

Roosevelt Launches Drive To Raise Commodity Prices

Moves to Halt Dollar Disturbances Interfering With Recovery of Prices As Part of Giant Financial Program

Washington, Oct. 22.—A managed currency was pledged by President Roosevelt to the nation tonight. He also revealed plans to establish a government market for gold for dollar stabilization.

Mr. Roosevelt's speech, his third major address to the nation since March 4, reviewed all aspects of his recovery program. In it he took cognizance of agricultural unrest, pointing out that every effort would be made to further the rise of commodity prices.

The gold move outlined by Mr. Roosevelt was interpreted as meaning that the government would maintain the price of the dollar in international exchange through gold operations, such as the Bank of England, through its stabilization fund, undertakes to regulate quotations of the pound sterling.

Four-point Plan

The President outlined an orderly procedure for the realization of his gigantic economic and financial program. He summed it up as follows:

1. Restoration of the price level, first of all.
2. Establishment and maintenance of a dollar of unchanging purchasing power—in short, a managed currency.
3. Control of the gold value of the domestic dollar.
4. Establishment of a government market for gold to establish and maintain continuous control.

Mr. Roosevelt's utterances on the monetary question came as a distinct surprise to official Washington, which had felt that he would confine the address to an accounting of his stewardship since March 4, with reference, of course, to the farm situation now complicated by strikes in the Middle West.

"No one," the President said, "who considers the plain facts of our situation believes that commodity prices, especially agricultural prices, are high enough yet."

"Our dollar is now altogether too greatly influenced by the accidents of international trade by the internal policies of other nations and by political disturbances in other countries. Therefore the United States must take firmly in its hands the control of the gold value of our dollar. This is necessary in order to prevent dollar disturbances from swinging us away from our ultimate goal, namely, the continued recovery of our commodity prices."

Ready to Absorb Wheat This Year

Government of Canada Stands Behind Market, Stevens Intimates

Buchanan, Sask.—If necessary the Dominion Government is prepared to absorb a large quantity of wheat this year. Hon. H. H. Stevens, Minister of Trade and Commerce, told a gathering of farmers here. The government "intends to keep wheat prices at a reasonable level," he declared, and continually keeps a watchful eye on the wheat market.

The government's action in entering the markets during the past year had averted a catastrophe, Stevens said. As much as 79,000,000 bushels of wheat had been held at one time. Mr. Stevens spoke in support of S. H. Edgar, Conservative candidate in the Mackenzie by-election.

Britain Views Lindbergh's Visit As Significant

Of Future Ocean Flying

Montreal.—"Great Britain is making even greater strides in aviation," said J. A. Wilson of Ottawa, controller of civil aviation, when he returned from England recently. In every respect, he declared, the Empire is forging ahead in the air. While he would not say much regarding the prospects of a near future for transatlantic air travel, he did say that this is very definitely "in the air."

Mr. Wilson, whose visit to England had no official significance, said that the visit of Col. and Mrs. Chas. Lindbergh is looked upon in England as having a significant relation to the prospect of transatlantic air travel in the near future. There had been no definite pronouncements on the subject but it was anticipated his transatlantic trip by easy stages on the northward route, and the possibility of a return via the Azores and Bermuda, were looked upon as significant.

Half of Canada's Idle Million Belong to Building Trades

Ottawa.—Of an estimated number of one million men unemployed in Canada to-day, half were dependent on the construction industry, said Joseph M. Piggott, of Hamilton, addressing the eighth annual convention of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce here. Ordinarily the construction industry employed 600,000 men, and of these 500,000 were idle.

"If you can restore the building program of 1925 and 1929" said Mr. Piggott, "you will immediately give work to half of these unemployed men, and the other half will gradually be absorbed."

Any volume of construction work at this time would have an immediate effect on the unemployment situation. The present system of relief was uneconomical, Mr. Piggott declared. The Chamber of Commerce should give consideration to the matter in an effort to get something moving in a constructive way.

Highlights of Speech

Washington, Oct. 22.—Significant sentences in President Roosevelt's outline to the nation of his future financial plans include:

"Our troubles will not be over tomorrow, but we are on our way and we are headed in the right direction."

"Government credit will be maintained and a sound currency will accompany a rise in the American commodity price level."

"We are continuing to move towards a managed currency. . . . I would not know, and no one else could tell, just what the permanent valuation of the dollar will be. To guess at a permanent gold valuation now would certainly require later changes caused by later facts."

