

Voice of the Press

Canada, The Empire and The World at Large

CANADA Well Behaved.

The census of 1931 showed that there were 10,376,786 people in Canada. Of these 8,069,258 were natives of the Dominion. England contributes 723,864, Scotland 279,762, Ireland 107,548, and Wales 22,348. The remaining 1,122,698, plus 731 born at sea, were foreigners. Last year there were 4,164 convicts incarcerated in our jails. Of these 2,806 were natives of Canada, 309 English or Welsh, 113 Scots, 40 Irish, and the remainder foreign, which included 307 citizens of the United States. The Irish seem to have about the cleanest record in proportion to population, but taken altogether, the people in this country appear to be a pretty well-behaved lot.—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

Precedent Established.

It has been pointed out that this is the first time since the United States secured its independence that a British Prime Minister was ever a guest in the White House itself. In the past, as on the visit of Mr. MacDonald to President Hoover, the visiting Prime Minister has stayed at the British Embassy. And it is probably correct to point out that it is the first time in history that a Canadian Prime Minister was a house guest in the home of the President. History is being made of a surety in 1933 and precedent established.—St. Catharines Standard.

Hurts Their Own Business.

Surveys of the parking problem reveal the fact that many businessmen drive their own cars to their place of business, park them in spaces which otherwise would be occupied by visitors, and thus tend to increase the parking difficulty. This is particularly injurious to trade on Saturdays, and other busy days of the week, but in spite of various warnings, the practice seems to continue.—Chatham News.

Standing Timber.

Believe it or not—a tree that was severed completely through at the butt, after being notched, was so well balanced that it would not fall. So the woodsman—a farmer near Fordwich and an assistant from St. Mary's—left it overnight, thinking the wind would cause it to topple, but when they returned next morning the tree was still standing. A crowbar was necessary to overbalance it, and this dangerous task was accomplished without mishap; remember, it was cut right off.—Fordwich Record.

Home Town News.

The importance of home town news in the small town paper has been emphasized by a large gathering of editors of the smaller American newspapers in New York. Local news and little personal items, it was shown, possessed the strongest appeal for their readers. The dwellers in a small town is undoubtedly more interested in what is going on immediately around him than he is in plans, say, for the development of wheat-growing in Siberia.

It is what, most immediately concerns us that is of the greatest personal interest to us. That does not mean that a man in a small town has no interest in world affairs. In many instances, indeed, it will be found that the editors of small town newspapers are exceptionally well-informed upon world affairs. But they wisely judge that their readers will find more detectable material for debate in the developments and happenings of the town in which they live than in what is going on in Tibet or Timbuctoo.

There is in this going on narrowness, nothing of prejudice, nothing of small vision. It is just plain horse sense.—Montreal Daily Star.

Now for a Hold-Up.

A police chief says he will arrest women who appear in trousers. For breeches of the law?—Regina Leader Post.

Higher Hog Prices.

Farmers throughout Ontario are elated at the higher prices being paid for hogs and a still further increase is prophesied owing to the scarcity. The farmer who continued in the hog business will now reap the benefit of his good judgment.—Glencoe Transcript.

Not Public Property.

It cannot be too strongly emphasized that trees growing in the country are not public property, but belong to the owners of the land upon which they are growing. Two Guelph men recently discovered to their sorrow when they were convicted in police court of having cut or damaged no fewer than 65 trees belonging to a nearby farmer and were sentenced to serve fifteen days in jail. The owner of the trees did not want to see the men imprisoned, but the Crown Attorney said that there was trouble of the same description every year and an example should be made.—Brookville Recorder.

Fair to Fair Sex.

President Roosevelt is evidently a believer in women in public life. Fol-

lowing up his appointment of Miss Frances Perkins as secretary of labor, he has named Ruth Bryan Owen, daughter of the great commoner, as minister to Denmark.—London Free Press.

No Women Transients.

Everyone knows what a transient means. Some are worthy of help and sympathy; others are not. Both kinds are to be seen everywhere. They are on every road and highway; every householder has catered to and fed them, every town hall in every town and village has sheltered them almost every night during the past winter. But they are all men. Why? Are there no women out of work, unable to secure employment of any kind, no women hard up? Undoubtedly there are. Thousands upon thousands of them. How do they live or exist or how do they clothe themselves in these times of depression?

