

# Police Probe Mysterious Slaying of Fort Erie Woman

## Body of Servant Girl Found Hidden in Copse With Rope Round Neck

Fort Erie, Nov. 26.—The body of Beatrice Plato, 27, missing for some days, was found in a desolate copse four miles from here tonight and police are investigating her death.

When Coroner Dr. J. R. Mencke and police arrived at the lonely place where the body was found by Andrew Ross, member of a searching party, peculiar angles were noted. The body lay in a natural position of repose with the clothing bearing no evidence of a struggle. A pair of gloves lay under the body, comparatively unwrinkled. The end of a strand of clothes-line protruded from the coat. About the woman's neck was found several wrappings of rope, found into a loop. However, police did not believe she died from strangulation.

Dr. Albert Collins conducted a post mortem examination and sent the contents of the woman's stomach to the provincial analysts at Toronto.

Police expressed the view the body had been transported after death to the spot in which it was found.

Chief of Police Griffin said he thought the girl had not killed herself, either with the rope or by taking poison, as there was nothing to indicate either a struggle or a painful death.

The nearest tree limb, many feet distant from the body, showed no evidence of a rope having been attached. Her overshoes showed an almost complete lack of the clay topsoil of the road surrounding the woods, known as Wales Bush. Had she traversed the distance from Fort Erie by foot, police believe her footwear would have been clogged with clay as the roads are very wet.

The young woman left the home of her employer, Omar Weaver, early Thursday to visit Weaver's aged mother, who was ill, and had not been seen since.



W. J. Davidson, left, engineering graduate of McGill university, whose services were much valued by French army during the war, is decorated with Legion of Honor by M. Leon Morand, French consul, Detroit.

# M.P.P. in N. Bruce, F. W. Elliott, Dies

Financial Critic for Liberals Passes at Port Elgin

Kincardine, Ont., Nov. 26.—Fred W. Elliott, M.P.P., North Bruce, died early today at his home at Port Elgin.

Mr. Elliott was born at Southampton in 1873 and was first elected to the Legislature in 1929. He had acted as Liberal financial critic since then.

He operated a farm for many years and then retired and went into the seed and grain business. He was clerk and treasurer of Sauguen township for nearly 30 years.

Mr. Elliott had been ill for some months, but his death was unexpected.

He was elected to the Legislature in a by-election caused by the death of Alex McWhinney, and won the seat from D. J. Byers, Conservative, of Warton. His widow, two sisters and one brother survive.

# Britain Signs New Russian Contract

British Firm Orders Same Amount of Lumber as Previously—Prices Higher

London.—British Timber Distributors Limited, it was understood today, has signed a new contract with chief representatives of the Russian timber exporters underwriting the bulk sale of between 295,000 and 450,000 standards of Russian timber here in 1934, approximately the same amount as in the two previous years.

The prices, however, under the new contract, it is stated, will be higher by \$5 per standard compared with last year and it is also believed the agreement eliminates previous clauses permitting Russia to lower the prices if other imported timbers drop.

The Canadian Government is understood to have immediately entered a renewed protest with the British Government. Canada has for a long time been objecting to the large sale of Russian timber in Britain and in formal complaint has charged it is against the provisions of the Canada-United Kingdom treaty signed at Ottawa.

# Ontario Will Get Nearly \$450,000

Amount of Succession Duties on Sifton Estate Settled, is Report

Toronto.—Succession duties to the amount of nearly \$450,000 will, it is understood, accrue to the Ontario provincial treasury from the estate of Sir Clifford Sifton as a result of a settlement, reported in legal circles to have been reached recently by the Henry Government and executors of the estate, the Mail and Empire declared recently.

"Certain points in connection with this estate and the duties to be paid have been in dispute, it is said, for some time, with the result the Government threatened to take action to recover, and even went so far, it is reported, as to issue a writ.

