

# Voice of the Press

Canada, The Empire and The World at Large

**CANADA**  
**The Deadly Pea-Shooter**  
 One juvenile nuisance follows another in St. Thomas. Now it's pea-shooters—in pea-shooters costing one cent each. Motorists have complained about boys shooting peas and shot at them as they passed and Friday evening telephone calls were received at the police station from nervous women reporting that mischievous youngsters were shooting peas against the windows of residences. A woman also reported to the police that she stepped on peas on the sidewalk, lost her balance and fell, injuring one of her limbs. Boys with pea-shooters who were nearby when the woman fell are believed to have been responsible. Definite instructions have been given the members of the police force to take possession of all shooters that they see in the hands of youngsters. Merchants should be prohibited from selling such things to children. — St. Thomas Times-Journal.

**Rural School Fairs**  
 The rural school fairs, becoming each year more popular, are undoubtedly doing a great deal to inspire country boys and girls to know more about farming and its possibilities, and the growth of this movement is a healthy sign. These school fairs are contributing an important service, and they deserve the support of the communities in which they are held. Their success is a good omen for the progress of agriculture. — Peterboro Examiner.

**The Rise in Prices**  
 Newspaper readers have heard a lot about the renewed feeling of confidence prevailing business in Canada and the United States. The upward trend of basic commodity prices, excepting wheat, which is all-important to the West, in the last two or three months accompanying the remarkable activity in stock and bond prices has advanced ground for that confidence. The advance in prices has not, however, narrowed the gap between farm products and manufactured goods, and until that has been done progress is unlikely to be very satisfactory. — Saskatoon Star-Phoenix.

**Turning Point Reached**  
 The general feeling that the turning point in economic conditions has been reached is supported by "The Economic Annalist," published by the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa. It shows that there was an increase in the "Bureau of Statistics" index of wholesale prices for August which marks the first upturn since November, 1931. The amount of the increase, which was from 66.6 in July to 66.8 in August, is not in itself significant, but the fact that a slight increase was registered may be of importance. The price level of a number of basic commodities including sugar, rubber, cotton, silk, copper, tin, silver and coal registered gains on Canadian and world markets. "The Economic Annalist" adds that perhaps the most satisfactory indication of what may be ahead is that for about a year prices and the trend of business, though slightly downward, have passed the period of "wild gyrations" that characterize the earlier stages of a depression. Indications of stability have not been lacking in recent months. Such stability has preceded an upturn in business during previous periods of this nature. — Toronto Mail and Empire.

**Decrease in Juvenile Crime**  
 An official report from Ottawa shows that there has been a decrease in juvenile crime amounting to 10 per cent. in the major offences and 25 per cent. in the minor ones. This is satisfactory and naturally enough, people are asking the reasons for it. Some of them think that greater facilities for games and recreation have a good deal to do with it, which can be used as an argument why home lessons should be abandoned, so that more time can be devoted to them. Another reason given is that the depression has been making people stay more at home and thus the children have come under greater parental care. — Kingston Whig-Standard.

**THE EMPIRE**  
**Jailed For Debt**  
 There were 60,000 people sent to jail in 1930, according to the report of the latest prison inquiry. Thirteen thousand of these were imprisoned for debt. Twelve thousand were imprisoned for not paying the fines inflicted on them. Seven thousand were kept in custody on remand. A great number of these were imprisoned in this way because they could not find bail. Thus, about half of the prison population were put behind the walls because their principal crime was poverty. — London Daily Express.

**Survival of the Fittest**  
 We should not ignore Sir George Newman's warning that the great decrease in infant mortality means the survival of "many weakly and perhaps even defective" children, who swell the numbers of the unfit. Whether these weaker members of the community can be raised to a standard of normal efficiency is a problem which our health services have not yet solved. It must become of greater im-

portance year by year. — London Daily Telegraph.

**Empire Co-operation**  
 One of the great troubles of the present day is that industrialists and merchants have lost their ability to make plans confidently for the future. The great value of the Ottawa resolutions lies in the fact that they reveal to the world that British policy has the backing of the whole British Empire. An appreciation of this solid and significant fact may, and we believe will, exercise a determining influence upon the deliberations of the coming International Conference. — Cape Argus

**The British Navy and the Empire**  
 New Zealand has been wont to claim with pride that Britain has been given preference of many years without anything being asked in return. The attitude is legitimate up to a point, especially as evidence that sentiment in favour of Empire trade has long flourished. It is not quite correct to say nothing has been given in return whether asked or not. As Mr. Downie Stewart pointed out long ago, Britain's entire disproportionate burden of Empire defence has properly been claimed as a set-off to preferences. — Auckland Weekly News.

