

## War In 1940 Is Certainty

H. G. Wells Declared World Will Have Recovered Sufficiently

New York.—A war to end war in 1940 was called a certainty, by H. G. Wells, the English author, on his arrival here for a two-weeks' rest and a sightseeing trip.

His prediction, Wells said, was a reaffirmation of the prophecy contained in his recent book which took the view that the world will have recovered economically within six years sufficiently again to engage in a wholesale human slaughter.

"War situations take a certain time Wells continued. "Certainly there is nothing dangerous now, but 1940 gives us time.

Improvements in the science of warfare were viewed by Wells as forecasting a faster conclusion to the war of the future.

"Don't forget that the Great War was hastened in it send by mutinies I don't exactly want to include the British, but all the armies were getting lax in their discipline."

Asked to specify war danger spots Wells said that there was none in Europe at present and that he was uncertain about the Far East.

## Are You Beautifying Your Home Grounds

The "More Beautiful Canada" campaign carried on during recent years has resulted in a vast improvement in the appearance of many districts, but there is still much to be done in this field. Many farm homes have wonderful natural settings, settings similar to which the more affluent of our people spend thousands of dollars to create. But too often we find that the farmer has his house and farm buildings erected and he leaves it at that.

A house situated near a bend in the road, and on ground a little elevated above the surrounding land, offers a wonderful opportunity for landscaping with a very small expenditure either of time or of money. Beautifying the home grounds is valuable from the practical as well as from the artistic point of view. A little money judiciously spent on landscape effects now will undoubtedly prove a good investment should it be necessary to sell the property at some future date. Suggestions for planting home grounds will be gladly offered by the Dominion Experimental Station, Harrow, Ontario.

## Can Summer Seen By Woodstock Man

An unusually long summer is the cheerful prospect held out to householders whose backs are beginning to ache from shovelling coal during the past severe winter, by William Radley, Woodstock's long distance weather forecaster, who issued his forecast for the next six months, ending September 20.

"Yes, sir, nature is going to make it up for us," Mr. Radley said. "Starting right in May, we're going to have summer weather and that's something I haven't been able to say in my forecast in recent years, when I've had to warn folks to keep a supply of fuel on hand for cold days in May."

Mr. Radley, who has been forecasting weather as a hobby since 1897 and who has gained considerable prominence for the accuracy of his prognostications, uses readings of the winds over certain periods of the year as the basis for his forecasts and keeps extensive records of these readings for purpose of comparison over a lengthy period of years.

## H. Linney to Write Muskoka History

Orillia.—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Linney arrived in Orillia recently, from Toronto, to take up their residence. They intend to make their home in Orillia for the future. Mr. Linney intends to devote a considerable part of his time to writing the history and folk-lore of Muskoka, a task for which he has been gathering materials for thirty years. Mr. Linney is already well known in Orillia.

## Brantford Man Dies

Brantford, Henry Weidrick, 70 died in hospital on Friday of injuries suffered a fractured skull and broken struck by an automobile as he walked on the Brantford-Hamilton highway east of Cainsville. Weidrick suffered a fractured skull and broken bones in his face. Provincial Constable Ben Milligan launched an investigation.

## Separated

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.—Old age and retirement have served to separate Algoma's famous twins for the first time in their 70 years of life. The twins are Mrs. J. Armstrong and Mrs. J. Irwin, who have lived on adjoining farms in MacLennan for 51 years and who spent their girlhood years together in Huron County where they were born. Now Mrs. Armstrong will reside in Sault Ste. Marie while her sister remains in MacLennan.

## April Receipts Record Gain

Customs House Index Shows Tenth Consecutive Increase in Goods Importations.

Toronto.—That the steady upward trend of business is continuing in Toronto is shown by the fact that when the Toronto Customs House show figures for April, a substantial increase in customs and revenue collections will be shown.

The increase recorded for April at the closing of the books higher than that of March, which was \$78,807.

The upturn in customs receipts started last July when the first increase was shown in the same month of the previous year. From July the increases have continued, this month showing the highest gain of all.