"When we have restored the price level, we shall seek to establish and maintain a dollar which will not change its purchasing and debt-paying power during the succeeding generation."

"Our dollar is now altogether too greatly influenced by the accidents of international trade, by the internal policies of other nations and political disturbances in other countries. Therefore the United States must take firmly in its own hands the control of the gold value of our dollar."

"As a further effective means to this end, I am going to establish a government market for gold in the United States. Therefore . . . I am authorizing the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to buy gold newly mined in the United States at prices to be determined from time to time after consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury and the President. Whenever necessary to the end in view, we shall also buy or sell gold in the world market. . . . This is a policy and not an expedient."

"It is definitely a part of our policy to increase the rise (of commodity prices) and to extend it to those products which have as yet felt no benefit. If we cannot do this one way, we will do it another. Do it, we will."

Ridging in the Fall

One of the best methods of killing weeds is to ridge the land in the fall. There are those who claim that there is no benefit in the way of killing rootstocks of sow thistle and couch grass remaining in the soil after summer cultivation. Others regard ridging as supplementary to the eradication of weeds. At Kemptville Agricultural School in Ontario ridging is considered an important tillage practice, all land ploughed early and subsequently top-worked being drilled up in early fall. Another advantage of ridging is that it aids in getting on the land a few days earlier in the spring which is a decided gain on low or heavy land. Some clays tend to run together if left in a highly cultivated state all winter, but ridging up corrects this.

Kingsford-Smith Given Tumultuous Greeting

Sydney, Australia.—An enthusiastic throng of thousands gave Wing Commander Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith a tumultuous greeting when he arrived here late completing the notable flight on which he established a new record from England to Australia. Sir Charles clipped more than 40 hours off the old record when he landed at Wyndham Australia, after having flown from England in the elapsed time of 7 days, 4 hours and 44 minutes.

Alberta Beet Crop Record This Year

Lethbridge, Alta.—Thirteen thousand acres of sugar beets, one of the largest crops in the history of southern Alberta Province, now are being harvested. Approximately 300 men will be employed in the Raymond sugar beet factory during a three-months' run. Contrasted with this bumper yield of sugar beets was an estimated 18,000,000 to 20,000,000 bushel wheat crop, approximately half the normal harvest.

Gladiolus Expert, H. H. Groff, Dead

Famous Simcoe Horticulturist Was in 81st Year

Simcoe, Oct. 22.—The death occurred at his home in Simcoe on Saturday, following a comparatively brief illness, of Henry H. Groff, one of Canada's best-known horticulturists and a prominent citizen of Simcoe for many years, in his 81st year.

Mr. Groff was the second son of a prominent citizen of Simcoe. He served an apprenticeship with Dr. Willson, Simcoe's first mayor, as a druggist, and later entered banking. He attained wide fame through his success in the scientific hybridization of gladioli, capturing innumerable medals and trophies, chief among which was the Gold Medal Grand Prize at the World's Fair in St. Louis, in 1904. In recent years he has devoted his attention to the iris, with conspicuous success. Not long ago he developed a new variety of corn which has commanded wide attention and carries his name.

2,000-year-old Axe Changes U.S. History

Washington, Oct. 22.—A new chapter in American history, first evidence that humans lived on the Atlantic coast as far back as the time of Christ, has been written by a 2,000-year-old stone axe dug up in Albemarle County, Virginia.

The primitive axe is unique in that it was chipped out of black diabase rock by some savage American 20 centuries ago and then was found and re-sharpened by a later owner about 1,300 years later. It shows, says the Smithsonian Institution that former ideas of which the first humans reached the Eastern United States were mistaken.

Two Die in Gravel Cave-in, Third Saved

Sherbrooke, N.S., Oct. 22.—The overhanging bank of a gravel pit toppled Saturday while men worked beneath, and two laborers met death beneath tons of falling earth that nearly snuffed out a third man's life. Oswald Gale, 22, and Edward Croft, 50, were dead when fellow workmen extricated them after digging more than an hour. Bill Archibald, a truckman, was trapped for an hour with only his head above earth, and he suffered bruises and shock. All three men were natives of Sonora, N.S.

Celluloid Comb Ignites Clothing of Baby Girl

Sudbury, Oct. 22.—When a celluloid comb in the hands of her five-year-old brother ignited and fell on her and set her clothes on fire, the seven-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Dionne of Noelville was severely burned. Little hope is held for her recovery. First aid was administered in Noelville and the baby was brought to the hospital here, the trip over the rough roads taking six hours.