"A year ago, negotiations were started to effect an arrangement between the disputants whereby the duties claims could be settled satisfactorily and lengthy litigation might, at the same time, be avoided. With these negotiations now successful, the writ will, it is understood, be withdrawn at Queen's Park," the newspaper says.

Etiquette is getting strict in some Chinese cities. Engaged couples may not walk arm-in-arm in Shanghai, while women are banned from riding bicycles in Canton.

# Australian Plan Lowers Duties on Canadian Products

A large number of Canadian products exported to Australia under the British preferential tariff are benefited by adjustments of rates of duty based upon the depreciation of the currency of the Commonwealth.

In addition Australia has lowered its primage duties from 10 to 5 per cent, in some cases and from 10 to 4 per cent, in others, while in some instances this duty has been altogether eliminated. The Canadian goods exported to Australia upon which the adjustments will apply include a wide range of food, paper, leather, rubber, metal and chemical products, electrical goods and devices, household appliances, earthenware, hardware and machinery.

# Police Find Dynamite in Liquor Still Raid

Ingersoll, Nov. 26.—William Homack, John Kavole and Andrew Arko are under arrest here following a police raid on the Homack home and the alleged finding of liquor, mash, the worm of a still and a quantity of dynamite with caps and fuse. Police made a second visit to the home, and declared they got added parts of the still, and determined the dynamite sticks, caps and fuse were parts of a bomb. The men under arrest deny all knowledge of it.

# \$1,135,408 For Relief

Hamilton, Ont.—The total cost of relief in Hamilton this year will amount to \$1,135,408, according to a statement prepared by the office of R. J. Menary, city accountant. Expenditures extend to charities, institutions and losses on institutions through indigent hospitalization.

# Mystery Blast Kills Two Woman Rescued by Firemen

Buried to Shoulders in Debris With Surrounding Wreckage Aflame

New Glasgow, N.S., Nov. 26.—Victims of a terrific explosion that wrecked the heart of this town's business district, two bodies were recovered from the ruins of a two-story brick building, where the mysterious blast had its origin. They were identified as Morris David and his nephew, Simon Attis, merchants who had occupied adjoining stores in the building.

Mrs. Morris David, blown through the front of her husband's store, lay in hospital suffering from serious cuts, burns and bruises.

Several firemen were being treated for burns about their faces and hands, sustained when they heroically dug the injured woman out of debris which had buried all but her head and shoulders.

After extinguishing the flames which followed the explosion, firemen, police and volunteers attacked the ruins in search of victims, recovering David's body about an hour and a half after the blast. The charred body of Attis was found late this morning.

Cause of the upheaval was still unknown as workmen repaired half a dozen damaged stores in the vicinity and firemen restored 300 telephones to use.

There was some concern about the condition of the Canadian National Railway line, directly behind the scene of the explosion. Steel girders supporting the concrete abutment had been torn loose, possibly weakening the rail base.

The explosion occurred shortly before midnight. Simon Attis had just closed his meat and provision store for the night and dropped in to chat with Morris David, as was his custom. The two were in the rear of David's clothing store when the building split wide open and collapsed.

As people streamed out of nearby dance halls and stores, they saw Mrs. David's head protruding from a mass of brick and wood. She was screaming hysterically: "Save my husband! Save my husband!"

Nearly a huge steel girder crashed through an unoccupied car parked on the street.

# For Service Rendered

## The Markets

Toronto dealers are buying produce at the following prices:

Eggs—Graded, cases free, fresh extras, 40c; fresh first, 35c; second, 19c. Pullet extras, 28c. Ungraded, cases returned, 38c for fresh extras, 32c for fresh firsts, 17c for seconds.

Butter—Ontario creamery solids, No. 1, 20%; No. 2, 20%; 20%; Churning cream—Special, 20c; No. 1, 19c; No. 2, 17c, l.o.b. shipping points.

Cheese—No. 1 large, colored, paraffined and government-graded, 9% to 10c; twins, 10 to 10 1/2c; triplets, 10 1/2 to 10 3/4c.