March 31 was the end of the fiscal year for the Toronto Customs House, and while receipts for the year were only \$839,499 above the previous for each year, a much greater increase will be shown for the twelve months ending June 30, it is understood for customs officials hope that May and June will continue to show increases, hereby making a continual 12-month increase.

This month will make the tenth consecutive month of gains.

## Two Tomato Crops Yearly Is Aim

Two tomato crops, under glass, is the ambition of one progressive Ontario grower. It is the proposal that one crop should be ready for market from October to Christmas, while the next would sell in May and June, just prior to the outdoor product making its appearance.

For the fall crop, plants would be set in the greenhouse in July, fruiting by early October and continuing to Christmas. For the spring crop, seedling would be effected in December, getting the young plants developed to about a foot high by February or March, ready for the beds.

## Blind Mother Paints Pastels

Depicts Scenes of Outdoor World From Memory

Miami, Fla.—Blind, the 77-year-old mother of the late Glenn H. Curtiss, aviation pioneer, finds solace at her easel, spreading on canvas she cannot see remarkably true pastels of scenes memory keeps fresh.

"Never mind, mother," Curtiss, who paced the field of flying for a quarter of a century, consoled her after she awakened one morning six years ago to find the world blotted out. "You'll find things to keep you busy."

But even he scoffed with the rest of the family when Mrs. Curtiss determined to find her happiness in the arts.

Now she works as many hours a day with her pastel sticks or brushes as her failing strength will permit, with her daughter, and a younger sister handing her the colors she requires.

Carefully, first outlining the board of canvas with her hands, and placing in her mind the outline of the proposed work, she then calls for the colors and applies them, working slowly, but deftly. All of her work depicts scenes of the out-of-doors.

## Fire Losses

Toronto.—Fire losses in Canada during the week ending April 25 were estimated by the Monetary Times at \$439,550 during the preceding week and \$281,500 during the corresponding week last year. Fire losses since Jan. 1 to April 25, totalled \$5,349,200, compared with \$6,820,525 for the same period in 1933.

## Hoppers Again

Insects in N. Nebraska, Where Three Successive Crops Destroyed

Butte, Neb.—Northeast Nebraska, where herds of hungry grasshoppers have destroyed grain crops for three successive years, is threatened with another insect invasion.

The destructive army of the insect pests is already beginning to appear and farmers of the region are frankly discouraged.

## To Play In Italy



Miss Helen Jacobs, of California, United States women's tennis champion, snapped by the photographer as she sailed on the S.S. Rex to play a series of matches in Italy.

## Pheasant Eggs

Thirty Settings Will Be Provided for Hatching and Release in Norfolk County

Thirty settings of English Ring-necked Pheasants' eggs will be supplied the Simcoe Kinsmen Club for distribution among youngsters of this county, according to word received from the Ontario Department of Games and Fisheries.

In a letter to James J. Miller, leading proponent of the idea of the club's aiding in the propagation of wild life in this district, D. McDonald, Deputy Minister of the department expressed high praise for the Kinsmen's plans and pointed out that he would be pleased to supply 30 settings of pheasants' eggs for hatching under the supervision of youngsters of 15 years or more.

The club's plan is to form a club somewhat on the lines of the Potato Club, already in operation so that the pheasants may be hatched, reared and properly looked after and protected.

In his letter to the department Mr. Miller had also inquired about Hungarian Partridge and was told that the policy in connection with these was to liberate only the grown bird. If proper application is received some of these may be sent for release in Norfolk, it was stated.

## The Markets

PRODUCE PRICES  
United Farmers Co-operative Co. Saturday were paying the following prices for produce:

EGGS — Prices to Farmers, cases returned. "A" large, 17c; "A" medium, 15c; "C" 14c. Company also advancing on pool shipments 12 cents per dozen delivered Toronto on grade "A" large and medium.

BUTTER — Ontario, creamery solids 19½c; No. 2, 19¼c.

