from Citadel Hill, thus announcing that the three months' interregnum, during which His Majesty was represented in Canada by the administrator, Rt. Hon. Lyman D. Duff, is at an end.

The Governor-General will leave the Nova Scotia capital at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. At the ocean terminals the

## "Mounties" To View Fair



Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers on shipboard en route to Buenos Aires for British Empire Fair. Left to right—Sergt. J. R. Paton, M.C., Constables Fairman, Carmichael and Carstairs.

## Governor-General's Flag to Make Debut in Canada With Bessborough

Ottawa.—The new flag for Governor-General, ordered and approved by His Majesty King George, will be used in Canada for the first time after the Earl of Bessborough has arrived here to take up residence at Rideau Hall. It will not be the personal flag of Lord Bessborough but rather a symbol of the position he will hold as Governor-General.

The flag has a field of navy blue while in its centre are a crown of gold and the British lion. Beneath the crown is the word "Canada." The same flag will be used in other Dominions, except that the name beneath the crown will vary.

The new flag will be flown over Rideau Hall, official residence here of the Governor-General, and also over the east block of the Parliament Buildings when Lord Bessborough occupies his office here.

## Gain in Exports Of Canadian Fruit

Canada's Shipments to Britain More Popular Report Shows

London, March 29.—Canada's exports of canned fruit to Great Britain have increased enormously since the war, according to a report issued by the Empire Marketing Board on "The Demand for Canned Fruits." The report was the result of a survey of the tastes of 15 million consumers in all parts of Great Britain and in Belfast. During the war Canada's export amounted to about 100 pounds. To-day it is approximately three million pounds.

The report states that people in Great Britain are eating five times as much canned fruit as they did in 1912. Home-grown and Empire fruits from Canada, Australia and South Africa are supplying more and more of this rising demand. The Empire share of imports has risen from a negligible proportion to nine per cent. There is room for development, the report states, since 87 per cent. of the trade is still in the hands of the United States.

## Spring Blizzard Sweeps Over States

Chicago.—Spring showers became raging snow storms last Friday, gentle zephyrs turned to wintry gales and balmy temperatures skidded to "cold wars" readings in a blizzard which surged eastward across the nation.

From Canada to the Texas Panhandle and from Idaho to Chicago the countryside was lashed by snow and sleet-laden gales. A mixture of snow and rain fell in Chicago, while the weather bureau predicted temperature of 15 degrees above zero.

Gales of 60 and 70 miles an hour piled snow in drifts so deep in Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Minnesota, North and South Dakota and parts of Iowa that motorists and aviators gave up the struggle. Railroad trains plowed through the drifts only with the greatest difficulty.

Temperatures fell to zero in Denver for the first time this year and to four degrees above zero at Pergus Falls, Minn. Winnipeg, Man., where sub zero temperatures prevailed, reported heavy snows had brought about its worst traffic tangles of the year.

Rural schools throughout the Dakotas were closed, most highways were blocked completely and many telegraph and telephone lines were blown down.

## Witnesses of April

April, I take your witness clear That Christ shall come in light, For I have seen a dogwood tree Blow white in the night.

April, I take your witness high That He shall come in flame, For I have seen the living fire That crimson boughs proclaim.

April, I take your witness pure That He shall come in grace, For I have seen a lily gleam Upon a shadowed place.

April, I take your witness true That He shall come in gladness, For I have seen a lily gleam Upon a shadowed place.

## Britain First on List of Merchant Shipping

Washington.—Great Britain maintained her position as dictator of the world's merchant shipping in 1930, a recent report made public by the United States Shipping Board reveals. British merchant ships totalled over 15,300,000 gross tons, the United States and second position with less than half that amount.

During 1930, the Board says, a total of 359 vessels of 2,600 tons or over were placed in operation. Great Britain led with new tonnage, placing 139 vessels in service. Norway was second with 71, and the United States third with 15 new ships.

## "Keep to the Left" Found Difficult

Londoners Persistently Turn Right in Spite of Signs

When you leave the up platform at Euston Tube Station, in London, you are confronted by large notices, "Keep to the Left," and most people do keep to the left, until they reach the lift. But in the passage above the lift, leading into the main station, there are no notices, and the whole stream of traffic swings to the right.

