

Voice of the Press

Canada, The Empire and The World at Large

CANADA

No Great Men

George Bernard Shaw says there are no great men or women in the world. "I can write plays and you can't. That is all," he remarked. "If I couldn't I should probably be a tramp. As it is, I am so well off that everybody pretends I am much more respectable than I really am."—Hamilton Herald.

He Tanned the Hides

A prominent Pictou County farmer brought two calf-skins to market, and could only get twenty-five cents for them. He also wanted a few yards of leather belt lacing. He could not get enough for the calf-hides to buy the few laces. He was mad clear through. Being a long-headed Scot, he threw the hides back into his wagon, and started homeward. "Hang it," he muttered to himself, "I'm not going to let these fellows beat me. In the old days they tanned hides; why can't I?" He did. The process entailed some work. He used the river for a soaking tank. He applied the proper solution to soften and toughen the leather. It worked. He cut a lacing from the hide, and tried to break it. He couldn't, and came to town to show the result of his work. He has several dollars worth of good strong lacing for the belts of his machines. But what pleased most was that he beat the machine that was opposing him.—New Glasgow Chronicle.

Out of Place in the City

There is little joy for a rollicking big-framed animal running loose in a world of crowded streets. The nervous tension of dodging car wheels and being chased from pillar to post because of a succession of wrong-doings innocently arising from the sheer joy of living, is sufficient to arouse irritability in the most exceptionally best and eventually bring down coals of fire on his head and that of his owner. There are few things more tiring or more nerve-racking than the loyal company of a big, good-natured rascal who, through his very freedom of thought and action can make life seem a much pleasanter business to the harassed human mind. Like everything else, however, he has his place and, if he is not intended for the kennel or the leash, that place is in the country, or at least, the less cramped portions of the city where he may enjoy the liberty so essential to bringing out the best that is in him.—Edmonton Journal.

A Fallacious Notion

Motorists who clamor for the removal of speed limits claim that it is not speed in itself but reckless or incompetent driving that is responsible for so many distressing highway accidents. But a member of the staff of the National Safety Council of the United States, Curtis Billings, argues in the Atlantic Magazine for October that the increase in the death rate due to motor accidents coincides with increases in the power and speed of motors in that country. With the coming of fast cars and broad, paved roads the notion became fixed in the minds of motorists that speed in itself is not dangerous. "That notion," he says, "is as fallacious as it is alluring." Having reviewed the statistics on the subject, Mr. Billings quotes one engineer as saying: "The faster a vehicle is going the more damage it can do because its energy increases as the square of its speed. That is to say, if the speed is doubled the force of the impact in case of accident is four times as great. This is a common-sense as well as an engineering view to take of the effects of increased speed. The significance of the argument lies in the fact that it comes from an expert engaged in Safety First work."—Toronto Mail and Empire.

Too Much Cutting Down

All over the province the high schools and collegiate institutes are trying to cut down expenses. In fact all over the province everybody is trying to cut down expenses, even those who have no reason at all for doing so. People who have their 1928 income are pinching like the rest. This reducing of expenses, this refraining from buying anything that can be done without, retards the return of business activity. And yet a force like this operates inevitably and no argument can prevail against it.—Toronto Star.

Hangings

The official hangman in Poland gets \$15 per execution, and says he can't make a living at that rate. His services are not sufficiently in demand and most of the time he is just hanging around.—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

THE EMPIRE

Ottawa and World Trade

A revival of trade within the Empire is calculated to increase British prosperity everywhere, and nothing can prevent that from operating beneficially elsewhere in the world. It means much that so great a commercial nation should find its feet again. Ottawa, it is well said, has furnished a link between Lausanne and the World Economic Conference. The ultimate outcome must be the benefit of all, and the immediate result is to simplify the

wider problem, although the first foreign reaction is to compel adjustment to the changed conditions.—Auckland Weekly News.

Anglo-Danish Relations

Denmark has been one of the first foreign countries to show readiness to adjust itself to the new trade conditions created at Ottawa; and its peculiarly intimate commercial relations with Great Britain are illustrated by the fact that last year this country took no less than 67 per cent. of all Danish exports. The Danish people seem determined to overcome the difficulties created for them by the new Ottawa duties; and a new trade treaty will no doubt be negotiated at the earliest opportune moment. In the meantime the British Exhibition will exemplify the enlightened self-interest that draws the two countries economically and culturally together.—London Times.