POULTRY — "A" Grade Alive — Spring Chickens, Over 6 lbs. ea. .11; Do., Over 5 to 6 lbs. each .10; Do., Over 4 to 5 lbs. each .09; Over 2 to 4 lbs. each .08; Broilers, over 1½ to 2 lbs. .10; Fatted hens, Over 5 lbs. .11; Over 4 to 5 lbs. .10; Over 3 to 4 lbs. .08; Old roosters, over 5 lbs. .07; White ducklings, over 5 lbs. .12; Do., 4 to 5 lbs. .11; Colored, 2c less.

POULTRY — "A" Grade, Dressed — Spring Chickens, Over 6 lbs. each, .16; Do., Over 5 to 6 lbs. each .15; Do., Over 4 to 5 lbs. each .13; Do., Over 2 to 4 lbs. each .12; Broilers, over 1½ to 2 lbs. .15; Fatted hens — Over 5 lbs. .13; Do., Over 4 to 5 lbs. .12; Over 3 to 4 lbs. .10; Old roosters, over 5 lbs. .10; Black and red-feathered birds 2c less per lb.; White ducklings, over 5 lbs. .14; Do., 4 to 5 lbs. .13; Colored 2c less; Young turkeys over 8 lbs. 17; Guinea fowl, per pair, 75c.

"B" grade, poultry 2c lb. less than "A."

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

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

Pork — Hams, 19½c; shoulders, 14c butts, 15½c; pork loins, 19c; picnics, 13½c.

Lard — Pure, tierces, 10c; tubs, 10½c; pails, 11c; prints, 9½c.

Shortening — Tierces, 9½c; tubs, 10c; pails, 11c; prints, 10c.

LIVE STOCK QUOTATIONS  
Steers, up to 1,050 lbs., good and choice \$4.85 to \$5.35; Do., medium, \$4.50 to \$4.75; Do., common, \$3.50

## Mrs. Annie McKinnon Dies at Guelph, Age 92

Guelph.—One of the oldest residents of the city, Mrs. Annie P. McKinnon, died at the home of her son after a lengthy illness. Born at Norval, Ont., Mrs. McKinnon was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McKinnon, pioneer residents of this district. She was in her 92nd year and was the last surviving member of her family. Surviving are two sons, Judge McKinnon, Guelph, and Garfield of Toronto.

## News Shorts

COUNTERFEIT  
Counterfeit Canadian five-cent coins were in circulation last week at London and are said to be very difficult to detect. The only clue given is that they are less shiny than the real ones.

ENDOWMENTS  
Establishment of two endowment scholarships at the University of Western Ontario is announced in memory of Sir Arthur Currie. Each is for \$500 and carries a \$100 cash annuity for four years and an annual tuition credit for \$100.

5,317  
Simcoe's population now stands at 5,317, an increase of 143 over last year, according to the census just completed by the Assessor, John Rutherford.

Two years ago the population reached the high water mark of all time at 5,297, dropping in 1933 to 5,174, a loss of 223. Evidently the tide has turned again and this year's figure is just 80 short of the record.