Poultry, A grade, Alive—Spring chickens, over 6 lbs., 11c; over 5 to 6 lbs., 10c; over 4 to 5 lbs., 9c; over 2 to 4 lbs., 8c. Broilers, over 1 1/2 to 2 lbs., 10c. Fatted hens, over 5 lbs., 10c; over 4 to 5 lbs., 9c; over 3 1/2 to 4 lbs., 7c; over 3 to 3 1/2 lbs., 6c. Old roosters, over 5 lbs., 5c. Domestic rabbits, over 4 lbs., 6c. White ducklings, over 5 lbs., 11c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 9c.

B grade poultry 2c lb. less than A. C grade 2c lb. less than B.

## Canada's Z. Agreement

While the governments of Canada and New Zealand are negotiating the question of trade between the two dominions, the present trade agreement which was placed in effect May 24, 1932, will be continued in force before November 24, on which date it would have terminated, for another six months. Changes in the New Zealand budget which would have the effect of materially lowering the present tariff on Canadian goods will have an important bearing upon the current negotiations, it is stated.

## Extend Life of Present Canada-N. Z. Agreement

More Exports

Hockey, or as they call it there, "ice hockey," is growing in popularity in Great Britain. Probably hockey players will be added to our exports to the United Kingdom in a few years.—Sault Star.

Killing-Ground Hogs

The method described recently of ridding Durham county of ground hogs by offering prizes to children who brought the skin of the greatest number of them, as exhibits at rural school fairs, seemed to be a dandy one at the time. It certainly worked well in that county as the children slaughtered 3,457 of the pests that endanger horses' legs by burrowing holes in the farmers' fields.

The Post even suggested that something similar might be done in this county but now there is no need of it as a better method has been discovered—Ingersoll. One farmer there has rid his field of the pests in a delightfully simple manner. He drives his tractor into the infested fields, attaches a rubber hose to the exhaust, and after plugging the burrow outlet, he places the hose into the front door of the ground hog home and lets the tractor engine run. The animals are quickly smothered by the gas and their former homes also act as graves.

A ty farmer who does not own a tractor but would like to try this plan will find a car does the work just as efficiently.—Lindsay Post.

To Sharpen a Razor

And now from England comes the news that an experimenter there has discovered that the life of razor blades can be greatly lengthened by keeping them lying north and south by the compass. He has kept a record of the length of the life of the various razor blades he has used. Prior to orientating his razor blades he found that no blade would last him longer than about one month or six weeks. During the past two and half years, during which he has conducted his experiment, his blades average 72 days, one went as high as 166 days.

He credits it to terrestrial magnetism.—Financial Post.