British Capital in Crown Colonies

British capital is tremendously needed in all the Crown Colonies, and there are bitter complaints from time to time that British investors are shy of investments in them. Yet when it comes to a practical effort by a British investor to begin an enterprise in these colonies, he is met, as often as not, with a cold water douche of suspicion.—Trinidad Guardian.

"Has Recovery Begun?"

I believe that the process of recovery has begun and is well under way, even though there is little visible evidence of it as yet. But valence must be the best, slow, owing to the terrible network of constrictive bonds in which the world has contrived to envelop itself in its desperate and futile efforts to escape from the consequences of its own economic folly. I have little faith in the powers of a World Economic Conference to produce a formula for the unravelling of the tangle. The only real hope lies in a steady and unrelenting pressure of business men for the piecemeal removal of obstacles to trade, and in the natural ingenuity of the trader. Every importer or exporter who can find a way (preferably legal) through, round or over a tariff, quota or exchange control deserves well of humanity at the present juncture.—O. R. Hobson in The Spectator, London.

The Reds in China

The cure for the Red movement in China is peace and prosperity. This is not to say that active and resolute action is unnecessary, but Communism grows from the hot-bed of distress arising from famine, disorder and corrupt government. Aeroplanes and local volunteers can disperse a minority of bandits and rogues; but a great peril arises when normal and orderly people are drawn into such a movement. Then the revolt grows to the proportion of civil war, with illimitable possibilities for mischief.—Hong Kong Press.

OTHER OPINIONS

Monotony

Most of us can draw up our belts another hole and cut our lunch allowance in two for a spell of weeks, but there comes a time when, if we are blest with a spark of imagination, we crack under the strain of monotonous existence. A brain-storm sweeps away all our good resolutions, the self-denying ordinance is overborne, we are almost ready to play ducks and drakes with our insurance premiums and payments to the co-operative bank and like Pippa, give ourselves a holiday. It is worth all it costs sometimes, to waste the price of a plain nourishing meal on a red necktie or the price of a much needed pair of shoes on a broiled lobster with all the fixings.—Boston Transcript.

Obnoxious Billboards

There are two counts against the billboard on the highway. It not only mars the landscape and destroys the natural beauty of roadside scenery, but its garishness also distracts the attention of the driver of the car. Important traffic directions posted along the road are often lost in a welter of commercial signs. In the interests of safety the most conspicuous signs on the highway should be those placed there by the highway department to direct traffic.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Heavy Rains Hinder Harvesting in the West

Winnipeg.—For the second successive time a rainy week has brought grief to western farmers. Heavy showers over the greater part of the three Prairie provinces and a dash of snow at Swift Current, Sask., made up the week's weather budget. Prospects are scattered showers in Manitoba and Saskatchewan and clearing skies in Alberta. Intermittent wet weather has proved a severe handicap to cleaning up harvesting and threshing operations. While Manitoba's crop is practically all harvested and threshed about 25 per cent. of this work remains to be done in Saskatchewan and Alberta. If good weather follows work should be under way again, but the quality of the grain remaining in the fields is bound to be seriously impaired.

Not A Funeral—Baseball Fans



Just a portion of the worlds series baseballers making their way through Chicago's crowded streets. The fans turned out to bolster the courage of the home lads, already in the soup.

Dominion Seed Experts Survey Yield Prospects

Ottawa.—Returns indicate that clover and alfalfa in 1932 promise a much smaller total yield of seed in Canada than last year, while more timothy and lucerne are expected. Alfalfa prospects are the best out of the four but are expected to be a short crop. Alfalfa is much reduced in acreage in Ontario and may yield only average, says a report issued last week by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. A considerably reduced acreage of sweet clover for seed is reported in the Western Provinces and also in Ontario. Brome and Western rye grass in the Western Provinces promise much more seed than last year, owing to more moisture during the growing season. The acreage of bent grass for seed in Prince Edward Island is reported about 25 per cent. less than last year.

Canadian To Command Egyptian Air Force

Alexandria Egypt.—Squadron Leader Victor Hubert Tait, a Canadian, has been appointed to command the Egyptian Air Force, with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. Squadron Leader Tait, who was attached to the Royal Air Force, succeeds Air Commodore A. G. Board, who resigned last April after a dispute with the Egyptian Ministry of War, which disapproved of his having aircraft brought from England by steamer when the Ministry wanted them flown here by Egyptian pilots.