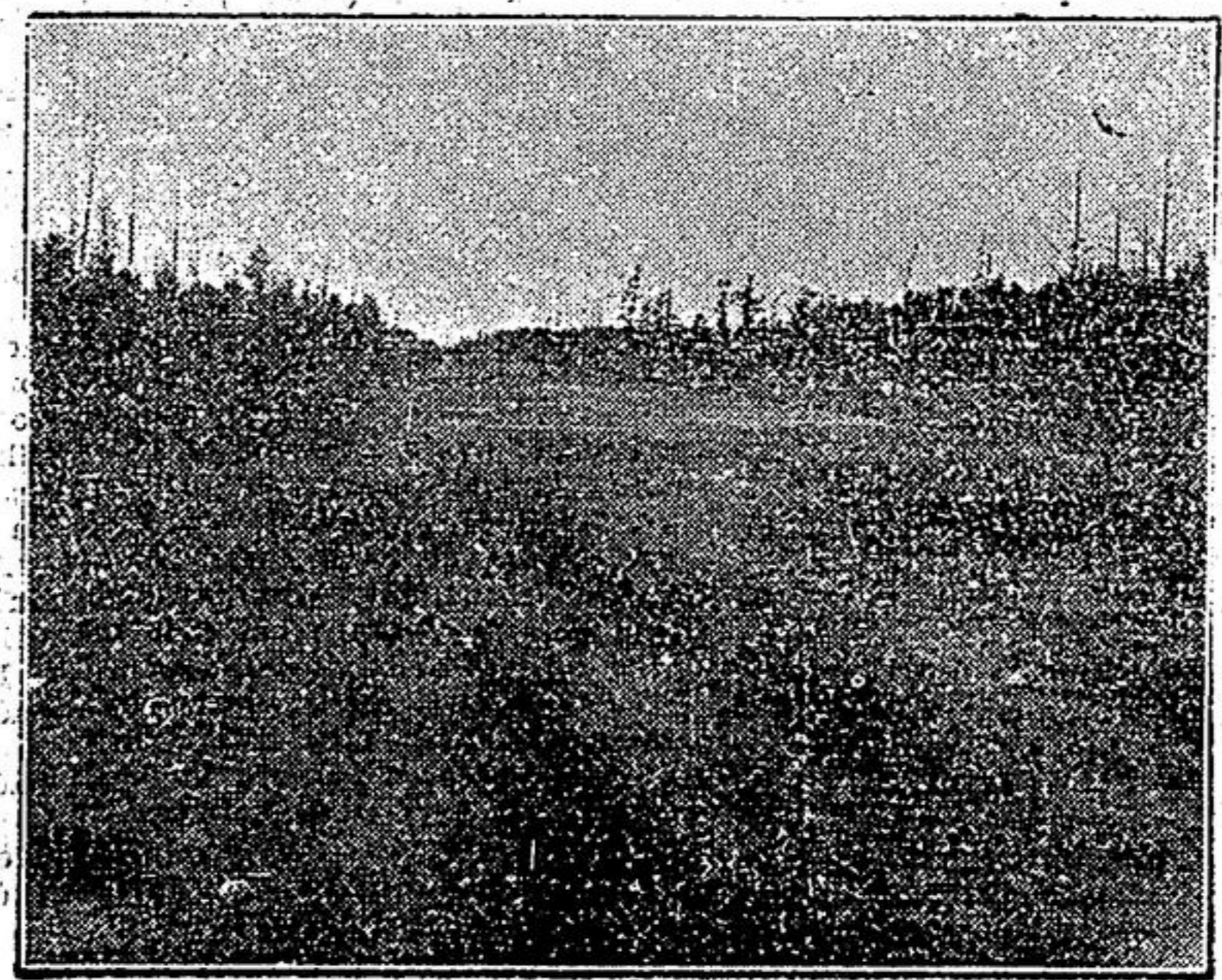
FISHING BEGINS  
Simcoe.—The trout fishermen were out on Norfolk streams bright and early on May 1st, and several of them reported excellent results. The prevailing fine weather and the prospect of good catches will undoubtedly lure many nimrods to the streams during the next few weeks.

FAMOUS TRAIN  
The "Burlington Zephyr," one of the world's most modern trains which was recently clocked at 107 miles an hour, passed through Waterford over the Michigan Central railway last week on an exhibition run through Southwestern Ontario.