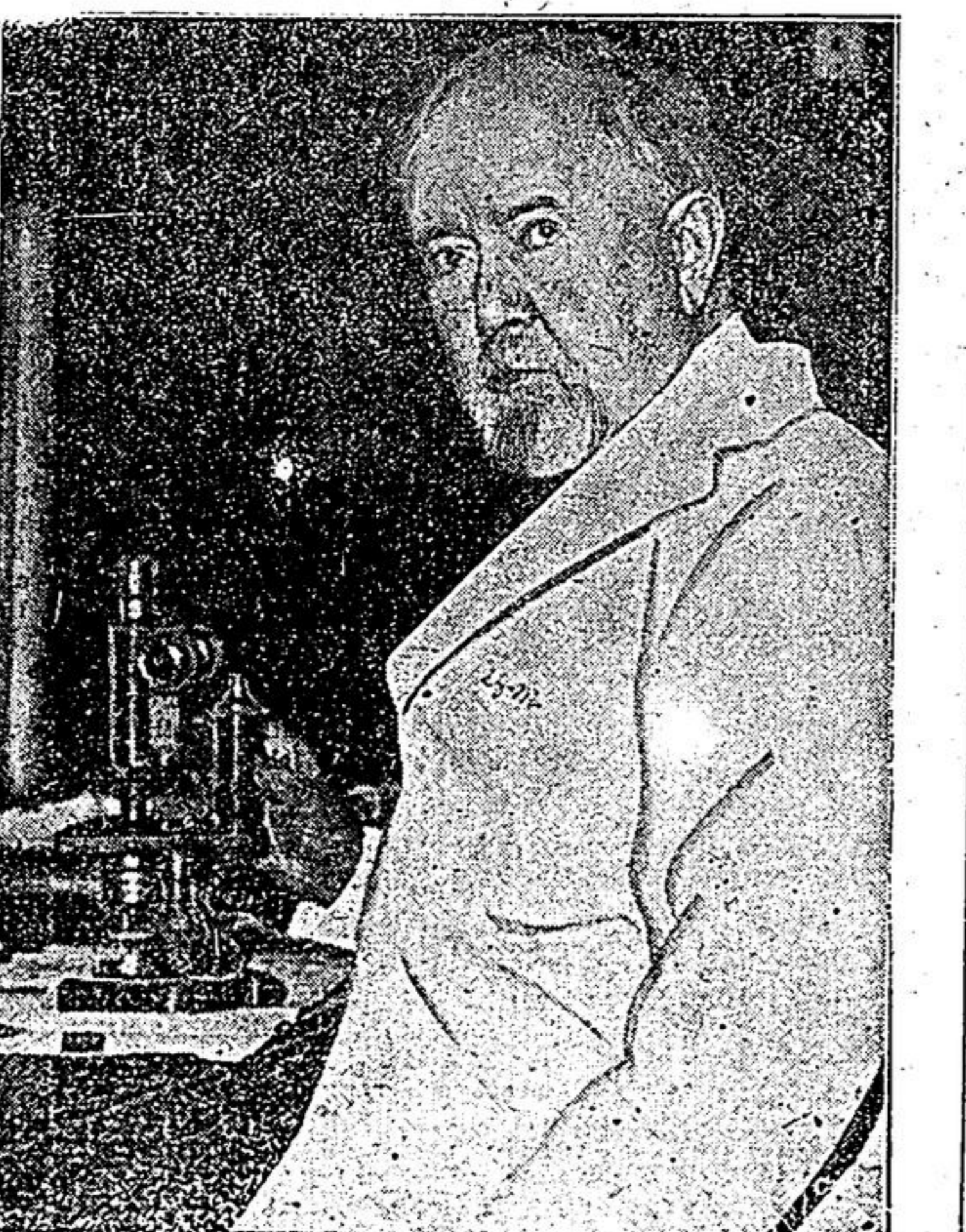
Contrast in Court

Two drug traffickers were arrested recently, one in Canada and the other across the line. One, sentenced in Montreal, must serve fourteen years in a penitentiary, receive twenty-five lashes and pay a fine of \$3,000. The other, tried across the line, was freed on a technicality.—Niagara Falls Review.

Dangerous Practice

High in the list of dangerous practices may be placed the common one of drivers and passengers of automo-

# Hope For Tuberculars



Dr. Stephen J. Maher, New Haven, Conn., international authority on tuberculars who, after 25 years of research, announces development of a special type of bacteria that destroys the bacillus of tuberculars, human, bovine and avian.

# Voice of the Press

Canada, The Empire and The World at Large

CANADA

### Stratford is Doing Well

Stratford received some undesirable publicity during the recent strike of the furniture workers. It was feared that the results of the trouble might be felt for a long time. We are pleased to learn through the Beacon-Herald that though all is not yet mended the city is well on the way to complete recovery. There was strong evidence of this when the second instalment of taxes fell due in the first week of November. Collections in 1933 were as good as they were in 1932. As the Beacon-Herald fairly claims: "A city which goes through a time of strike for almost two months, and then pays as much in taxes as it did the year before is not a washed-out affair. A record of that sort is actually of much more importance than a day of rioting, but is not as spectacular, and is therefore less liable to receive mention."—Toronto Mail and Empire.

bles resting arms, with elbows outside windows in several recent accidents. It is noted that such practices have contributed to serious injuries. In one case a woman was pinned underneath the car when it overturned because she had her arm in such a position and another had her arm torn off by a passing car which side-swiped the one in which she was riding.—Niagara Falls Review.