Czechs Volunteer for Army

Prague.—Czechoslovakia is having the unusual experience for a country where compulsory military service exists of being overwhelmed with volunteers for the army. More than three times as many are applying as can be accepted. The cause is rising unemployment in the country which is now beginning to feel the effects of the crisis.

Autoist Loses Life In Grade Smash

Almonte, Ont.—Thomas Burrows is dead and Russell McDonald is in hospital here as a result of injuries received when their car was struck by a Canadian Pacific train at a railway crossing near Welch Station, three and a half miles north of Smiths Falls, late Friday.

Companion Receives Minor Injuries at Crossing Near Smith Falls

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Two Famous Fighting Ships to Disappear

London.—Two of Britain's famous fighting ships will soon leave Portsmouth for the last time. The Iron Duke, Earl Jellicoe's flagship in the Battle of Jutland, is to become a gunnery practice vessel. Most of her fittings, already removed when she was originally ordered scrapped under the London naval treaty, have been retrieved.

1,100,548 Radios In Use in Japan

The total number of receiving sets in operation in Japan at the end of April was 1,100,548, according to a report of the United States Department of Commerce from Assistant Commercial Attache William S. Dowd, Tokyo. In that month alone 58,951 permits were approved, although all sets in private hands pay a monthly fee of 25 cents.

Hurricane Again Takes Toll



Here is a scene from devastated area near San Juan, Puerto Rico, showing inhabitants beginning to clear away the wreckage. The dead mounted to 200 with thousands injured.

Empire Tariff Concessions Become Effective This Thursday

Canada's Pacts With United Kingdom, Irish Free State and South Africa Will Be Under Way

Ottawa.—Tariff agreements made by Canada to the United Kingdom, the Irish Free State and South Africa at the Imperial Conference will come into effect Thursday morning.

This announcement was made Friday in the House of Commons by Premier Bennett, who, in a statement anxiously awaited by Parliament and the thousands of Canadians connected with industry throughout the country, said that the full details of the Imperial Conference agreements would be made known in the House on Wednesday.

The tariff changes incident to these agreements, he stated, would be treated in the same way as tariff changes made in the budget, that is, they would become operative on the day following Thursday.

Mr. Bennett said that the conference agreements with the United Kingdom, the Irish Free State, Southern Rhodesia and South Africa would be made public in Parliament at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The United Kingdom agreement alone necessitates 200

tariff changes, giving British manufacturers wider preferences in the Canadian market. What the other pacts entail is not known as no details have been announced.

No more vivid reminder has been given of the old saying about the flag on which the sun never sets than that the time at which announcement is made concerning the agreements must be set so that simultaneous statements will be released in England, where the clock is five hours ahead of Ottawa, and in Australia, where time is a day ahead of this country.

Synchronized Announcement
Announcement of the full details of the Canada-United Kingdom pact will be made at the same time in England. The best advice here, however, was that owing to the different Parliamentary procedure overseas, the quotas and specific preferences given Canada under the agreement would not become effective until a statute is passed by the British Parliament. The latter does not meet until October 18. Present preferences given Canada under the Import Duties Act will remain.

Shortage of Doctors Teachers in Soviet Russia

Moscow.—Soviet Russia is faced with a serious shortage of physicians, scientists, teachers and authors because the Communist youth would rather be an engineer than a professional man.

A spirited campaign to overcome this prejudice has been inaugurated by the Government, it was learned, after an official survey disclosed that virtually all students in the schools prefer jobs at which they can work with their hands.

Sorely in need of more doctors and teachers, the Soviet authorities are assuring Russian youth that it is "respectable to be intellectual." The odium which attached to the so-called intelligentsia, they are told, no longer is tenable.

Whether the new generation will permit itself to be convinced remains to be seen. The boys and girls of the new Russia have grown up in an era when intellectuals were hunted, derided and publicly humiliated. The very word "intelligentsia" has come to mean something affiliated with counter-revolution.

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Girl Ends Hike B.C. to Alaska

Left Vancouver Early in Summer and Arrives at Juneau

Juneau, Alaska.—Although lost for five days in the wilderness south of Telegraph Creek, B.C., Miss Thea Francis on October 7th completed a hike from San Francisco to Juneau, started last March 19, and delivered a letter from Governor James Rolph, Jr., of California, to Governor George A. Parks, of Alaska.

After leaving Vancouver, B.C., early in the summer, the girl said she hiked to Hazelton and then, plunging into the wilderness, she followed the Dominion Government telegraph line, becoming lost and remaining on a bar at the head waters of the Bell River before being found by telegraph linemen sent to search for her.