**The Results at Ottawa**  
 The material results are not very great. But the agreements are important in that, when ratified by the various Parliaments, they will formally regularize Commonwealth trade arrangements over a wide field and form a solid foundation on which more ambitious structures can be erected. — Natal Witness, Pietermaritzburg.

**Vegetables For Canada**  
 Signs are not wanting to show that a good number of persons intend to grow vegetables in Jamaica. Their objective is the Canadian market. The most popular vegetable that interests them most is tomato. Canada imports about two million dollars' worth of tomatoes between October of one year and May of the next. The bulk of the tomatoes that are offered for sale in Canada during the six months referred to are from the Southern States of America and the Republic of Mexico. The possibilities of the Canadian market should appeal to parties in Jamaica, as they have appealed to growers in some of the sister colonies. It is of importance to remember that the Dominion Government admits British West-Indian tomatoes duty free, while the foreign product is subject to a duty of 30 per cent. ad valorem. — Jamaica Gleaner.

**OTHER OPINIONS**  
**St. Lawrence Waterway**  
 The next step in the development of the inland American empire is the St. Lawrence Waterway, already five-sixths completed. There are 22 States linked together over a period of years to effect this Waterway opportunity, and every one of them knows on the evidence of long, painstaking examination that the benefits from its completion will be immediate, and its future fruits, to those who prepare for them, incalculable. This Waterway is coming, and it is coming soon, in face of the 55,000,000 people directly affected by it, it will take a very intrepid and reckless political party to try to obstruct it. — Detroit News.

**Child Labour**  
 Mr. Hoover has made an eloquent and sensible appeal to the whole Nation to press for the abolition of this monstrosity. It is to be hoped that his words may receive the attention they merit. He urges a declaration of war on child labour for two reasons, either of which, alone, should suffice to unite public opinion actively against that which blights our national life. It is, the President points out, an evil which connotes injustice to children, impairs their health, and restricts their preparation for manhood and womanhood. It is, further, a gross injustice to the adult worker, who needs all available opportunity for employment that he may support his family. This problem is no unimportant matter. It affects the actual lives of upwards of 2,000,000 American children to-day. — Boston Globe.

**Ontario-Manitoba Line Remapped in 4 Months**  
 Winnipeg. — Originally chartered in 1897, the provincial boundary between Ontario and Manitoba has been retraced by a survey party which recently returned to Winnipeg. The party, consisting of 11 surveyors and axo men under J. W. Pierce, Winnipeg, remapped the line between the provinces and hewed a trail to show the border through the bush. They were away for four months.

**Australia May Use Egrets to Kill Off Buffalo Fly**  
 Brisbane, Australia. — The blood-sucking buffalo fly, a pest, may meet its Waterloo if a plan to import egrets from India goes through. The egrets love nothing better than to gobble blood-sucking bugalo flies and cattle ticks. The only fly in the ointment is that honey producers fear egrets also have a taste for bees.



Canadian Scottish memorial to their Essex comrades. An oak panel was unveiled at Warley (Essex) barracks chapel, recently, by Lieut. A. R. Stone, Essex Scottish of Canada. Left to right: Lieut.-Col. A. E. Maitland, Mrs. Harding-Newman, Maj.-Gen. J. C. Harding-Newman, Lieut. A. R. Stone and Mrs. A. E. Maitland.

## Dr. Geo. S. Barton Named New Deputy of Agriculture

Ottawa.—Dr. George S. Barton, professor of husbandry and dean of the faculty of agriculture, MacDonald College, McGill University, has been appointed deputy minister of agriculture according to official announcement to this effect. Dr. Barton fills the vacancy caused by the retirement last year of J. H. Grisdale. Born at Vancouver Hill, Ont., on June 29, 1883, he was educated in Ontario and Quebec. From the University of Toronto he received the degree of bachelor of scientific agriculture. Subsequently, Laval University made him a doctor of scientific agriculture.

In 1907 he became assistant in animal husbandry at MacDonald College and three years later was named a lecturer. His professional chair came in 1911 and seven years ago Dr. Barton was appointed dean of the faculty of agriculture. Vice-president of the Canadian Society of Technical Agriculturists from 1920 to 1923, Dr. Barton was made president in the latter year. He held the post from 1923-25. In addition, Dr. Barton was president of the Eastern Canadian Society of Animal Production, 1928-30. Dr. Barton is married.

