

# Voice of the Press

Canada, The Empire and The World at Large

**CANADA**  
Prices Over 25 Years  
In the "25 Years Ago Column" of the Brantford-Expositor, the following produce prices were recorded for that time:  
Butter 28c to 30c a pound, eggs 28c to 30c a dozen, chickens 60c to \$1 a pair, ducks \$1.20 to \$1.50 a pair, beef, 8c to 7c a pound, pork 9c and 10c a pound, lamb 10c and 12c a pound, potatoes 70c a bag, turnips 30c a bushel, onions 65c a bag, apples 15c to 20c a basket.  
On Saturday last The Standard had the following prices for the produce market: Butter 25 cents, eggs 35 to 45 cents, chickens 18 cents per pound, live 50 cents each, ducks (alive) 60 cents each, pork 8 to 10 cents a pound, potatoes \$1 a bag, and other vegetables generally higher. It will be seen that if the 1908 scale of living and taxes still applied the farmer would not be so badly off.—St. Catharines Standard.

**Advisable**  
There is enough nicotine in a cigar, we read, to kill two cows. That should teach cows not to smoke cigars.—Havana Journal.

**Progress Toward Recovery**  
The improvement in the fundamental things, now well recognized by everyone, will register its effect more emphatically a few months hence than it does now. The money still has to come in for much of our present increased production, and as it comes and gets into circulation, we shall feel the rising benefits. We shall be very much more conscious of it in the coming spring than we are now. By that time we shall have reaped full benefit of the improvement that is now apparent, and that, in turn, will be stimulating the people to still higher hopes. It is a time for tempered optimism, of course, for it must be recognized that a world that has been so sick must convalesce more or less slowly and our progress depends largely upon the progress made in the world at large.—Maritime Merchant.

**Agriculture Comes First**  
Mining is a wasting industry and agriculture is a building-up process. The miner extracts the mineral wealth from the earth's interior and goes on leaving a despoiled area behind him, save for the possibility of conversion into agricultural lands or forests. Proper agricultural methods, improve lands and maintain and increase fertility with the passage of time. A country dependent exclusively on mining faces an inevitable extinction: One dependent on agriculture can be at least assured of continued existence and abundance of food. In every great nation's economy agriculture's place comes ahead of that of mining. Food production is mankind's primary occupation. When food supplies fail all else is valueless.—Calgary Herald.

**Canadian Banks**  
There is no need to elaborate on the standing of the banks in Canada. True, they are criticized, as are all banks in all countries. But they have opened their doors every morning of every banking day through the greatest depression in the world's history, and that fact talks down almost every criticism that could be levelled against them. The bankers of Canada have accepted as their first duty the safeguarding of their depositors' money, and they have kept their banks solvent.—Financial News.

**Northern Land Settlement**  
The settlement of the claybelt will hardly be made by townspeople from Old Ontario or elsewhere. They haven't the background, the experience, the gift of doing with little. The man who does not find contentment in clearing land, in seeing his little fields gradually grow, and who adds it hardship to live in a primitive way for a while won't do for the north. The work is hard, the winters are long and patience and optimism are needed.—Sault Star.

**Across the Border**  
If you would like to know about one of the dodges over the border which enables crooks to escape punishment for their misdeeds, consider the plight of Mrs. Clara Alt, of Chicago. Mrs. Alt's home was burglarized in 1928. Twenty times since then Mrs. Alt has gone to court prepared to testify against the men who have been charged with the crime; and each time the case has been continued, so that Mrs. Alt has had the fun of going to the court house 20 times for nothing. The other day a new hearing was scheduled. Mrs. Alt was on a woman's committee to welcome Mrs. Roosevelt to the World's Fair, so she didn't go to court. She was sent for and fined \$10 for staying away.—Guelph Mercury.

**Canadian Characteristic**  
Percival Roberts, director of the U.S. Steel and the Pennsylvania Railway Company, has for 33 years spent a summer vacation in Canada and on reaching Montreal on route for home he said when interviewed: "Why I almost feel like a Canadian." Asked as to the first symptom he replied with emphasis, "Good common sense." Johnny Canoe certainly takes a great

deal after the head of the family in this respect.—Brantford Expositor.

**Eating Laws**  
Did you know that for many centuries there were laws which said how much a person might eat? Edward the Third of England made one in the year 1336, by which his subjects were forbidden to "go in for" more than two courses at any one meal—except on certain special occasions. Strangely enough, though it was not long before people began to disobey—and kept on doing so—that law remained until 1856, when it was "repealed." A king of France made a law of the same kind, in the year 1340. It stated that nobody in the land was to have more than soup, meat and pudding at one meal, and even the royal banquets were kept down to that limit.—Ottawa Journal.

