CANADA

Hunting Down the Pessimists Indications have appeared already that pessimists in Canada are to be hunted down and hounded into the wilderness during 1933. There has been a pretty steady sniping at the "pessimist" during the past two and a half years, but the coming months will see him being pursued with violence and unrelenting fury. He will be anybody's meat, and it will almost be safer to be accused of having committed arson than to be charged with pessimism. The pessimist must be muz-That is the new slogan, and there is a perfectly good reason for it. -Manitoba Free Press.

All-Canadian Product

tured in Halifax. This is one of the Metropolitan police last year. This is fruits of the Imperial Conference at a record the authorities of the great rejoicing among the juvenile patriots. Hitherto most of this medicament has things that do not enter into the quesbeen produced in Norway, but in the tion of justice in the Old Country. a duty was placed upon the imported Guelph Mercury. product. Possibly it will not taste any better than the foreign oil. It cannot, we hope, taste any worse.-St. Thomas ·Times-Journal.

An Editor's Ideal

It is a truism that to-day's newskindle something more than the kitchen fire. They like to think that the presentation of facts helps to kindle intelligence and interest; that the ex-

Warm Jobs

Service in the Canadian navy seems to be more attractive at this time of French . bloc. What in the face of hurtled in flames into a second dwellyear than at others. The navy-both those developments would be the use ing. ships—is in Caribbean waters for of convening any World Economic "winter" manoeuvres. - Fort Erie Times-Review.

Reason For Optimism

Outside of our railway problem Canada faces few public emergencies which are not found, to even a greater degree, in other countries. Our law courts are sane, and effective in their son to defer action until the World operation. Our financial institutions are founded upon the very bed rock of stability. Our people are industrious, law-abiding and progressive, and are demonstrating a fine restraint in the face of lifficult and frying conditions .--Chatham News.

Fight For Existence

The extension of the war area is calculated to do injury to commerce far beyond the confines of China, but there is very little prospect of the present military government of Japan being overthrown. The outside world is · faced with the prospect of bitter warfare between China and Japan perhaps for many years: it is an appalling conflict between nations for national existence.-Ottawa Citizen.

Price of History

W. Perkins Bull, of Brompton, has just finished spending some 18 months compiling the history of Peel County for 200 years. He was assisted by 35 paid men and women secretaries, and the work cost him \$18,000. Now, who would like to write a history of Wellington?-Fergus News-Record.

China's New . Highway

China has just opened a big new highway. No doubt this will, later ou, be much appreciated by the Japs .--Brantford Expositor.

World's Greatest Apple Pie Speaking of apples, the world's greatest apple ple as recently made at Birmingham, England, being 12 feet long, ten, feet wide, two feet deep, containing 450 pounds of apples, 150 pounds of flour, 50 pounds of lard and 28 pounds of sugar and 3,000 portions were served from it. - St. Thomas " Times-Journal.

And It Did the Trick

Man in British Columbia has invented a machine which tells scholars if they are early or late for school.

There used to be something like that in the red school on the tenth concession, only it was kept in the upper left hand drawer of the teacher's desk. -Stratford Beacon-Herald .--

Calgary's Financial Position

What is the position? Apart from all other considerations, the city is faced with a total of over four million dollars of unpaid accounts. More than | in the dean's cloisters which were built | \$500,000 is owing to the Glenmore Dam by Edward III and form one of the contractors. There are more than \$2,- oldest parts of the castle. The Canon 600,000 of waterworks debentures found an oak beam in the ceiling pledged to the Bank of Montreal for ablaze. monies advanced to complete that big project. The city has borrowed from long time before the flames were exthe same bank this year \$499,000 and tinguished. It is thought had not has arranged for a further loar of \$93,- Canon Blackburne discovered the fire 000 for current expenses. Intaddition when he did there might have been a there is owing to the Provincial Government the sum of \$250,000,-to the Luilt entirely of wood. local sinks fund \$400,000, and to the School Board \$35,000. These are huge indebtednesses at a time when the tax- mighty scarce.

paying ability of citizens is steadily deelining.-Calgary Herald.

THE UNITED STATES.

The Growth of Villages. During the years from 1920 to 1930, when the strictly farming population was rapidily losing ground, the rural village population steadily gained. In 1920 there were approximately 20, 000,000 Americans living in the villages. In 1930 this number has risen 'o 23,600,000. Meanwhile, the farms had lost only 1,300,000. So more than half the gain in village population came from elsewere than the surrounding farms .- Philadelphia Ledger.