Everywhere you see the same thing. In a certain London club the stairway to the dining-room forks half-way up. Nearly ninety per cent. of members take the right-hand flight, so that it is necessary to change the stair carpets two or three times a year in order to get even wear.

Of every hundred persons born into the world, seventeen are strongly right-handed, three are naturally left-handed, and the remaining eighty, who would be ambidextrous—that is, able to use both hands equally—are trained by stupid seniors into the use of the right hand at the expense of the left.

Lost in the Wilds In point of fact, there is a difference between the right and left sides of the human body. The right is a little stronger. The difference is small, but it is general. In the average man of woman, if the strength of the right side is represented by one hundred, that of the left varies between ninety-five and ninety.

Come to the legs, and we find that, roughly, sixty persons out of a hundred are naturally right-legged. That is to say, in walking, sixty people out of a hundred start off on the right foot and take slightly longer steps with the right leg than with the left.

This accounts for the odd fact that a person lost in the wilds travels in a circle. That is no mere traveller's tale the writer can testify, for he once had a most unpleasant experience in the Florida woods. He had been helping to cut cypress posts in a swamp. His axe broke, and he started back to fetch another.

Instead of sticking to the wagon track, he foolishly tried a short cut through his flat-woods, got completely lost, walked for nearly four hours, and in the end landed, in a violent thunderstorm, at the very swamp from which he had started.

So, taking it all in, the instinct to keep to the right is a natural one, and rules and regulations to the contrary can never have any lasting effect.

## Sing Thour My Soul

The black night came down in rain and wrath and storm, Men lifted from a cross a broken Form; Dawn came with song and sun—Sing thour, my soul!— Rose, radiant, from the tomb the Christ made whole.

Mine eyes and yours have seen joy bound and slain, Your eyes and mine shall see joy rise again; To each his Easter day when love shall rise With the same outstretched hands and the same eyes.

## Coal Consumption Shows Big Decrease

Increased Use of Waterpower and of Electricity Chief Factors

Ottawa.—Coal consumption in Canada has decreased approximately three and a half million tons in the past year.

Statistics now available show the quantity of coal made available for consumption in Canada in 1930 was 31,865,880 tons, as compared with 35,278,683 tons the preceding year. This decrease is due to several causes, one of which is the increasing use of electricity as a medium of power for operating factories, newsprint mills, saw mills, etc., and to the increased usage of water power instead of steam power in the generating of electricity. Of the total power used in manufacturing industry in 1929, it is estimated 72 per cent. was electricity. In 1929 and 1930 this percentage is expected to have been greater.

It is estimated electric power has displaced the consumption of coal in Canada to the extent of 14,500,000 tons in 1930.

While the consumption of coal last year shows a decrease, the output of central electric generating stations has increased from 18,014 million kilowatt hours in 1929 to 18,256 millions in 1930. The large stations, generating approximately 98 per cent. of the total electrical output, generated only 302 million kilowatt hours by steam power in 1930, as compared with 331 millions in the preceding year.

## \$4,500,000 Grain Elevator

Prescott, Ontario.—Built during the past two years at a total cost of \$4,500,000, the Dominion Government's huge new grain elevator, situated on reclaimed land on the St. Lawrence River, three miles east of Prescott, is now completed and ready for the opening of navigation in April. Towering to a height of 295 feet at its loftiest point, and extending diagonally riverwards for a distance of 1,340 feet, the great structure forms an impressive piece of skyline. Its capacity is 5,500,000 bushels.

Ottawa.—The secretary of the Canadian Artyshire Breeders' Association reports having received during the month of February 126 reports of cows and heifers which have qualified in the R.O.P.—48 in the 355 day division and 73 in the Honor Roll or 205 day division. In the 355 day division 32 of the 48 records were made on two milkings a day. The leader in the mature class was Tullochgorum Dorothy owned by the Experimental Farm at Indian Head, Sask., with a splendid record of 16,162 lbs. milk, 637 lbs. fat.