**Destruction of Wealth**  
Why should we limit the destruction of wealth for the common good to pigs and wheat and cotton and coffee? If it is a good thing to keep people busy cutting down the goods that they possess, so that they can get rich on what is left, we might turn our attention to houses and shops and theatres and ships. If we burn up enough houses and sink enough ships, the time will soon come when some one will have a job building new ones. Then every one will be quite happy, since it is only the work that is needed, not the pigs and wheat and shops and houses and ships.—Fort William Times-Journal.

**Two Million Dollar Crop**  
The lowly sugar beet has been a "saver" for the agriculturists of this and other countries during many years when cash crops have been scarce; and when it is considered that the Canada and Dominion Sugar Company will pay out in the neighborhood of two million dollars to the growers raising beets for the Chatham and Wallaceburg factories this year, it is easily seen what this industry means to the people in general in this community.—Chatham News.

**New Use for Potatoes**  
Word comes from Dublin that "an industrial alcohol, to be used as fuel for motor cars as well as in dyes, heating and lighting, has been developed from potatoes and will be made a government monopoly." The estimated production cost is sixpence a gallon. The potato is a lowly vegetable, but there certainly is nothing lowly about a development which holds out such immense possibilities. It is just one more evidence of the remarkable advances being made in scientific research in these amazing times.—Hullfax Herald.

**THE EMPIRE**  
The Lesson of 1914  
It is probably true that no one in Great Britain either wants war or thinks that war is a good thing. The old view, openly expressed by very distinguished people before 1914, that war is not only necessary but desirable and a tonic for the nation, did not long survive the touch of reality. It was one of the earliest British casualties of the Great War, and its resurrection in this country is unlikely.—Economist (London).

**The Spirit of Canada**  
Dominion status, which is primarily the product of Canadian conditions, is the essential basis upon which the Canadian people combine a genuine loyalty to the British Crown with a passionate belief in their own national destiny. Canada, we must remember, has been settled a long time, according to the standards of the New World. Few of her people, even among those of British stock, can acknowledge the Mother Country as the land of their birth. Canada is, therefore, British in spirit not so much because her citizens have even an ancestral love of Great Britain, as because Great Britain has endowed her with enduring institutions.—H. V. Hodson, in The Spectator (London).

**Strike Causes Suffering Amongst Idle Horses**  
Port Arthur, Dec. 10.—The Pigeon River Company, one of the lumber firms involved in the present widespread strike of timber-cutters, disclosed tonight that it had complained to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals that a strike committee and picketers were barring its newly-shod horses from obtaining exercise. The horses have been in their stable for the past two and a half weeks, and one has died since the stable was padlocked.

**Storm Warnings Out For Two Lower Lakes**  
Cleveland, Dec. 10.—Northwest storm warnings for Lake Erie and Lake Ontario were issued at 10 p.m., E.S.T., by the United States Weather Bureau here. Storm warnings also were displayed on the upper lakes. The Weather Bureau said winds will become strong northwest on Lake Erie to-night, and on Lake Ontario to-morrow.

## Marriage Under Difficulties



Mr. and Mrs. Jack W. Hampshire, who use the international ferry boat at Sault Ste. Marie as a meeting place. Hampshire an American, barred from Canada and his wife from the United States. They meet in the engine room of the ferry and part on the last boat.

## Canada Takes 12 Titles at Chicago

58 Head of Ontario Cattle Win 33 Awards—Corn Exhibitor Wins

Chicago, Dec. 9.—With Frank Issaksen of Elfron, Sask., newly-crowned monarch of North America's wheat men, securely in the driver's seat, Canada, aided by a select group of farm students from six provinces today had garnered the majority of prizes at the Chicago International Grain Show and Livestock Exposition.

Alberta exhibitors picked up the majority of the championships won with a total of six and prizes in 46 minor awards. Ontario entrants placed second, with two championships. The eastern province, however, led all other provinces in total grain show awards with 127 prizes to her credit.

Ontario turned to corn to mark up the majority of her wins. For one of the few times in corn history, a junior exhibitor from Ontario, D. T. Weaver of Turnerville, placed first in region one over farming masters of the United States and Canada.