Norfolk County Journalist, P. G. Pearce, Is Killed

Simcoe, Oct. 22.—P. George Pearce, a well-known Norfolk County journalist, died Saturday after a brief illness. For 26 years he was publisher of the Waterford Star, which was founded by his father. In 1922 he bought the Simcoe Reformer from the late H. B. Donly. He was one-time chairman of the weekly division of the Canadian Press and had been active in the Weekly Newspapers' Association for many years.

Speeder Fined \$1,000 Passenger Was Injured

Moncton.—A fine of \$1,000 was imposed on Bryce W. Steves, convicted on a charge of wanton and furious automobile driving and causing bodily harm to a woman passenger.

Dog Attacks Boy Lip Torn From Jaw

Animal Springs as Child Turns on Flashlight—Misses Eye

Toronto, Oct. 22.—Before two men standing beside him could stop the attack, a mongrel dog, Saturday night, sprang at a 13-year-old Fairbank boy, tore his lower lip from the jaw-bone and missed by a hair-breadth sinking his teeth into the child's left eye.

The child, George Richardson, 172 Times Road, was walking with his father and the owner of the dog, Lewis Paddle, 95 Dansbury Road, along Briarhill Avenue. The boy turned on a flashlight he was carrying and the animal, half police dog and half bull, struck without warning. Paddle swung with his fist a split second too late, knocked the animal to the ground and called for help. The father caught the fainting child in his arms and did what he could to stop the bleeding. Eris Amos, 150 Briarhill Avenue, came to the aid with his car and took the boy to St. Joseph's Hospital.

Offers Prize to Best-Paying Husband

Montreal.—Judge J. O. Lacroix of the Sessions of the Peace in sentencing George Campion to pay his wife \$5 a week, remarked he was contemplating offering a prize to the repentant husband convicted of non-support, who behaved himself best when ordered to give his wife money. At that particular time he had 30 men on his books who reported from time to time how they were fulfilling their promises to give their wives money and Campion would join the list, he said. The worst cases of non-support, Judge Lacroix found, were due to sheer heartlessness.

Duck Hunter Drowns When Canoe Capsizes

Iroquois Falls, Ont., Oct. 22.—Jack Ede, a well-known sportsman of this district, was drowned in Reed Lake when the canoe from which he was shooting capsized. With Joe Chiroski, he started out duck-hunting and leashed forward to fire his gun when the vessel turned over. Chiroski was able to swim to shore with difficulty. The body was recovered.

Shortage of Potatoes by Spring is Predicted

Orangeville.—The frosts have put a crimp in the price of potatoes here. Forced to dig the crop, the producers were recently offered only 60 cents a bag, and buyers expect a further drop of at least 10 cents. For the time being the market will be flooded, but a survey indicates a real shortage before Spring.

Fire in Chesterfield Kills Two Love Birds

Edmonton.—Two love birds perished when a chesterfield in the home of Prof. W. Rowan, University of Alberta, caught fire. The birds suffocated in their cage when a match, dropped between cushions, set a nearby chesterfield on fire.