They Get Their Man

Nineteen of twenty-one murders It is now announced that all-Cana- committed within the precincts of dian cod liver oil is to be manufac- Greater London were solved by the Ottawa, and should be a cause of much | British metropolis may well be proud. Politics and slack court procedure are Mother Country as well as in Canada Hence this notable achievement .-

War Clouds in Europe The question is whether the world is to disarm or Germany to rearm. anyone ever doubted the intention of a German Government to profit by the paper is to-morrow morning's kindling. | failure of the Allied countries to make But people who have anything to do I good their pledges, he would be little with newspapers feel that they help to likely to doubt it with a Hitler Administration in office. From that the se- Falling Airplane quence develops automatically. Germany rearms. In face of that real or supposed menace, even a Radical Govposition of opinions stimulates read- ernment would fall immediately and ers into thinking things out for them- M. Tardieu and M. Marin come in to selves, and that while the physical rule in the Poincare tradition. The paper may be destroyed, the effect on Little Entente could no more ignore the reader remains.-Edmonton Jour- the spectacle of a rearmed Germany than could France, while along another line of consequence Italy would, and air force - parl passu with the Conference at all?-Spectator (Lon-

Gold or Sterling?

A' constructive movement by Great Britain to establish a working headquarters for sterling is what half the world is waiting for. There is no rea-Economic Conference meets. Not only the Empire, but all the countries now in convoy with sterling would respond readily to a lead which offered a stable foundation for the restoration of their trade. The events which followed Great Britain's departure from gold make it clear that the interests of these countries are linked so closely to Great Britain's purchasing power that if we find a stable medium of exchange they will conform to it. The most practical immediate step would be the establishment of an Empire Exchange Base, or conceivably even an International Sterling Bank, which would act as a general headquarters or pooling centre for the Central Banks of the countries taking part. It would, in other words, bear exactly the same relation to the Central Banks of the nations on sterling as the Bank of England bears today to the joint stock banks of Great Britain .- Sir black maelstrom of twisting winds and John Wardlaw-Milne in The Nine teenth: Century (London).

The Little Entente

The Foreign Ministers of Yugo-Slavia, Rumania, and Czecho-Slovakia, have signed a treaty at Geneva. They have set up an institution without precedent in European history. A "Permanent Council" of the "Little Entente" is to consist of all three Foreign Ministers, and will direct a common foreign and economic policy for all three Powers. Thus on the basis of a common foreign policy, an "international community" has been founded, as powerful as any war more strongly armed than pre-war Austria-Hungary. It is self-evident that such extraordinary measures do not spring from ordinary situations. Europe is ailing physically and morally. The revelations of the last few months have shown the world that those who want revision of the territorial settlement are getting ready to support their claims by force.-Manchester Guardian.

Fire Menaces Windsor Castle;

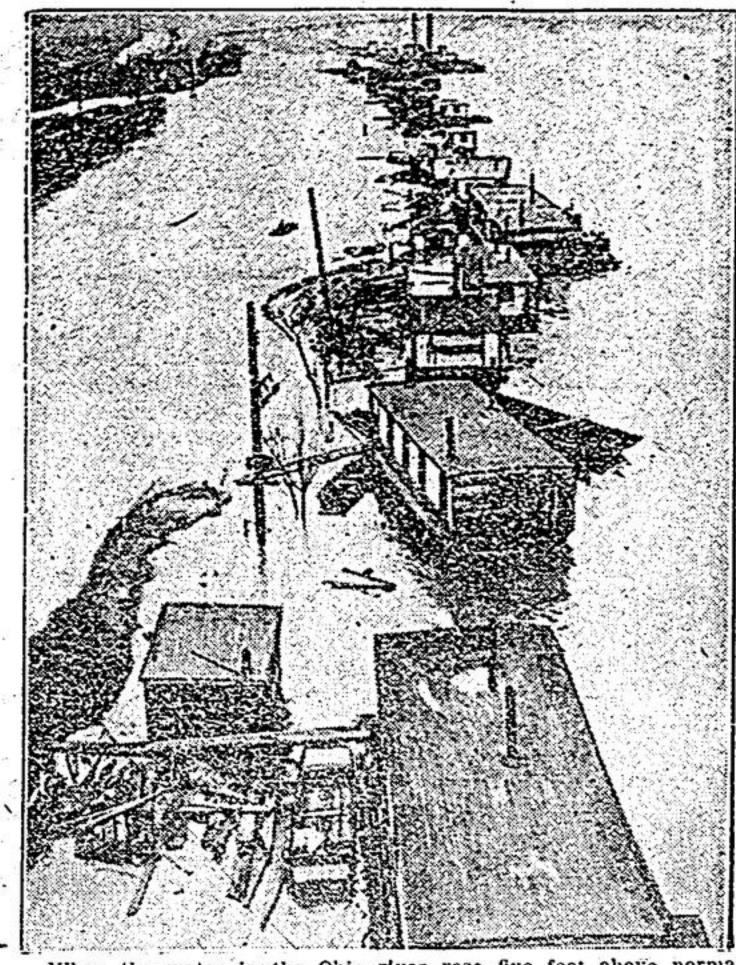
Found in Canon's Residence London .- Historic Windser Castle, long the residence of the English Poyal Family, narrowly escaped ex-