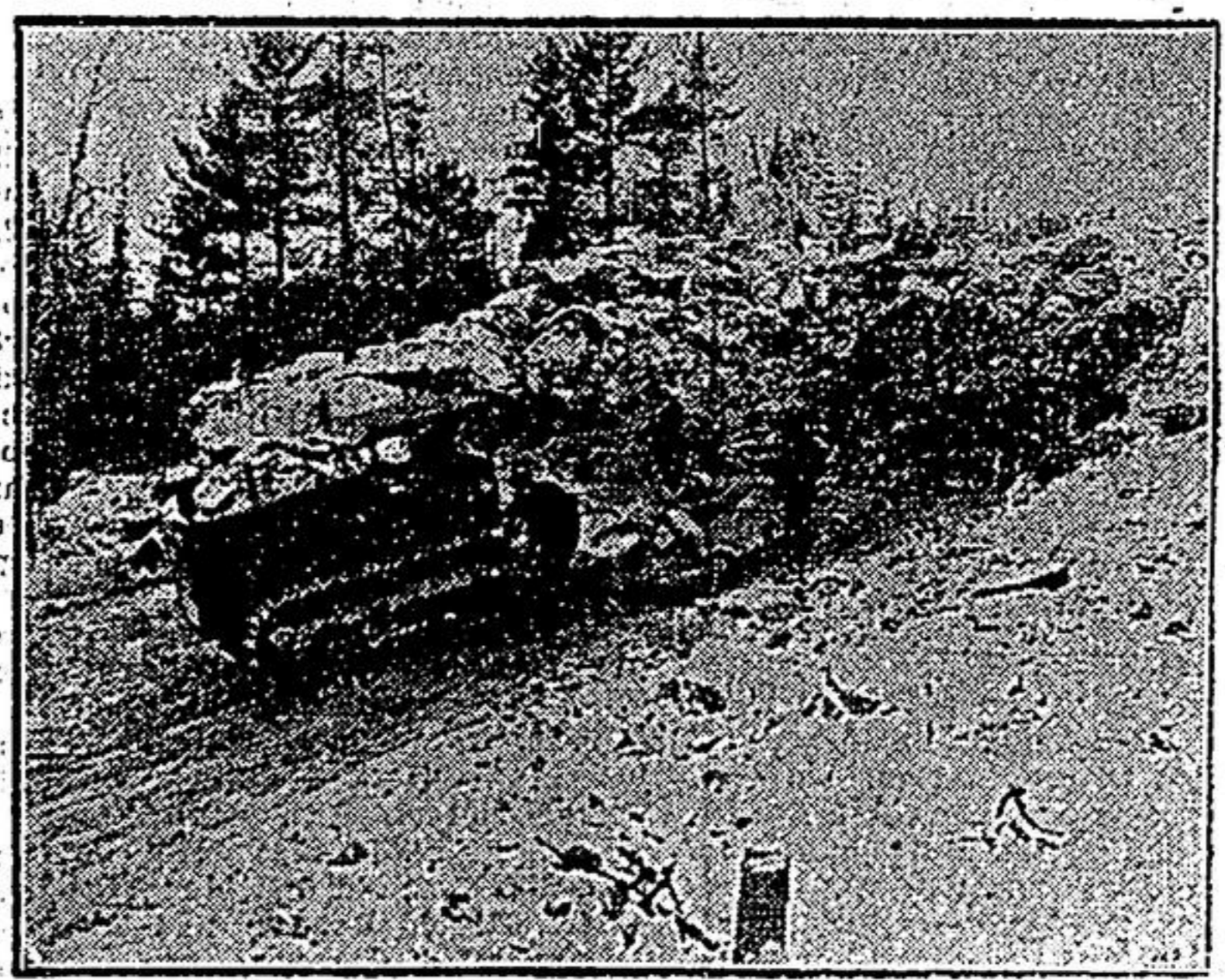
The Zephyr is a new, streamlined, stainless steel and aluminum built train, powered with Diesel engines, and is said to travel much faster

## TRANS-CANADA HIGHWAY

A series of graphic illustrations of the progress of construction under way on the gigantic coast-to-coast highway will be shown from week to week in this paper. Watch for them. These photographs will be of historical interest and are well worth preserving.



After stumping and grubbing operations (described last week) are completed, the work of grading the right of way is next in order. This photograph shows the building up of the grade, which in most cases was thirty feet in clear width between ditches. All the earth taken from the side ditches is utilized in the building of the grade and the boulders piled along the edges of the right of way.



Showing another phase of the grading operations where solid rock is encountered. This was one of the few instances where mechanical equipment was used in the transfer of the rock from the rock cut to the nearest fill. As this undertaking was unemployment relief work every endeavor was made to carry out the work in such a way that hand labour of all kinds would be given employment on the work.