Is it pride, or are they more willing to work at any kind of work? Are they more adaptable than men, more easily satisfied? Are they more grateful for small mercies? Have they more bone and less wishbone than men; more sand or what? Whatever it is, there are no women transients, not in the country—Huron Expositor.

THE EMPIRE.

Britain and the Gold Standard.

It has been said that we shall not return to the gold standard until we are convinced that other nations are ready to work the system so that it shall fertilize the world, and not be broken down again by semi-corners. Until the World Economic Conference has come and gone, it is not possible to judge of the possibilities of the requisite conditions being fulfilled.—London Financial Times.

Fighting the Mosquito.

The other day, at Edenville, near Maritzburg, three native members of the anti-malaria staff of the Maritzburg Municipal Health Department who had been sent out to spray oil on a stream, were attacked by native men and women, armed with sticks and bicycle chains, on the ground that they were "poisoning the water." No doubt this incident seems startling to white people, among whom there is a tendency to blame the authorities for not keeping malaria under better control. It is not even an exceptional occurrence, but it is a timely reminder that, in fighting malaria in the native areas, the same old enemies of progress that dominated the P. M. O. in India and the contemporaries of Copernicus and Galileo still have to be overcome.—Johannesburg Sunday Times.

Notable Increase Dominion Exports To Gt. Britain

2,443 Per Cent. Increase Noted in Orders for Canned Meats

A huge increase in the export to the United Kingdom of Ontario farm products was noted for the year ended Jan. 31, 1933, as against the previous twelve-month period, says T. L. Kennedy, Provincial Minister of Agriculture.

Citing some of the Canadian items which mounted in export trade, Colonel Kennedy referred to canned fruits, to baccò leaf, honey, cheese, condensed milk, and canned meats. In the latter named item the increase was 2,443 per cent.; there being 15,388 pounds exported in 1931, and 391,354 pounds in 1932.

Tobacco-leaf exportation grew from 6,339,000 pounds in 1931 to 13,969,000 in 1932; cheese (70 per cent. Ontario), from 804,780 hundredweight to 833,638; canned fruits (80 per cent. Ontario), 5,412,000 pounds to 10,442,000 pounds; honey (80 per cent. Ontario), 1,364,000 pounds to 2,236,000; and condensed milk, 84,062 pounds to 171,000 pounds.

Income Tax Revenue \$20,764,572 in 1932

Ottawa.—The Government collected \$20,764,572 in income tax during 1932 from "individuals, companies, corporations or others," who paid on incomes ranging from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. This was the reply given by Hon. E. B. Ryckman, Minister of National Revenue, in the House of Commons to Eusebio Robergo (Lib., Megantic).

Dominions Appoint World Conference Delegates

London.—Stanley Bruce, Australian Cabinet Minister, resident in London, will represent the Commonwealth at the World Economic Conference which opens on June 12. It was announced from Canberra. General Smuts is one of three delegates from South Africa, and the others are likely to be N. C. Havenga, Minister of Finance, and Oswald Ploow, Minister of Railways.

Canada Applauds Sterling's Rise

Burden of Operating Agricultural Stabilization Fund Slashed

Ottawa.—The burden of operating the agricultural stabilization fund this year, announced by Finance Minister Rhodes in his budget speech; is shrinking rapidly under the upward movement of sterling exchange. On March 21 when the budget was announced the pound was at \$110 and the forecast was made that the government stabilization plan, fixing the pound for purpose of purchase of 23 commodities at \$4.60 would cost Canada approximately \$10,070,000 in the current year.

On Friday the pound soared to \$4.51½ at Montreal, wiping out at least four-fifths of the anticipated cost.

The legislation here will be proceeded with as it removes the factor of doubt as to exchange rates and under the new circumstances—if maintained by action of sterling exchange—the plan will become in reality one of stabilization instead of a bonus.

MAY BROADEN LIST.