tensive damage from-fire last week. Late one evening flames broke out in the residence of Canon Blackburne,

The castle fire brigade worked a major fire for the dean's cloisters are

Troth is mighty - and semetimes

Ohio River On Rampage



When the water in the Ohio river rose five feet above normal flood level many cities and towns in the upper Mississippi valley were inundated. Numerous house boats were marooned

Causes Holocaust

hirteen Persons Burned a San Leandro, California

San Leandro, Cal., March 26 .- Thirteen persons were killed here last night when one of the west coast's of course, increase her army and fleet fastest transport planes crashed into a house at full speed, exploded, and

> Both homes, wrecked by the impact, burned. A father and mother and their four children were among those burned to death in one of them.

> Noel B. "Little Jackie" Evans, a veteran of the Pacific Airways, was piloting the low-wing Varney Speed Lines craft. His passengers were Herman L. Brown and Miss Lavelle Miller, Los Angeles.

Plunging "blind" through an extremely heavy local storm at an estimated 200 miles an hour, the plane struck the home of Joseph Jordan. There was a crash, an explosion. crumpled, blazing wreckage that had postal service. been a plane bounced through the air, struck the home of Joseph Arisa, and hurtled into an orchard.

Nine persons in the Arisa home burned to death. Only Arisa, 40, escaped. His clothing was aflame as he plunged from a window, and he died late to-night of burns.

None in the Jordan home was killed although a guest. Mrs. Tony Tochero was injured by a falling timber as the dwelling collapsed.

Aviators believed Evans flew into what they term "a wind switch line." Moving at terrific speed, they believed. plane suddenly plunged into driving rains. Unale to see, Evans apparently made a desperate effort to zoom upward just before the crash. Winds had drawn the plane sharply down, with its motors wide open, to destruction. Fliers said they were

confident Evans had not had motor

Mrs. Arisa was caring for her childand her husband was playing cards with their visitors when the disaster occurred.

At the Jordan home, a dinner party was in progress. - Fire equipment was powerless to halt the gasoline-fed flames, which destroyed both houses and a barn on the

\$250,000 Surplus

Arisa property.

In Postal Service Ottawa .- A surplus of about \$250,-

000 will be shown on the operations of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year ending March 31. This has descended from the pulpit when the been made possible, it is stated, by effecting economies wherever possible without sacrificing the high standards | while the parish priest, Rev. Father one had left the blazing structure. of the service.

The extent of the economies is illustrated by a comparison with the year ending March 31, 1931, when the department showed a deficit of \$6,000, 000. This deficit was cut down to \$2,000,000 last year. Turning of the deficit into a surplus was accomplish-Flames filled the night sky. The ed despite falling revenues from the

Once Enough For Prince

London, March 16-The informality of the Prince of Wales was amusingly illustrated at a brilliant function at the Spanish Embassy last night in honor of Vice-President Julio Roca of! Argentina.

An attractive Spanish dancer dropped her comb and the Prince came forward, picked it up and restored it with a gallant bow. A few minutes later the dancer provocatively dropped two! combs and a flower near the Prince. fined and government graded, 11c; \$4.50 to \$5.50; culls, \$4.50 to \$5.50; The guests roared but the Prince re- twins, 1114c; triplets, 1114c. fused to budge.