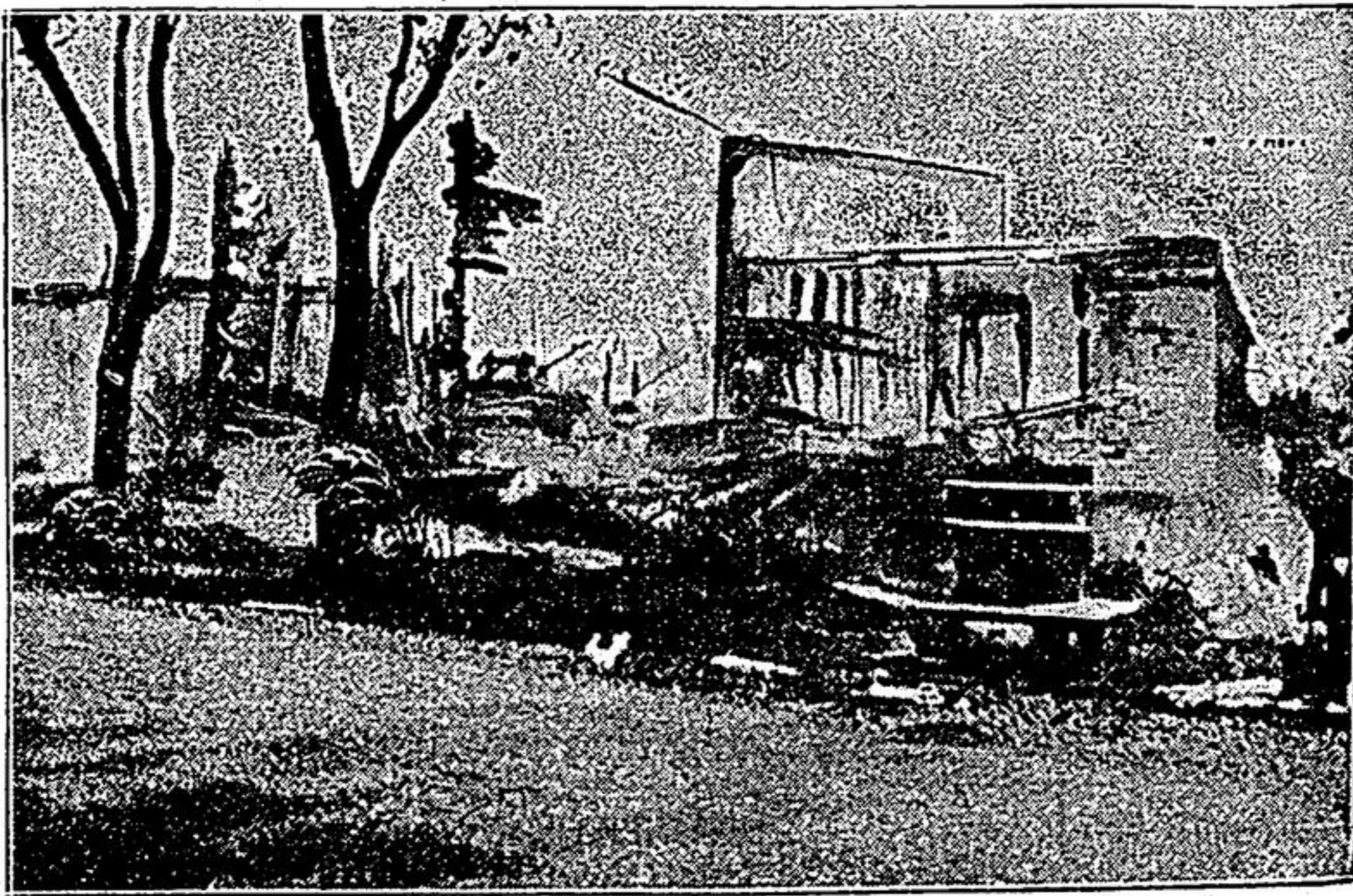
Newspaper Ads Receive Tribute

Bournemouth, Eng.—"I know of no more profitable way of spending money on advertising than through the press," said Sir Francis Gooderough, chairman of the executive, at the annual conference of the British Gas Association at Bournemouth recently. "Advertising," he added, "is the voice of business. It is as essential for an industry to learn to advertise as it is for a child to learn to talk."

Dozen Eggs; 24 Yolks

Roseburg, Ore.—Umpqua Valley hens believe in heavy production. Dr. B. R. Shoemaker purchased a dozen eggs at a local grocery store. Every one of the dozen had a double yolk.

Moulinette Fire Estimated at \$5,000



When modern fire engine sent from Cornwall, Ont., failed to function, the old-fashioned bucket brigade was called into action at Moulinette, eleven miles from Cornwall. At one time it seemed that the village would be destroyed, but the loss was held to about \$5,000.

Two Autoists Are Killed Three Hurt at Crossing

Mrs. H. J. Cable and Her Daughter Loses Lives at Crossing—Two Men and Girl Are in Hospital Seriously Injured

Brampton Oct. 22.—A Toronto woman and her daughter were killed and three other persons seriously injured when their motor car was struck by a C.N.R. train at the level crossing on Queen Street East, 100 yards from the main street, late tonight.

The dead are Mrs. H. J. Cable, 70, of 168 Curzon Avenue, and Miss Etta Cable, her daughter, same address.

The injured are: Ernest Montgomery, 100 Hiltz Ave., Toronto, the driver, serious leg and back injuries. Kenneth Cable, 168 Curzon Ave., severe shoulder and chest injuries.

Miss Merle Hodgins, 599 Gerrard Street, serious leg injuries. The party, returning from a week-

end trip to Dundalk, was struck by the 9:58 westbound C.N.R. train. The wig-wag at the crossing was working and the train whistle was blowing at the time, eye-witnesses stated.

The train struck the car with a terrific impact, carrying it 100 yards down the track, where it was thrown to the side, a tangled mass of wreckage.