Ottawa.—If the pound sterling should be stabilized at approximately the value it has at present, in relation to the Canadian dollar, the list of products which will be brought within the scope of the Government's Stabilization Fund may be "substantially broadened." Prime Minister R. B. Bennett held out this hope during discussion of the final stages of the budget.

In his earlier remarks respecting appeals for additions to the list of products, benefitted by the fund, he had observed that "the door was not closed." Mr. Bennett recalled. He then had in mind the possibilities of a rise in the value of the pound in relation to the dollar, but had not expected it to come so soon. It was his idea, the Prime Minister continued, that the present level of exchange was not a sure indication of the rate at which the pound would be stabilized.

House Passes Last Budget Resolution

Ottawa.—With almost an audible sigh of relief, the House of Commons passed the last budget resolution through committee stage Friday night. In one form or another the Finance Minister's budget has been before the House since March 21, and only one more procedure remains, probably not a contentious one—to give first, second and third readings to the four bills implementing the resolutions. The income tax schedule was passed early in the day, then the provision to tax interest paid by non-resident holders of Canadian bonds, then, with a final tussle at tariff items, the resolutions were passed through committee.

Explosion and Fire Cause Damage of \$5,000

Welland, Ont.—Fire caused by an explosion of unknown origin destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Fazzari here with a loss estimated at \$5,000, partly covered by insurance. The dwelling, a two-story structure, was owned by Frank Longo. A crowd rushed to the scene following the explosion, and the firemen for a time were hampered in their work. Immediately after the blast, the entire building became a mass of flames. The house was unoccupied at the time.

Apples Pies Are Saved as Bunkhouse Blazes

Kirkland Lake.—The bunkhouse at Toburn Mines was completely destroyed by fire today, with damage estimated at \$3,000. The loss is covered by insurance. Furniture and three unbaked apple pies were salvaged from the fire, but a new refrigeration plant was burned.

Upturn Noted In U.S. Industry

Railways and Steel Mills Are Finding Increased Business—Grains Going Up

Chicago, May 7.—The mercury in America's business barometer to-day was pointed upward under impetus of favorable news from coast to coast.

With factory whistles playing a tune of good times, the railroads finding business where none had been for months, farm prices swelling and employment increasing, there were predictions from everywhere that "We're on the way." Some of this increase was seasonal, but far from all of it. From the great steel centres of Youngstown, Buffalo, Pittsburg, Gary and Cleveland there were reports of increased operations, orders piling up. The mills were turning out three times as much steel as a few months ago. The reason: Demand for finished steel at newly-humming factories.

Railroad carloadings, another seldom-failing business indicator, took the sharpest jump of the year during the week of April 29, the American Railway Association reported. To haul the increased freight made by beer and increased other outputs, the railroads needed 42,706 more cars than were used in the previous week—a total of 535,676.

For the farmer, the close of Saturday's markets found wheat up virtually 30 cents from a few weeks ago, with dollar wheat talked of on the Board of Trade, and other grains moving along in sympathy. From America's cheese capital at Plymouth, Wis., come quotations of cheese prices at 1½ cents a pound, up ¾ cents from March 10.

Business leaders in several instances announced their employees would share in any new prosperity.

Manitoba Upholds Tax on Wages

Two Per Cent. General Levy Brings Out 5,000 in Demonstration

Winnipeg, May 7.—The law levying a two per cent. tax on all wages is on the statute books, and the Manitoba Government is going to carry it out, Manitoba citizens were informed after more than 5,000 men and women staged an orderly demonstration in the grounds of the legislative buildings here yesterday.

John Queen, Independent Labor leader in the Manitoba Legislature, made the announcement as Premier John Bracken's reply to a deputation which conferred with the Government in the building while the mass meeting was addressed by a corps of speakers outside.

Premier Bracken told the delegation threats had reached him of unemployed rioting if they did not get more, and of employers striking against paying the tax. He said he believed good citizenship would prevail, and was confident there would be neither strikes nor riots.