"Man is the wolf of man. There is only one means of preventing that wolf from doing a great deal of harm and that is not to change its nature but to try to file his teeth."-Ignace to 5 lbs., 7c. Colored ducklings, 2c Paderewski,

Diastrous Rubber Fire



Nearly 100 -Chinese girls were burned to death in fire which followed a terrific explosion in the vulcanizing department of a Shanghal subber factory. Some twelve-year-olds were smothered in boil-

Fifteen Worshippers Lose Lives In \$500,000 Montreal Church Fire

Montreal.—Pandemonium succeeded, other injured as the work of fighting prayers in St. Jacques Roman Catholic | the roaring blaze began. Church here Sunday when a \$500,000 fire presumably the work of an in- shippers were out of the building, the cendiary - swept the edifice during injured receiving medical attention mass, causing injury to 15 persons. and the remainder swelling the crowd Two arrests followed.

in terror, dashed to the doors and crowded the stairways as flames enveloped the St. Catharine and St. Denis Street building in the fourth recent church fire in Queber province.

Previously under guard following reported threats to set it afire, the ruined church was still smoking Sunday night when the police arrested a husband and wfe in connection with the blaze. The woman, according to the police, is the same one who last Friday warned the church authorities that her husband might try to burn the building.

interior of the edifice at the very moment when, during 10 o'clock mass, flames burst out in the top gallery and spread fear-and in some cases panic -among the worshippers who filled the pews on the main floor and lower | 000 is carried. gallery.

at once above the rising tumult of the lattention on the scene and did not give frightened parishioners, urging cour- their names. Those listed included: age and coolness in place of the panic | Mrs. Lorenzo Perron, 51, the most which threatened to jam the door- seriously injured, who was taken to ways and cause a holocaust.

selves from the lower gallery-the up- and the following firemen: V. Hebert, per one was unoccupied-and crashed Masson, Maille, Atienne, Bedard and to the floor among the jostling crowd | Vincent.

Baby Abandoned

Men slid down the balcony supports. Children fell and were trampled in the rush for the exits, their frightened cries drowned in the clamor, to which | inality of the act was intensified, pothe roar of the spreading flames was adding a momentarily increasing note of menace.

infant-in-arms - were thoughtlessly abandoned as pew-holders dashed for safety. The baby was later rescued. picked up some time later on

street, trying to find her way home in her bare feet. first cry of fire shattered the stillness, led in trying to quiet the worshippers, Pierre Richard, ran from the presbytery to aid the celebrant of the Mass in saving the sacred vessels.

were soon added to the list of nine tion, however, and it was saved.

The Markets

PRODUCE PRICES. Toronto dealers are buying produce

at the following prices: Eggs-Prices to farmers and coun try shippers: Ungraded, cases returned, fresh extras, 14c; fresh firsts, 12c; seconds, 10c; cracks, 9c. Graded, and feeder steers, good, \$3.25 to \$3.50; cases free, 15 1/2c for fresh extras, 141/2 for fresh firsts, 131/2 for seconds. solids, 24½c; No. 2, 24c.

Churning cream-Special, 25c; No. 24c; No. 2, 21c, f.o.b. shipping to \$5.15; do, do, off cars, \$5.35 to Cheese-No. 1, large, colored, paraf- | \$6.50; do, med., \$5.50 to \$6.25; bucks,

Poultry, A grade, alive-Spring heavies, \$2.50 to \$3; do, culls, \$1 to chickens, over 6 lbs., 11c; ever 5 to 6 | 82. lbs., 10c; over 4 to 5 lbs., 9c; under 4 lbs., 7c. Fatted hens, over 5 lbs., 10c; over 4 to 5 lbs., 9c; over 3 to 4 lbs., 7c Old roosters, over 5 lbs., 6c. White ducklings, over 5 lbs., 10c; over 4 less. Domestic rabbits, over 4 lbs., 5c.

Poultry, A grade, dressed-Spring chickens, over 6 lbs., 13 to 16c; over 5 to 6 lbs., 12 to 15c; over 4 to 5 lbs. 11 to 14c; under 4 lbs., 10 to 13c. Fatted hens, over 5 lbs., 12c; over 4 to 5 lbs., 11c; over 3 to 4 lbs., 2c. Young turkeys, 8 to 12 lbs., 17c. Young geese, 10c. Old roosters, ove 5 lbs., 9c. White ducklings, over 5 lbs., 12c; over 4 to 5 lbs., 9c. Domestic rabbits, over 4 lbs., carcasses, 10c.