**Slow Driving Brings Man Before Magistrate**  
 Westport, Conn.—Mr. Fred Buckley of New York has learned that one may drive too slowly in Connecticut. He was recently ordered to appear in town court on a charge that he held up a long line of traffic on the Boston Post Road by operating his car at 25 miles an hour.

**Name is Changed**  
 Sudbury.—To avoid confusion with the Burwash Industrial farm, the name of the Burwash post office in the village will be changed to Estaire on Nov. 1, Postmaster W. Whitehead of Sudbury said Saturday. The name of the railway station, however will not be changed, officials of the Canadian Pacific Railway affirm.

## Surcharge on Traffic to U.S. 6 to 9 Per cent.

Ottawa.—The rate of exchange for New York funds as affecting Canadian railways from October 15 to 31 has been set at nine and three-eighths premium by the Dominion Board of Railway Commissioners. During this period the rate of surcharge on international freight and express shipments will be six per cent.; passenger surcharge will be based on nine per cent. surcharge.

## British Motor Cars Given Preference by Hong Kong

Hong Kong.—Contribution of the British Crown Colony of Hong Kong to Empire trade betterment sought under the agreements of the Ottawa Imperial Conference, came Friday with formal announcement that British motor cars would enjoy a preference in entering the colony. There will be no customs duty, but foreign cars will pay a special additional registration fee of 20 per cent. on their landed cost.

## Montreal-Ottawa Air Service Suspended

Montreal.—Temporary suspension of the air service between Montreal and Ottawa, effective after Saturday, was announced Friday by Canadian Airways, Limited. The line had been operated since the opening of the Imperial Conference and was well patronized while the conference was sitting, but carryings had fallen off since then, it was stated.

## Monk Rasputin's Daughter to be Circus Equestrienne

Paris.—Mme. Marie Solovieff, daughter of the assassinated Monk Rasputin who wielded great power at the Russian court in the years just prior to the revolution, arrived here Sunday to make her debut as a circus equestrienne. She has achieved success as a dancer in Berlin, Bucharest, Madrid and Lisbon, but has not appeared as a circus performer before.

## Execution of Reid Set For January 6

Peterboro.—Convicted by a jury of murdering his jungle companion Harry Thomas a Belleville war veteran, by stabbing him in the breast in a bog-hole here on the night of Sept. 3, Henry W. Reid, 36, formerly of Campbellford, was Saturday sentenced by Mr. Justice Wright to be hanged on Jan. 6.

## Jungle Murderer Sentenced at Peterboro Assizes

Reid's only reply when asked if he had anything to say before sentence was passed was a murmur that he had not had a fair trial on the part of the jury, and a low-voiced plea, "Have mercy upon me." Fred Cummings, Peterboro youth who was convicted of criminal negligence as a result of the death of Mrs. Audrey Cook, a passenger in Cummings' car when it plunged into a ditch, was sentenced to two years less a day in the Ontario Reformatory. A similar sentence was imposed on George W. Vass, 23, found guilty of manslaughter in connection with the death of his uncle, William Connors, who was killed when a car driven by Vass collided with another vehicle.

## Slight Gain in Employment and Payrolls in the U.S.

Washington.—The United States Labor Department reported a gain of 3.6 per cent. in employment and an increase of 2.6 in payrolls during September, on the basis of figures from 54,851 reporting establishments. In manufacturing, employment was up 4.5 per cent. from the August figure and payrolls increased 5 per cent. These figures were based on reports from establishments with 2,620,867 employees, whose combined earnings in one week were \$44,626,955. Of 14 industrial groups reporting, the department said, 12 showed increases for the month.

## Three Thugs Beat, Night-Flying Gag Toronto Man On the Continent

Release Victim After Spending Night in House

Toronto.—Savagely beating up their elderly victim, although no resistance was offered, three men bound at a gagged 66-year-old Maurice Fogler in his house at 230 Dundas Street west on Saturday night, took everything of value they could find, and then calmly made themselves a meal in the kitchen and afterwards went to sleep in an upstairs room adjoining the one in which they used the helpless Fogler. At nine o'clock Sunday morning they untied the rope binding Fogler's hands and then walked out. Fogler yelled for help from his window and then collapsed. He was taken to Toronto General Hospital, where it was found he had sustained a possible fracture of the jaw, a lacerated eye and sundry other bruises.