Both Mrs. Cable and her daughter were killed instantly. The injured were all rushed to Peel Memorial Hospital here.

The view near the crossing is more or less unobstructed. The last fatality at the crossing was four years ago, when a man was killed.

Warning to Motorist

Statistics show that 35 per cent. of all automobile fatalities occur during the three fall months of September, October and November. George A. McNamee, manager of the Royal Automobile Club of Canada said recently in warning of the dangers of autumn motoring.

"Autumn days herald the presence of that dangerous driving season when early darkness, rain, fog, snow, fallen leaves and greasy pavements combine to create extra hazards in the operation of motor vehicles," Mr. McNamee pointed out. "The prudent motorist will take due precautions to see that his lights are in good order and properly focused; that spare bulbs are on hand; that brakes are inspected and adjusted, if necessary, that the treads are not worn too smooth; that chains are in the car ready for use when required, and that the windshield wiper is in working order. A few minutes of attention paid to these details at the outset may save much trouble and expense, and possibly avert life-long regrets because of serious or fatal mishaps.

"As the temperature drops, it is advisable to change the lubricant to a winter grade; to put an anti-freeze mixture in the radiator; to have batteries examined and re-charged and to have the generator speed adjusted for winter driving.

"It is also timely to remind motorists in general, of the danger of running an automobile engine in a confined space because of the rapid generation of carbon monoxide, one of the deadliest and most insidious of poison gases. It would seem unnecessary to reiterate the folly of indulgence in a practice so perilous, except for the fact that even in mild weather there have been recurring cases of death and narrow escape from this cause, and with cooler weather imminent there is an ever-present temptation for the unthinking motorist to expose himself to the danger created when the engine is run in a garage with closed doors and windows.

"Carbon monoxide gas is odorless and tasteless, and it is even dangerous to run a motor in a confined space with doors and windows open."

Mr. McNamee also issued an appeal to motorists asking for careful driving in school zones and urging that cautious driving be the rule when puddles of water are lying on the pavements in order to avoid splashing pedestrians.

Care at railway crossings the use of hand signals, slow driving on narrow country roads at night, and careful motoring on poorly-lighted city streets were also advised as a means of preventing serious or fatal accidents.—Montreal Gazette

Grain Quotations

Following are Saturday's closing quotations on grain transactions for car lots, prices on basis c.i.f. bay ports:

Manitoba wheat—No. 1 Northern, 65½¢; No. 2 Northern, 63½¢; No. 3 Northern, 62½¢; No. 4 Northern, 60½¢.

Manitoba oats—No. 2 C.W., 33¼¢; No. 3 C.W., 30¾¢; No. 1 feed, 29¼¢; No. 2 feed, 28¼¢; mixed feed oats, 28¢.

Manitoba barley—No. 3 C.W., 36¼¢; No. 4 C.W., 35¼¢; No. 1 feed screenings, \$16.50 per ton.

South African corn, 73¼¢.

Ontario grain, approximate prices, track shipping point—Wheat, 55 to 58¢; oats, 23 to 25¢; rye, 40 to 42¢; buckwheat, 38 to 40¢.

LIVE STOCK QUOTATIONS

Steers, up to 1,050 lbs., good and choice, \$3.75 to \$4; do, med., \$3.25 to \$3.75; do, com., \$2 to \$3; steers, over 1,050 lbs., good and choice, \$4 to \$4.50; do, med., \$3.50 to \$4; do, com., \$2.50 to \$3.25; heifers, good and choice, \$3.75 to \$4; do, med., \$3.25 to \$3.75; do, com., \$2 to \$3; fed calves, good and choice, \$6.75 to \$7.25; do, med., \$5 to \$6.50; cows, good, \$2.50 to \$2.75; do, med., \$2 to \$2.25; do, com., \$1.50 to \$2; canners and cutters, \$1 to \$1.25; bulls, good, \$2 to \$2.25; do, com., \$1.50 to \$1.75; stockers and feeder steers, good, \$2.75 to \$3; do, com., \$1.75 to \$2.50; milkers and springers, \$25 to \$45; calves good and choice veals, \$6 to \$7; do, com., \$3.50 to \$6; grassers, \$1.50 to \$2.50; hogs, bacons, f.o.b., \$5.10; do, off trucks, \$5.35; do, off cars, \$5.60; good ewe and wether lambs, \$6 to \$7; do, med., \$5.50 to \$5.75; do, bucks, \$4.75 to \$5; culls, \$4 to \$4.50; sheep, good light, \$2 to \$2.50; do, heavies, \$1.50 to \$2; do, culls, \$1 to \$1.25.