Bisley Team Named Sail on June 23rd

Ottawa.—The Canadian rifle team for Bisley has been selected, and will sail from Montreal on Friday, June 16, arriving in England on Saturday, June 23. The team is as follows: Commandant, Lt.-Col. R. B. Simmonds, Halifax; Lt.-Col. C. W. Gibson, Hamilton; Lieut. D. O. White, Sackville, N.B.; Capt. H. W. Bishop, Ottawa; Capt. J. T. Steele, Guelph; C.Q.M.S. W. C. Moorish, Highland Creek, Ont.; Lt.-Col. F. W. Utton, Toronto; Pte. A. O. Hutchinson, Fergus; S.M. N. J. McLeod, Toronto; C.S.M. G. M. Emslie, Toronto; Sgt. E. G. Stock, Toronto; Sgt. J. Borland, Mt. Dennis; Lieut. A. G. Gunter, Saint John; Sgt. P. Hooper, Milton, P.E.I.; Pte. G. A. Thompson, Lemesurier, Que.

Roosevelt Pledges Action To Raise Commodity Prices

Promises to Stabilize Dollar—Lower Level to Ease Debtor's Load—Explains Reason Why U.S. Will Redeem Obligations With Paper Currency

Washington, May 8.—President Roosevelt Sunday night promised the nation he would use the inflation powers granted by Congress "when, as, and if" necessary to raise commodity prices and stabilize the dollar at a lower level.

In a statement to the public through the press and which was broadcast, reviewing his first two months in office, Mr. Roosevelt said his administration definitely was pledged to raise commodity prices.

They should be raised, he said, "to such an extent that those who have borrowed money will, on the average, be able to repay that money in the same kind of a dollar which they borrowed."

However, the president added, "We do not seek to get such a cheap dollar that they will be able to pay back a great deal less than they borrowed." The chief executive also announced definitely that he would propose "well considered and conservative measures" to give to the industrial workers of the country a more fair wage return, prevent cut-throat competition and unduly long hours of labor, and at the same time to encourage each industry to prevent over-production.

A bill for this purpose, drafted by Senator Robert F. Wagner, Dem., N. Y., is to be laid before the President today.

INDUSTRIAL CO-OPERATION PLAN.

Elaborating on the industrial co-operation plan, the President added: "The government ought to have the right and will have the right after surveying and planning for an industry to prevent, with the assistance of the overwhelming majority of that industry, unfair practice and to enforce this agreement by the authority of government."

"The so-called antitrust laws were intended to prevent the creation of monopolies and to forbid unreasonable profits to those monopolies. That purpose of the anti-trust laws must be continued, but these laws were never intended to encourage the kind of unfair competition that results in long hours, starvation wages and over-production."

Although there are evidences of a business revival, Mr. Roosevelt said he was not going to indulge in issuing proclamations of over-enthusiastic assurance. He warned against unjustified optimism which would increase crop and factory production, and added: "We cannot bally-hoo ourselves back to prosperity."

SUMMARIZES LEGISLATION.

Mr. Roosevelt listed as legislation

London Motorist Caught With 1931 Auto Tags

London, Ont.—William E. Hern, Simcoe Street, city, was summoned to police court last week on a charge of driving with wrong markers. He was using a 1931 license, which were black letters on a yellow background, the same paint effect as used this year. Constable Ed. Coulter noticed the slight difference and had him halted in court. Hern paid \$10 and costs out of court and was advised to procure a current license if he wished to continue driving.

87 Millions of Gold Purchased Since 1931

Ottawa.—Since October, 1931, the government has purchased gold valued at \$37,403,340, on which the premium paid was \$12,236,962. This answer was given in the House of Commons by Hon. E. N. Rhodes, Minister of Finance, to G. G. Coote (U.A., Macleod).

World News Tit-Bits

Dance Inventor Dead

New York.—"Billy was rhythm, that's all. He could teach dancing by waving his hand." Folks from Broadway and Harlem gathered in his studio and talked about Billy Pierce, negro soldier of fortune who trained some of the stage's premier dancers. Billy died of influenza. He was 42 and fat—no longer able to illustrate his routine. Off the Rialto, few folks knew of Billy. On the Rialto, the bright lights blazed with the names of his pupils. The "Charleston" and the "Black Moon" were Billy's handwork.