## Voice of the Press

### Canada

CANADIANS.  
The disturbance of a year or two ago over the question of Canadian nationality has evidently borne fruit, with the announcement that children born in Canada can now be designated on their birth certificates as "Canadians." The following significant paragraph is added to the birth certificate: "Nationality is defined as the country to which the person owes allegiance. The term 'Canadian' should be used as descriptive of every person who has rights of citizenship in Canada. Every person born in Canada should be entered as 'Canadian' unless he or she has subsequently become the citizen of another country." With all our vaunting of Canada's proud position as an autonomous nation in the British Commonwealth of Nations, it has required until 1934 A.D. to remedy the anomalous and preposterous condition which denied Canadians the right to call themselves "Canadian."—Simcoe Reformer.

THEY READ EDITORIALS.  
At noon today a fine, manly, upstanding young chap left the Star office with a copy of the paper in his hand. He went across the street, and listened carefully, you editors, sat down in his car and spread out the paper. He started to thumb the pages. He passed up the front page without notice, carefully unravelled the paper till he got his eye on pages 2 and 3, immediately wet his thumb again, and unleashed another page. Ah, here was what he wanted to see first! The editorial page! And the intelligent youth spread it out and began to enjoy himself.

Now why was that remarkable? Because it was the first time this column had ever seen anybody deliberately hunting up the editorial page to read its contents before tackling any other part of the paper. It struck us as the outstanding event of the day.

That young man is a credit to Algoma. If he is in business he will wind up a very rich man. If he is in politics he will likely be premier some day. But in any case he has knocked on the head one of our favorite theories—that nobody ever reads the editorials. We thank him, and anything in reason he can have from this column even to leaving his name out of the paper if he ever gets into police court.

Just what the event portends is beyond us.—Sault Ste. Marie Star.

PILLOWS AND SOAP.  
The New York visitor notices peculiar evidences of economy. At one famous hotel, which cost millions of dollars, the beds in single rooms are provided with only one pillow apiece. The aggregate saving in laundry and service thus effected in a very large hotel is considerable. The bath-rooms are not as plentifully supplied with cakes of soap as they used to be. In the magnificent Grand Central Station on the 42nd Street the incoming baggage department has been closed so that incoming and outgoing baggage are handled by a single staff. Here again a considerable saving has been achieved. These are examples of the far-reaching economies that are being practised south of the international border.—Toronto Mail and Empire.

### REMINDERS OF "TAY PAY."

The presence of Sir Basil Thomson in Paris to help solve the Stavisky affair recalls that "Tay Pay" O'Connor once was requested by him, when metropolitan police head, to lend an editorial hand to prohibit comic policemen on the films. Which, in turn, recalls, according to Hamilton Fyfe's "Life of T. P." that Justin McCarthy once said to O'Connor: "T. P., when you reach Heaven, if you'll be more than an hour before you have a cohort of angels setting type for 'T.P.'s Daily Glory.'" "T. P.'s own vision was hardly so flattering. "When I am on my deathbed," he said, "and the friars are gathering round to shrive me, I will be found with a typewriter on my chest pounding out an article to pay the funeral expenses."—A prophecy all too nearly fulfilled.—Winnipeg Tribune.

### WIDOWS AND PENSIONS.

One evening while in Toronto I was relating an incident which occurred in Orillia this winter. On a certain Saturday night a man who has spent practically all his days in Orillia died at a good age, and the next morning a neighbor's wife came to see the widow. During the conversation the bereaved woman made the remark that it was too bad it was Sunday as she could not go up to see about her pension. She had children young enough to claim the allowance.

A man who heard me tell the story turned to his wife and said: "Now tell yours." She then related an incident she had come across in Toronto. A man died and his wife applied for the allowance. For some reason there were delays and the money was not forthcoming. She began to weary of the delays, and one day remarked to a friend that "it almost makes me sorry my husband died."

I think my Toronto friend had the edge on my story.—J. R. Hale, in the Orillia Packet-Times.

TRUE.  
Somewhat we feel sure the seeds being sown in our garden will never turn out to be such beautiful "vegetables as those appearing in brilliant color on the packages.—Smiths Falls Record-News.