Cow Pumps Herself Drink of Water

Milburn McBride, a farmer in the Pleasant Valley section of the Westmeath township, near Pembroke, has a talented Holstein cow which can pump herself a drink of water whenever she feels in the mood, according to W. A. McMullen, a neighbor of Mr. McBride.

Recently Mr. McBride had an errand at Mr. McBride's home, and when he entered the yard the cow was busy at the well, shoving the pump handle up with her nose and pulling it down with her horns, working fast enough to pump a good stream into the trough, from which she drank when she had pumped enough.

Voice of the Press

Depend On Newspapers

Radio may carry the noise and the color of political meetings, but the newspapers, after all, carry the facts the permanent record and most listeners, having received a certain feeling impression of what occurred from passages overheard in the intervals of a bridge game or some other domestic enterprise, look to the printed pages for news of what really happened.—Ottawa Journal.

These Teachers Resourceful

Unique and highly interesting is the tale of a vagabond vacation trip taken by two school teachers, one from the Pembroke to the Pacific coast and return within two months vacation period, over 7,000 miles being done in a decrepit automobile, at a cost of but one hundred dollars each, including expenses for the car, new clothes and necessary food, was the stunt accomplished by Miss Vera Wagner of Pembroke, teacher at the school at Rankin, and Miss Velma Wingrove, a teacher from Cochrane.—Pembroke Standard.

Progress Along This Line

A total of nearly 60,000 acres of bushland burned over, and 245 separate fires to fight in the Algoma district during the past summer, and not a single log of valuable timber destroyed, is the record of the forestry department this year. In the Sudbury district, despite a season of unusually severe fire hazard, it is estimated that less than 100 acres of merchantable timber were burned over. Very few summers have been as dry as the one just closing, and that the menace of the forest flames has been so successfully met is a matter for satisfaction. Undoubtedly the policy of education; camper, fisherman, hunter, prospector and settler to take greater precaution in the bush against the setting of fires is having its results. This fact, to gether with the greater facilities in detecting blazes and the efficiency of air patrol and fire-fighting forces, would seem to give assurance that Northern Ontario's losses from forest fires should, with reasonable success be held down to a minimum.—Sudbury Star.

Iron Imports

In the decade from 1923 to 1932 there was imported into Canada 14,747,059 tons of iron, of which a portion came from Newfoundland, but which about 10,000,000 tons came from sources outside this British Empire. And this vast importation was carried on despite the fact that Canada has tremendous deposits of iron ore waiting to be developed. In Algoma alone there are probably billions of tons of ore, there being close to 100,000,000 tons of siderite proved, in the New Helen Mine alone, while in other sections of Ontario, as well as in other provinces, there are known to be large bodies which have not yet been fully explored.—Sault Star.

Eugenics

Halifax principal says that eugenics are necessary to create 'the ideal boy. Most of us don't know whether eugenics are fed to a youngster with a spoon or whether he should turn him over our knee to admir sister them.—Lindsay Post.

Turn of the Tide

It is gratifying to learn that the amount of lumber exported from British Columbia last month exceeded that of any other month in the history of the province. It exceeded the shipments of August, 1929, the totals being 75,432,000 feet and 73,077,000 feet, the latter the total for August 1929, the previous high mark. We are told that since the beginning of this year a definite upturn in the lumber industry for this province has been noted, that this has taken place in spite of the fact that the market in the United States and Japan, has declined very considerably in recent months. It is to be hoped that the increase in Canada's shipments of lumber to the United Kingdom will be maintained.—Victoria Times.

Highway Bully

The auto truck, which is the swagging and the brutal bully of the highway, is rapidly wearing out official patience by its senseless, but dangerously destructive abuses. Thus we are told that the roads department of this province has decided to withdraw the licenses from all trucks that exceed the maximum legal speed of 25 miles per hour. Relying upon a power, size and weight far superior to those of anything it may meet upon the highway except another of its kind, the auto truck literally acts in far too many cases as though it 'owned the road.'—Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph.

New Population

It seems to us that the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress is unnecessarily alarmed over reports that preliminary steps for a considerable migration from Britain to Canada are now being taken. No immediate flood in Canada's direction is possible. But the time is coming, and it is not so far off, when we shall be needing new population and it is only sensible that the groundwork for it should be laid now. A Canada with twenty or thirty million population would certainly have no greater unemployment problem, proportionately, than we have to-day.—Border Cities Star.