On Gold Coin

Basel, Switz.—The gold supply of the Bank of International Settlements, the world's super-bank, amounts to one 25-cent gold piece minted in San Francisco in 1852. This coin was given to the bank by a friend when he learned that the bank's vaults contained no precious metal. The bank's gold holdings are stored in other banks.

Sideboard of Tickets

Bolton, Eng.—A jobless Bolton musician, Mr. Busfield Johnson, has made a sideboard from 1,000,000 tram tickets, and some match boxes and brown paper. With a knife and a pair of pliers as his only tools the task took him more than a year to complete.

Of antique design, the sideboard holds all his books, and the drawers are filled with articles of clothing. Layers of the tickets and strips of match boxes were pressed tightly together with stones, bound with wire and then pasted and covered with special brown paper. The appearance of dark oak has been produced with the aid of stain and varnish.

Millionaire Jailed

Los Angeles.—Ted Kleinmeyer, 27, who inherited \$650,000 at the age of 21 and has \$1,000,000 coming to him in slightly more than two years, was sent to work on the county road gang for one year when he pleaded guilty to a charge of issuing no fund cheques.

Rich Diet

Poplar Bluff, Mo.—Roy Timmons' Jersey cow turned up her nose at ordinary feed he offered her the last few days. When she came home at night from the far corners of a pasture on his farm she was not hungry. Timmons followed the cow and found her munching contentedly in a thicket. Investigation disclosed her diet consisted of reakfast food and candy, which burglars had hidden there.

Courts By Air

Port Credit, Ont.—This little town on the shores of Lake Ontario has learned what caused notes and letters to drop from the skies. Bill Cutton, Toronto, has taken to "aerial" correspondence with Lois Farrow, Port Credit, and are carrying on a unique courtship.

Bill has a friend, Dave, who owns an airplane. In the course of a recent flight, Bill thought it might be a good idea to drop a note to Lois. He did. That started it. Every time the plane went over, more notes fluttered to the ground.

"It turned out to be such a good idea we kept on doing it," said Bill. "Dave does his flying and I do my courting."

Wainwright of C.P.R. Dies at Age of 62

Montreal, May 7.—W. A. Wainwright, assistant chairman of Canadian Pacific Steamships, Limited, died suddenly at his home here to-day. He was 62 years old.

"I know of no one in our official family who was more loved and more respected than he," said E. W. Beatty, K.C., chairman of the Canadian Pacific Steamships, in paying tribute to Mr. Wainwright. "His long and varied experience in marine affairs, and his remarkably sound judgment made him an invaluable officer of the company and a great asset to the shipping interests of Canada."

Canada Increases Trade With Empire Countries

Ottawa.—The continued Empire-wide trend of Canada's trade is very clearly shown in official trade figures for the fiscal year just ended. While imports and exports are both lower than in the preceding fiscal year, a marked increase is shown in exports to Great Britain while imports from the Empire have decreased only slightly compared to the decrease from foreign countries.

Imports from the United States have dropped by nearly \$110,000,000, or approximately one-third, while those from Great Britain decreased by only \$20,000,000.