A select coterie of cattle breeders from Quebec and Ontario all but stole the show at the livestock exposition. Alexander MacLaren of Buckingham, Que., clinched the brilliant showing by winning two grand championships, two reserve crowns and 14 other awards, including three firsts. Ontario exhibitors established a record with winners in 33 classes from 58 animals exhibited.

## Banker Dies Attending Church

Burton Manning, Prominent London Citizen, is Stricken

London, Ont., Dec. 10.—Death invaded the Church of St. John the Evangelist this morning to take by a sudden call Burton B. Manning, manager of the main branch of the Dominion Bank, who died of a heart attack during the reading of the first lesson.

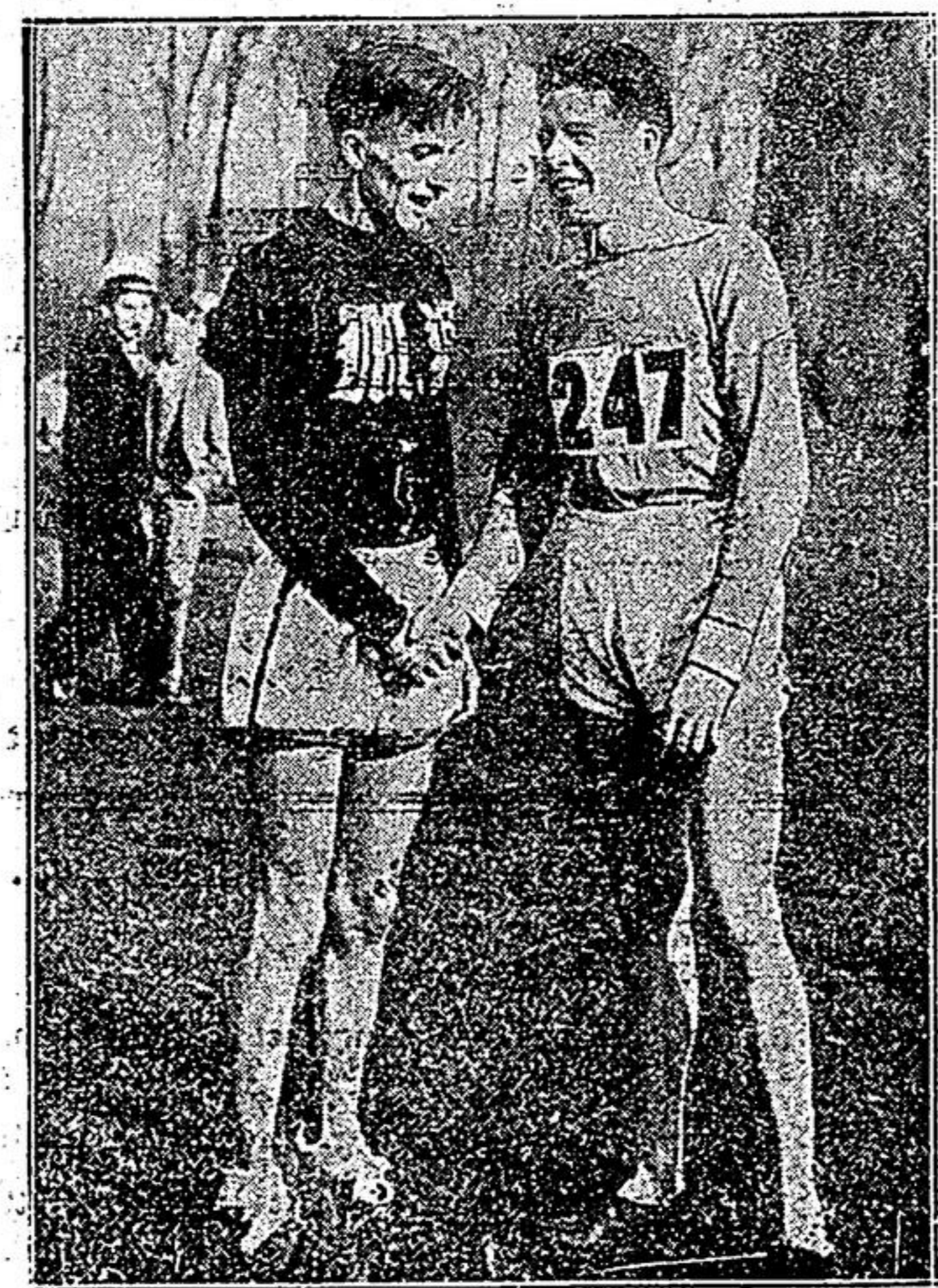
Rev. Canon Jenkins, the rector, had just risen and commenced to read when Mr. Manning collapsed in his seat unconscious. Other worshippers and the ushers carried him out and rushed him in a motor car to St. Joseph's Hospital, but physicians pronounced him dead.