THE EMPIRE

### A Children's Charter

The act which the Egyptian Parliament put upon the statute books to regulate the employment of children in industry follows the lines of acts with which the people of Great Britain and of other similarly advanced countries are familiar; but being the first of its kind in Egypt it naturally lags behind in many respects. In general children under 12 are not to work... all though in a few specified exceptional cases they may do so after nine years of age. The daily hours are not to exceed seven for those of the youngest class, while no young person under 15 is to work more than nine hours a day or to do any night work at all. Provisions are made for rest-times both daily and weekly and against danger and ill-health likely to arise in the various occupations. The act comes into operation on the first day after Christmas—a happy augury perhaps for the introduction of a Children's Charter in Egypt.—Egyptian Gazette.

### Lost, Stolen or Strayed

Sometimes the mention of a particular word almost startles one. The use of the word technocracy on a friend's lips a day or two ago did startle me. Technocracy, technocracy—no longer than nine months ago everyone in America and a great many people in this country were talking technocracy with quite incredible assiduity. And now what has happened to technocracy?—London Spectator.

### Cowardly Gunmen

The American gunman in his native alleys may be a daring and picturesque fellow, but he cuts a poor figure in this country, where neither policeman nor ordinary citizens carry revolvers. Lacking the gun tradition, we cannot make a hero of a blackguard who shoots down an unarmed man. In comparison Bill Sikes is a gentleman and a sportsman.—London Sunday Chronicle.

### "Blood's Worth" From Japan

There is one consideration (apart from that of poor quality) which should give pause to prospective purchasers of Japanese goods, and that is the conditions under which those goods are made. If Japanese adults choose to work in circumstances that would appal and revolt the average European craftsman, that may be their own lookout; but it now seems only too certain that a grave child-labour scandal lies behind the flood of Japanese dumping. In countries where child labour was abolished many years ago such a state of affairs can only be regarded as damnable. Child labour is "blood's worth" with a vengeance—and all who buy the goods it produces are guilty of condoning a crime against humanity.—Johannesburg Sunday Times.

### Disorder in China

The condition of Chinese trade and agriculture is irrefutable evidence of the accumulated effects of disorder and mismanagement of the country's affairs. China is a country with wide areas of as fertile land as any in the world. A peasantry, incomparable in its industry, frugality and courage under every form of adversity, tills the land with a system of hand-labour, perfect in its own way, even if it lacks the mass production methods of Canada and the United States. In Kwantung there is all the wealth of the Pearl River delta and the plains bordering the chief rivers. The population is estimated at 30,000,000 and yet no less than ten per cent of the rice consumed—a total of 9,000,000 piculs per annum, is imported. In other words, a population equivalent to the inhabitants of about six leading towns, including Canton, buys all its rice from abroad.—Hong Kong Press.

### Varieties of Pepper

Pepper is one of the spices most commonly used in the average home, yet few housekeepers discriminate between the varieties when selecting it. White pepper does not produce a better flavor than black, but it is considered a bit easier to digest and is less noticeable in white sauces and dishes that are not highly colored. As a seasoning for meats and dark sauces black pepper is more effective, because the real strength of the pepper berry is found in the outer shells of which black pepper is made. Cayenne pepper must be employed very sparingly, but a deft use of it lends zest to many a dish.

Paprika is a pleasing spice in both flavor and color and deserves a prominent place along with salt and pepper. In soups, sauces and salads or with fish, meats and vegetables its mild sweet flavor is desirable. Its delicate flavor and vivid color make it an excellent garnish also. Remember there are two kinds—the Hungarian, which is pungent and decidedly stimulating, and the Spanish, which is very mild.