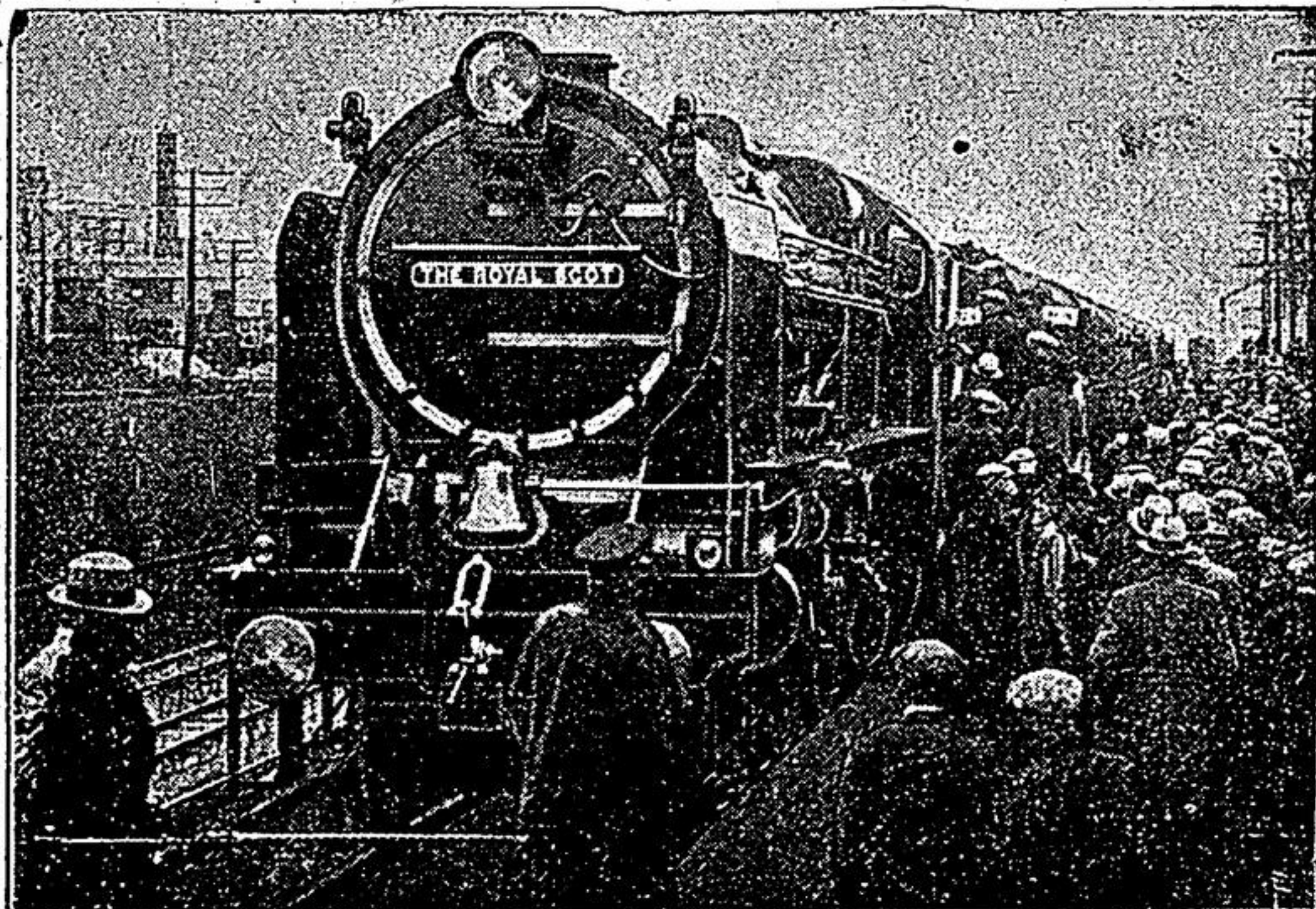
Ontario Rates Reduced For Burglary Insurance

The Canadian Casualty Underwriters' Association, after an examination of the experience figures, has decided on a substantial reduction in the rates charged for private residence burglary insurance throughout the Province of Ontario. Representatives of the Tariff Association, when interviewed, stated that the reductions range from approximately 37½ per cent. to 18½ for the various policy forms and have been effected by transferring towns from high to lower rated territories. The changes have been promulgated to the entire agency force, and go into effect immediately.

Mary Pickford Prohibits Doug's Projected Flight

New York.—Mary Pickford, the Canadian movie actress, is the boss of the family, at least as far as air travelling is concerned. Douglas Fairbanks returned from Europe Friday. He planned to fly to Hollywood. But a telegram arrived before he caught his ticket. It was from Mrs. (Mary Pickford) Fairbanks, and it said in effect: "No night flying, Douglas."

Torontonians Welcome Crack Train



A draw Scot comes to town! Hundreds of Toronto citizens were on hand to inspect the Royal Scot, Britain's crack locomotive, en route to Chicago for the World's Fair. Photo shows the crowd at Dufferin Street siding.