Gravely concerned, Canon Jenkins continued the service, to be handed a note soon after, informing him of Mr. Manning's death. With eyes teardimmed the rector proceeded, too shaken to mention in his subsequent sermon the tragedy that nearly all were aware of.

Mr. Manning was one of the most prominent members of the Kiwanis Club, interested himself especially in the work of underprivileged boys; and himself was a "big brother" to half a dozen. He was prominent also in the London Hunt Club and until his health failed three years ago was an active golfer. In his younger days in his home town, Brampton, and in Toronto, where he was stationed with the Dominion Bank, he was a star hockey player.

He had been with the Dominion Bank for 27 years, and prior to coming to London as manager in 1921 he was stationed at Brampton, St. Thomas, Toronto, Dresden, Orillia, Huntsville and St. Catharines. Surviving him are his wife, one sister, Mrs. S. F. Sloane of Toronto, and two brothers, Dr. W. G. Manning of Hamilton and Fred Manning of Winnipeg. Tuesday morning his funeral services will be held in the church in which he died, and interment will be in Hamilton.

## Wins National Title



Steve Szumachowski, shown on the left, three-times cross-country champion, won the national title in 13 minutes 23 3/5 seconds. Peter Olney, runner-up, is seen congratulating him.

## Lync'ing Parties Continue in U.S.

Mob Invades Oklahoma to Seize Alleged Slayer of Three—Guard Ordered Out

Kingfisher, Okla., Dec. 10.—Oklahoma National Guardsmen under orders of Gov. W. H. Alfalfa-Bill Murray to "shoot to kill if necessary" were mustered into service to-night to protect Jack Wisdom from an enraged Kansas mob.

Angered by the imminent blot on his boast of "no violence in Oklahoma during my administration," Governor Murray acted summarily to forestall the threatened sixth outbreak of mob violence in the nation within a month. Wisdom was in custody of Wichita, Kan., detectives when the militant chief executive summoned the troops. The Kansas farm hand was leading a posse in search of the body of Harry Pritchard, Wichita merchant. He had confessed to the slaying, officers said.

Earlier in a day crammed with the fast unfolding of a dramatic detective story, a hunter had found the body of Mrs. Pritchard, another victim of the 25-year-old farmer's vengeance. The motive for the slaying was revenge, according to the officers' version of Wisdom's oral confession, obtained after his arrest 250 miles east of here early to-day. Before Pritchard and his wife disappeared on the Wichita-Wellington highway Nov. 23, he had filed a charge accusing Wisdom of passing a \$21 worthless cheque.

The farm hand also was accused of slaying Emory Large, a fellow ranch hand, because, officers learned, Large knew details of Wisdom's suspected cattle rustling activities. Large's body was found two days after the Pritchards disappeared in a dry well on L. W. Johnson's ranch near Meade, Kan. After news of Wisdom's arrest climaxed three weeks of a search by thousands of Oklahomans and Kansans, became known, lynch threats flared at Wichita. During the afternoon more than 2,000 Wichitans manned 500 automobiles ready to dash out and seize Wisdom from the officers. A rope dangled from one car.

When the prisoner's whereabouts definitely became known to-night the mob moved into Oklahoma, determined to get the prisoner.

## Another Canadian Wins Wheat Title

Chicago.—Frank Isackson of Elfron, Sask., was chosen wheat king of North America by grain and hay judges at the International Livestock Exposition here.

John D. Patterson of Richmond Hill, Ont., showed the champion fat south-down wether. Jess C. Andrews, West Point, Ind., won reserve honors.

Purdue scored another championship with a pen of fat Berkshire barrows. The University of Minnesota showed the champion fat Poland-China barrow.

Grain and hay judges picked Leonard Stuart, Lexington, Nebraska, as alfalfa champion.

Another Canadian grower, William Rogers of Tappen, B.C., won second place.

Isackson won with hard red spring wheat of the "Reward" variety. Rogers grows the minimum strain of durum wheat. Isackson's wheat weighed 66.5 pounds a bushel. The grain Rogers showed weighed 66.1.

Isackson succeeded another Canadian wheat ruler, Herman Trelle of Wembley, Alta., who had won the title three times and was ruled out of the running, for that reason, this year.