# Record Closing Of St. Lawrence

## Night Navigation is Discouraged Between Quebec and Montreal— Pennyworth Fast

Montreal.—On the earliest date in the modern history of the St. Lawrence River, night navigation between Montreal and Quebec was brought to a close Nov. 20 after gas buoys had been removed by Department of Marine vessels from the ship channel.

This closing of 20-hour Summer navigation conditions was five days earlier than the record date established in 1910, when night navigation ended on November 25. So many buoys had been driven off their stations by floating ice during the past few days that the Marine Department regarded conditions as dangerous during the hours of darkness.

The river will be busy during the daylight hours, however. It being estimated that 100 freighters will depart from Montreal before the season closes. Weather conditions have turned milder and marine authorities hope the next few weeks will set conditions sufficiently seasonable to continue operations.

# Ex-Secretary Describes Soviet Commissar

Detroit, Mich.—An ex-private secretary went into a reminiscent mood here and discussed her former boss—Maxim Litvinoff, Soviet Commissar of Foreign Affairs, who arrived recently in the United States to discuss possible Russian recognition with President Roosevelt.

The former secretary was Mrs. Eastman. Before her marriage to the American author she was known in Russia as Eleina Vasiliievna Krylenko, a sister of General Nikolai Krylenko, present Russian Minister of Justice.

"Litvinoff," said Mrs. Eastman, "is not a handsome man, but his face has character and charm. He is one of the best natured men I ever knew not easily irritated, never capricious, lives very simply, plans all his activities very carefully and allows nothing to ruffle his disposition. In fact he looks and acts more like a business man than any diplomat I have ever seen."

# Hallowe'en Celebration Proved to be Expensive

London.—Wilfred Dawson, Ingersoll, was fined \$15 and costs as a result of a hallowe'en dance in North Dorchester, during which Dawson allegedly assaulted a mouth-organ player. It did not develop during the county police court hearing whether or he objected to the music, but a jug of wine was blamed for most of the fracas. On the assault charge, Dawson was given suspended sentence. The man he hit in the eye, David Rogers of London, did not want him dealt with harshly as they are now friends again, the court was told. The \$15 fine was on a charge of illegal consumption of wine; a charge reduced from having liquor illegally.

# Many Overseas Ships Visit Toronto Harbour

## Visit Toronto Harbour

More ships from overseas have visited Toronto harbor this year than in any other previous season. Five of them arriving in a single day last week. Included among them have been vessels from London, Liverpool, Swansea and Sunderland, England; Stavanger and Bergen, Norway; Antwerp, Belgium, and Hamburg, Germany. The Toronto Harbour Commissioners' report total tonnage of the harbor season to the end of September at nearly 1,820,000 tons, which is 254,000 tons greater than that for the same period last year. It is stated the total for the 1933 season will exceed the all-time high record tonnage of 1932 by at least a third of a million tons.

# Manchester Chamber Urges Chinese Air Service

Manchester, Eng.—A British air service to China and the Far East is being urged by Manchester Chamber of Commerce as an essential business factor.

On the proposal of Sir Kenneth Stewart, the Chamber of Commerce has pledged itself to give the fullest possible support to such an air service and has decided to bring the matter before the authorities.

# Says Fodder Shortage Fatal to 300 Horses

Regina.—More than 300 horses have died in the Willow Bunch constituency this year because of insufficient fodder, C. W. Johnson, M.P.P., stated here over the week-end. He held a consultation with Saskatchewan Relief Commission in an effort to procure feed for live stock of this area.

### Jobs Grow Food

Colwyn Bay, North Wales.—Some 2,000 jobless men on allotments in North Wales have produced food worth £14,000 in the past year, it was stated at a recent conference convened by the Welsh department of the National Council of Social Service here