For cool nerve and audacity this burglary stood alone in recent crime history, police declared after they had obtained Fogler's story. The trio went about the business of beating up their victim in an almost fiendishly cruel manner. One of them brandished a gun which served to prevent any attempt at resistance. But this did not prevent them from hammering him into a state of near unconsciousness.

Two Taken in Custody  
 Shortly before midnight police arrested two young men and, after considerable questioning, held them under charges of having, and carrying weapons. At a late hour police declined to state whether they had been linked with the robbery of Fogler. They are: Chriss Lambroff, 22, of Queen Street west, and Henry Michell, 23, of Richmond Street west.

Det. Sergeants Frank Crowe and William McAllister were driving west on Queen Street at about 11.30 when they saw two men walking east. The police car drove ahead to the corner of Peter Street, where it waited. As the two men came abreast, the officers leaped out, each seizing one man. They were searched on the spot and, police stated, a shoulder holster containing a .32 revolver was found under Michell's shirt. Both men were taken to headquarters. Here Sergeant of Detectives Wilbur Dawn questioned them. Police claim a visit to Lambroff's home revealed that he had been keeping the gun for Michell for a couple of weeks. Lambroff was charged with keeping offensive weapons; Michell with carrying concealed weapons. Both charges refer to the same weapon. Fogler, who operates a watch repairing shop in the front room of his dwelling, is a bachelor and lives alone.

## Flying Fields Guarded From High Tension Wires

Toronto.—The future of Canada from an aviation point of view is said to be immense and that in a few years, what steps are being taken to guard aircraft against high-tension wires? This was the question by one of the speakers of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers from Great Britain during a discussion after an address by Dr. F. A. Gaby of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario at the University of Toronto, where the party was welcomed. Dr. Gaby, who traced the story of hydro development and its engineering progress, replied that power lines were placed underground near landing fields. As population increased, extension of the underground system would follow.

## Canadian Farm Loans Board Profit \$271,322

Ottawa.—Operations of the Canadian Farm Loans Board during the year ended March 31, 1932, brought a profit, after all expenses were deducted, of \$271,322, it was shown in a report tabled in the House of Commons recently. The profit for the previous year was \$156,423. Under the Act the Dominion Government subscribes to five per cent. of the stock. Provincial Governments five per cent., and borrowers five per cent. Subscriptions at the end of March, 1932, were as follows: Dominion of Canada, \$393,937; British Columbia, \$59,605; Alberta, \$108,715; Manitoba, \$27,778; Quebec, \$109,189; New Brunswick, \$26,177; Nova Scotia, \$12,470, and the borrowers, \$403,135.

## Hunter Shot in His Home Through Cat and Dog Fight

Portland, Ore.—All the perils that stalk the trail when a man goes deer hunting were successfully survived by Edward Love, but a cat and dog fight in his own home resulted in his being shot. Love had returned from hunting and set his gun down in the corner. A cat and a dog chose the scene for a spirited battle. They struck the gun. The gun struck the floor and the discharged bullet struck Love's right leg.

## Macaroni Wheat Types Studied in the West

Winnipeg, Oct. 14.—A study of varieties of wheat and the location of areas in Western Canada most suitable to the production of high-quality macaroni will soon be under way at an experimental laboratory being installed by the National Research Council at the Manitoba Agricultural College. The plant will be in operation within the next few weeks.

## 8,000 Tons of Sugar Arrive From Australia

Montreal.—Australia sent 8,000 tons of sugar to Canada on the motorship Forresbank which is unloading here. After discharging her cargo the Forresbank will inaugurate the new service between Montreal and Vancouver, to be operated by the Vancouver-St. Lawrence Line. She will probably clear next Saturday for the British Columbia port.

## Washington Revises Crop Estimates For This Year

Washington.—Forecast of 2,884,632,000 bushels of corn and a preliminary estimate of 711,707,000 bushels of wheat for this year's crops in the United States were reported recently by the Department of Agriculture.

## Service

So long as we love we serve; so long as we are loved by others I would almost say that we are indispensable; and no man is useless while he has a friend.—Robert Louis Stevenson.

## Forest Fire Wipes Out Oregon Town



Once a forest fire gets under way there's no stopping it and if a town happens to be in the way. Cochran, Oregon, is just a pile of smoking debris today after a recent holocaust.