## Border Traffic Shows Decrease

Fort Erie, Ont.—Heaviest drop on record is shown in figures. Released recently by Collector of Customs Frank T. Pattison, Fort Erie, in both vehicular and passenger traffic over Peace Bridge and Ferry here.

In November 1933, total number of automobiles handled via ferry and bridge was but 64,945 against 99,794 in the same month a year ago, while passenger traffic declined from 227,346 to 176,880.

## The Markets

PRODUCE PRICES.  
Poultry buying prices:

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., 6c. Domestic rabbits, over 4 lbs., 6c. White ducklings, over 5 lbs., 8c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 6c.

Poultry, A grade, dressed—Spring chickens, over 6 lbs., 15c; over 5 to 6 lbs., 14c; over 4 to 5 lbs., 13c; over 2 to 4 lbs., 12c. Broilers, over 1 1/2 to 2 lbs., 15c. Fatted hens, over 5 lbs., 12c; over 4 to 5 lbs., 11c; over 3 1/2 to 4 lbs., 9c; over 3 to 3 1/2 lbs., 8c. Old roosters, over 5 lbs., 12c. White ducklings, over 5 lbs., 11c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 9c. Colored, 2c less. Young turkeys, over 8 lbs., 15c. Young geese, 8 to 13 lbs., 9c. Guinea fowl, per pair, 75c.

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

**WHOLESALE PROVISIONS.**  
Wholesale provision dealers are quoting the following prices to retail dealers:  
Pork—Hams, 13c; shoulders, 10c; butts, 12 1/2c; pork loins, 14 1/2c; pig-nics, 9 1/2c.  
Lard—Pure, tierces, 10 1/2c; tubs, 11c; pails, 11 1/2c; prints, 11 1/2c.  
Shortening—Tierces, 9 1/2c; tubs, 10c; pails, 11c; prints, 10 1/2c.

**LIVE STOCK QUOTATIONS.**  
Steers, up to 1,050 lbs., good and choice, \$3.75 to \$4.25; do, med., \$3 to \$3.50; do, com., \$2 to \$2.75; steers, over 1,050 lbs., good and choice, \$4.25 to \$4.75; do, med., \$3.50 to \$4; do, com., \$2.50 to \$3.25; heifers, good and choice, \$3.75 to \$4.25; do, med., \$3 to \$3.50; do, com., \$2 to \$2.75; fed calves, \$4 to \$6; cows, good, \$2.75 to \$3.25; do, med., \$2 to \$2.50; do, com., \$1.50 to \$2; canners and cutters, 75c to \$1.25; bulls, good, \$2 to \$2.25; do, com., \$1.50 to \$1.75; stockers and springers, \$2 to \$2.50; milkers and springers, \$2.50 to \$4; calves, good and choice, veals, \$6.50 to \$7.50; do, com. and med., \$3.50 to \$6.25; grassers, \$2 to \$2.50; hogs, bacon, f.o.b., \$5.40; do, off trucks, \$5.70; do, off cars, \$5.95; good ewe and wether-lambs, \$7.50 to \$8.75; do, med., \$6.75 to \$7.25; do, \$5.50 to \$6; sheep, good light, \$2.50 to \$3; do, heavies, \$2 to \$2.50; do, culls, \$1 to \$1.50.

## Proud Father Forgets His Native Land

Ottawa.—There is a proud daddy in Moose Creek, Ont., who apparently has not heard of unemployment or of governmental financial embarrassments. Nor is he quite clear, it seems, as to whether he lives in the United States or Canada.

Ernest Sabourin wrote from Moose Creek, Ont., to the United States consulate describing his healthy family of 10-60ys, the oldest 11 years and the youngest two months, and suggested the government should pay him a bonus of "at least \$100 each."

The United States consulate passed the letter along to the office of the prime minister and Mr. Sabourin will receive a letter of congratulation if nothing else.

## To Form League Into World Forum

Geneva, Dec. 10.—A plan to reform the League of Nations by dropping punitive provisions from its covenant and making the League free for association of all nations broadly dedicated to promote international peace has been broached by a meeting of high officials, it was learned to-day.

Geneva would become a world forum untrammelled by commitments which prevented countries like the United States from joining, under the plan.

A second group of officials, including leaders opposed to changes demanded by Premier Mussolini of Italy until assured beforehand that they will be approved by all nations, advocated retention of some punitive articles.