WHOLESALE PROVISIONS. Wholesale provision dealers are quoting the following prices to retail dealers:

Pork-Ham, 12e; shoulders, butts, 10e: loins, 13e; pienics, 8e. lbs., 13c; 90 to 100 lbs., 13c. Shorts, all clear, 13c. D.S. bellies, 14 to 20 lbs., 14c; middles, 50 to 70 lbs., 14c. Lard-Pure, tierees, 8c; hubs, 81/2c; rails, 936e; prints, 10c. Shortening-Tierers, Se; tubs, 91/2e; p: ils, Se; prints, 10c.

GRAIN QUOTATIONS: ..

Fellowing are yesterday's closing quotations on local grain transactions for car lobs, prices on basis c.i.f. Bay perts. Maniteba wheat-No. 1 hard

Northern, 52c. Man. cats-Nc. 2 C.W., 31c; No. C.W., 28% c. Man. barley-Nd. 3 C.W., 34%c; No. 1 feed screenigs, \$12.50 per ton, to arrive opening of navigation.

55%c; No. 1 Northern, 53c; No. 2

South African corn-53c. Ont. grain, approximate prices track shipping noint-Wheat, 50 to 54c; esta. 26 to 28c; barley. 32 to 35c; corn. 23 to 37c: rye, 30 to 32c; buck wheat, 28 to 30c.

LIVE STOCK QUOTATIONS.

Steers, up to 1.050 lbr., good and choice, \$4 to \$4.50; do. mail. \$3.70 to \$1; good and chairs, promiting do, com., \$3 to \$2.7. 1,019 Rs., good and chalce, \$1.25 to ase of \$2,063,000.

By this time the last of the worwhich packed the street outside, fear-Worshippers leapt from the gallery ful of loss of life and vociferously indignant as the rumor of incendiarism

Detectives set to work while the fire was still burning, to trace the woman who, on Friday, had interviewed clergy and, it is alleged, suggested that her husband should be watched lest he set the church afire. The woman whom the detectives arrested a few hours later was located in a rooming house. Her husband, it is reported, denied all complicity in the fire.

Previous Outbreak

The theory that the fire was set deliberately was supported by the fact Guards were quietly watching the that on March 6 a previous outbreak occurred in the church, causing only minor loss. It broke out on the main floor below the balcony.

> Sunday's damage is set at approaching \$500,000. Insurance of only \$200,

All of the 15 injured were not iden-The voices of clergy and ushers rose | tified, as a number received medical St. Luke's Hospital-she was one of Three or four women hurled them- those who jumped from the balcony;

Theories Advanced

One theory was the firebug had remained in the church after an earlier mass and had set the blaze in the wall at the back of the gallery. Crimlice ponted out, by the knowledge he must have had that the outbreak would occur when the church was Purses, coats and hats-even a tiny filled with worshippers.

The fire rushed up through the second gallery and into the roof. The second gallery was not being used, but One-little girl had both shoes torn had it been occupied many would cerfrom her feet in the rush, and was tainly have lost their lives, according the to firemen.

Half an hour after the first alarm the roof fell through and carried the Abbe Oscar Valiquette, who had just floor into the cellar. District Fire Chief ling by Imperial Airways will be no P. Doolan, who was in charge, said the roof had already begun to weaken as his men rushed in to make sure every-

The steeple, over 300 feet high and the tallest in Montreal, was thought a day for insurance of the same amliable to fall and several streams of The Fire Department was by this water were poured on it for hours. time on the scene, and six firemen The flames burned in another direc-

\$4.75; do, med., \$4 to \$4.25; do, com., \$3.50 to \$3.75; heifers, good and choice, \$4 to \$4.50; do, med., \$3.50 to \$4; do, com., \$3.00 to \$3.50; fed calves, good and choice, \$5.75 to \$6.25; do med., \$4.50 to \$5.50; cows, good, \$2.75 to \$3; do, med., \$2.50 to \$2.75; do com., \$2 to \$2.25; canners and cutters 75c to \$1.50; bulls, good, \$2.50 \$2.75; do, com., \$1.75 to \$2.25; stocker do. com., \$2.75 to \$3; milkers and springers, \$20 to \$45; calves, good and Butter-No. 1 Ontario creamery choice yeals, \$6 to \$6.50; do, com. and med., \$3 to \$5,50; hogs, bacon, f.o.b. \$4.85 to \$4.90; do, do, off trucks, \$5.10 \$5.40; good ewe and wether lambs, good light sheep, \$3.25 to 3.50; do,

\$2,952,000 Deficit For 1933 Says Premier Geo. S. Henry

The present fiscal year, it is estimated, will show a deficit of \$2,952, 000, announced Premier George S. Henry in delivering the budget address last week. The deficit for the last fiscal year, which closed October 31 was \$2,060,798.