After being placed on the trail she hiked to Telegraph Creek and Atlin, thence to Skagway, where she obtained a small boat and paddled down the Lynn Canal to Alaska's capital. That was the only transportation Miss Francis had on the entire trip, she said. Although she saw many bears and moose, she said she was not molested.

Use Ontario Farm Products And Help the Farmers

Hon. T. L. Kennedy, since he became Minister of Agriculture two years ago, has made every effort to improve agricultural conditions in Ontario. By means of public addresses and departmental activities he has sought to impress upon urban communities the necessity for making greater use of our own agricultural products. Statistics show that year after year the people of Ontario import a very large amount of such products from foreign countries. If they turn from these foreign products and consume our own there will be a double advantage. Farmers will benefit financially, and they will in turn be better able to buy the manufactured articles of urban communities.

The result is obvious, but some educational effort seems necessary to bring it about. With this object in view the department recently announced an "Ontario Farm Products Week," from October 17 to October 22. We are gratified to note that the idea has been taken up with enthusiasm in all sections of the province. Retail merchants, manufacturers, civic bodies and other organizations are co-operating to make the week a success. In many cities plans have been made for parades, special window displays and other attractions designed to increase public buying interest in Ontario farm products. At this season of the year there is one product which must be disposed of quickly to the best advantage.

Ontario is noted for the high quality of its fruit. In other years we have frequently been distressed by reports of fruits of various kinds lying rotting on the ground because "there was no demand for them." There is always a demand for good fruit, but the difficulty seems to be in methods of collection and distribution. If fruit growers can be assured of a ready market there will be little left to rot this year. The object of the "Ontario Farm Products Week" is to enlist the co-operation of consumers in cities, towns and villages in making use of these products, including fruit. With these urban dwellers it should be, as we have explained a matter of intelligent self-interest.—Toronto Mail and Empire.

Strictly British

London.—Strictly British and adhering strictly to the "Buy British" campaign, patriotic English who have to do with ship christenings are no longer using champagne. Champagne, they figure, is French, so they have taken to christening their vessels with wine and cider.

A Winner



Described as an alluring brunette with large extremely expressive eyes, Kathleen Burke has been chosen as the ideal "Panther Woman" by a movie company.

London Will Observe Sir Christopher Wren's Anniversary

London.—The observance of the 300th anniversary of the birth of London's greatest architect, Sir Christopher Wren, on Oct. 20 at St. Paul's Cathedral will be attended by representatives of various institutions and societies, including the Royal Institute of British Architects, the London Society and the Wren Society. There will be a special service of prayer and commemoration, with an address by Canon Alexander.

The London Society has arranged for a lecture on Wren on Oct. 21 by Professor Feresford Pitt, F. R. I. B. A., a member of the board and faculty of fine arts, Cambridge. Wren was born at East Knoyle, Wiltshire, on Oct. 20, 1632. The Great Fire of London in 1666, which completely destroyed St. Paul's and nearly all the city churches, gave Wren a unique opportunity of displaying his genius as an architect.

Greatest Englishman Declares Newspaperman

Toronto.—"The greatest woman in Britain is Queen Mary," according to Mr. Arthur Beverley Baxter, in speaking at the Women's Canadian Club here. He declared that the really great women of the world were not those in the public eye, "but the good home-makers who inspire their husbands to the highest that is in them and make their sons their own self-expression." The well known newspaper man said that the British people were just beginning to realize fully the place which would be taken by Her Majesty when the history of the difficult transition years in England was written. With society turned upside down, the home life of Buckingham Palace had been a rallying centre of moral force.

Soviet to Build Large Cannery

A large fruit and vegetable cannery, with a capacity of 100,000,000 cans a year, is to be built at Sardar-Abad in Armenia, according to the Economic Review of the Soviet Union. It will cost about 10,000,000 rubles. Construction work will commence next year, and the plant is scheduled to begin operations in 1931. Raw material for the cannery will be supplied by a State farm in the vicinity, which controls 2,400 hectares (5,900 acres) of orchards, vineyards and truck gardens.

Club Aids Farm Women

Florence, S.C.—Five years ago a group of local women organized the Florence Home Extension Club, where farm women sell their produce direct to the consumer, eliminating the middleman's profit. The club has just ended the most successful year of its existence, \$10,000 worth of farm produce being sold. The goal for 1932-33 sales has been set at \$15,000 and grounds surrounding the market place have been beautified and other improvements have been made.