## Guelph Man First to Buy Champions at Chicago

Chicago.—One of the first champions to be sold at the International Livestock Show was purchased by Colin Blythe, Guelph, Ont. Blythe paid \$1,000 for Divide Golden Archer, first prize winner of the junior bull competition in the Shorthorn breeding class. The animal was shown only once before. At the American Royal Show in Kansas City, where "he took first prize.

**A.D. 1933**  
Dundalk.—The Markdale Standard in its issue of December 7 (not 1833) carries the following advertisement: "I want a yoke of oxen, Herefords with white faces and long tails, weighing 1,600 pounds each or over; to be well broken and quiet to handle." The advertiser is William Cartor of Markdale.

## Ontario Briefs

"We couldn't take your last cent," said a bandit who approached the manager of a drug store in Toronto and found that his loot would be one lonely penny. It didn't deter him, however, from scooping \$100 from the store cash register.

A 23-year-old cow which recently presented its Dunganon owner with its 20th calf, is dead. The animal lost its teeth some time ago and could eat nothing but chop and apples, upsetting her digestive system.

A decrease of 1,472 in the number of persons employed in Ontario in 242 leading industries is reported from an official source for the month of October. The average number of hours worked per man was 184, largest of any month this year.

A letter from Jerusalem bearing the address: "Miss Drummond, Bridge St., Ontario, Canada," was delivered to a Paris woman after 25 days in transit. After reaching the Ottawa dead letter office it was sent to Niagara Falls and thence to Paris.

Newfoundland's return to her old status as a crown colony is virtually assured as the Government of the island told the legislature of its plans for "giving immediate effect" to the recommendations of the Royal Commission that investigated the island's financial and economic position.

Ottawa's population has increased from 132,551 in 1932 to 135,300 this year, according to the annual report of Dr. T. A. Lomer, medical officer of health, submitted to Board of Health. The figures are taken from the returns of the assessors who checked all wards this past summer.

The world's most famous train, the Royal Scot, was loaded on board the freighter Beaverdale, at Montreal, for return to England, which she left 7 months ago. The train has toured most of the United States and Canada, been a feature at the Chicago Century of Progress exposition, crossed the Rocky Mountains twice and been visited by an estimated 3,000,000 persons.

Alex. Corrigan of Rouyn, aged 56 years and a native of Shawville, met a tragic death. Carrying explosives in one of his pockets, these being used in connection with mining, he placed his pipe in the same pocket and an explosion resulted. He leaves a wife and family.

Death has closed the long, colorful business career of W. H. Chase, recognized as one of Nova Scotia's wealthiest men and early founder of her apple-exporting industry. He was a pioneer also in hydro power development in the Annapolis Valley, where he owned great apple orchard tracts. Mr. Chase died in his 82nd year.

## Grants to Canada Go Home for Christmas

London.—In spite of world conditions, twenty-eight young settlers who went out to Canada under the aegis of the emigration department of the Salvation Army have been able to save enough money for Christmas holidays in the home country.

They arrived at Liverpool recently. Besides money in their pockets, many had letters of credit up to \$200. Each has paid his return passage.

In Canada they were encouraged by Salvation Army to deposit savings in a bank at 3 per cent. interest. They will resume their former jobs in Canada on returning.

## Marauding Dogs Destroy 31 Lambs

Guelph, Dec. 7.—In one of the most vicious raids ever made on sheep in this district, marauding dogs during the night wiped out a flock of 31 lambs on the property of the Ontario Reformatory. Ten were killed outright, while the remainder of the flock were so badly mauled they had to be destroyed.

Supt. John Hunter announces that it is the first sheep killing that has ever occurred at the reformatory and the whole case is shrouded in mystery because it is impossible to determine just how the raiding dogs gained entrance to the pens in which the lambs were kept.

## Barges in Britain Are to be Raised

Canal barges that have lain under water in various parts of England for several years are now being raised and refitted for use in the expectation of trade revival. Some of these "pickled" craft have been lying in quiet back waters of the Thames.

After the war owners of canal barges were unable to compete with the rising tide of road transport, and the barges were sunk, strange as it may seem, to preserve them.

British canal barges are built of two kinds of wood, both of which suffer from exposure to sun and wind. The bottoms are of elm, three inches thick, and the sides of two-inch oak timbers.

## Huron Old Boys Plan New History of County

Toronto.—The Huron Old Boys' Association of Toronto has decided to publish an authentic and comprehensive history of the County of Huron. A committee was formed to make the necessary arrangements at a recent meeting and reunion here recently. Dr. H. J. Hodgins as elected president for 1934.