The Premier estimated the cost of exchange in U.S. funds for the year at \$1,200,000, while the cost last year was \$2,333,000. Other expenditures show that the Dept. of Education, with an expenditure of \$10,525,000 for the year, is decreased by \$1,233,000 while the Dept. of Highways will ex-Cured meats-Long clears, 50 to 70; pend \$3,115,000 or a decrease from the kets. previous year of \$766,000. No mention is made of provision for unemployment direct relief, while miscellaneous expenditures under the Welfare Dept. are abolished, the amount last year being \$299,000.

The Dept. of Agriculture will have an expenditure of \$1,753,000, a dec. case of \$289,000, while miscellane. us expenditures of this department are reduced vy \$389,000, the figure to be expended being \$200,000 as compared with \$589,000 in 1932.

Total ordinary expenditures are \$53,285,000 as compared with \$56,-459,000 in 1932, making the decrease of \$3,174,000.

Ordinary revenue is placed at \$50, 333,000 as compared with \$54,398,000 in 1932, or a decrease of \$4,065,000. Profits from the liquor control board ests, expenditure, \$1,218,000, a de crease of \$1,240,000, while succession duties are expected to rise, the esti-· ated figure being \$3,500,000 as comwared with \$6,137,000 last year, or an

Champion Student



subject work quickly, the University of Chicago allows them to cram. George Mann finished within a year.

Insurance For Air Travel

Same as Rail in Great Britain The safety and trustworthiness of British airliners may be realized from the announcement that in future insurance rates for passengers travelhigher than those charged for travel by boat and train. The new rates work out as low as one shilling per £1,000 per day, compared with the previous premium costs of 12 shillings ount. Passengers travelling by air to India, for example, can insure for £2,000 for a premium payment of 14 shillings, which is actually two shillings less than equivalent cover for the journey to India by surface trans-

For years Imperial Airways have een leaving no stone unturned to remove this anomaly of high accident insurance rates for passengers. Thanks largely to the splendid record of British air transport, this barrier has just been swept aside, and the company has been able to complete, with a group of underwriters at Lloyds and the British Aviation Insurance Company, Limited, an arrangement which places passenger air insurance on an entirely new basis .- Toronto Mail & Empire.

Apples Protected

In British Market Otawa.-The explanation given in official circles here for leaving apples out of the group of commodities in which the agricultural stabilization fund will absorb some of the sterling exchange losses was the large measure of protection Canadian apples enjoy in the markets of the United Kingdom. Canadian apples enter the U.K. markets free whereas foreign apples meet a tariff of about \$1 a barrel.

The result is that United States apples have been practically shut out of the U.K. markets it was claimed here. This eliminated Canada's chief competitor it was stated.

It was regarded as placing the Canadian apple growers in a preferred position in exporting to Britain and they did not need help in the same way as hog raisers and producers of other commodities which had to meet serious competition in the UK. mar-

Lloyd Geerge Famulates Wells London .- In writing the first velume of his memoirs, Mr. Lloyd George is following the replaces of H. G. ells, beginning by writing the first and last chapters as a frame for the complete book. He had written many thousands of the 100,000 words already completed in bed, starting as early as 5.30 in the morning. On his best days he has written as many as 4,000 words. His real drudgery is caused by having to wade through documents, of which he possesses nearly a carload.

Alberta Relief Body

Planning Gold Rush Calgary .- Placing of 1,000 unemployare estimated at \$5,500,000 as com- ed single men from Alberta in gold pared with \$9,260,000 in 1932, a de- fields of British Columbia is under concrease of \$3,760,000; lands and for- sideration as a means of aiding jobless who will be cut off relief lists April 30.

> During conferences here over the week-end, A. A. MacKenzie, chairman of the Alberta Relief Commission, disclosed the plan for the jobless trek to gold fields.