

## To The Junk Pile

An inspected car could be counted on to stay safe for a reasonable period of time; an inspected driver may develop unstable qualities half an hour after he passes his examinations. Yet the authorities concentrate in inspecting driver, and let dangerous old "crocks" go their way. The result? Driving on a Toronto street a few weeks ago, with only a beginner's license, and at the wheel of a decrepit sixteen-year-old car practically without brakes and completely without insurance, a motorist struck down and injured a little girl. The motorist had been drinking, but the worst feature of all, perhaps, was the fact that he had been allowed to take the road with a car he had been able to buy for \$7, considerably less than the price of a pair of license plates. The mechanical condition of such a car can be nothing short of menacing, and the sooner the authorities in all provinces are empowered to order them off the highways, the sooner the traffic toll will decrease.

## Tune Up Your Car Before You Tour

A car tune-up before the vacation trip will do more than any other one thing to make the holiday a success. The car that seems to work fairly well in day-to-day driving may not be just one hundred per cent. for work at full power over long periods. Both safety and pleasure being at stake, it is advisable to check carefully before starting out. Brakes and steering are the chief items in the safety category, and in most cases simple adjustments will suffice. Good tires are essential, too, and all lights should have good bulbs, with head-light beams properly adjusted. A motor tune-up is one of the best precautionary measures. Battery and generator, lubricants, radiator, and fan-belt are among the other items which should be given attention. And it will add a lot to the vacationist's happiness if he has the body bolts tightened. The satisfaction of having a well-groomed car on the vacation trip is incalculable.

A giant frog which has just arrived at the London Zoo from Brazil, has golden eyelids and carries a pair of horns — one over each eye. What is more, it can bark, bite and fight. Known as the Escuerzo frog, more than half of its anatomy is occupied by its head and jaws, which are so elastic that they can be stretched over a good-sized rat.

## South Africa Grows Variety Of Fruits

South Africa grows a wide variety of fruits. The principal fruits are oranges, grapes, pears, peaches, plums, grapefruit, apples, pineapples, nectarines, tangerines, melons, apricots, lemons, and production is steadily increasing. Coupled with the fruit-growing industry is that of dried fruits and the manufacture of wine. For the twelve months ending June 30, 1934, South Africa exported 2,153,000 gallons of wine to make which some 17,000 tons of grapes were used. To take care of her exports in the fruit trade South Africa requires annually in excess of 7,000,000 box shooks, and the Canadian product has been well received by growers who are keen on exporting an entirely Empire product, fruit and box, for sale within the Empire. Price, however, is an important factor. Canada also has an interest in cultivating tools, such as spades, hoes, picks, sprayers, etc., and other supplies.

### SO STRANGE A THING

Catherine Parmenter in the Commonwealth.

Out of the dark it came,  
In the deepest hour and most desolate—  
Like a descendant flame.  
So strange a thing I heard:  
Silence was shattered . . . Song  
fell consummate  
From the throat of a bird!  
The prairie grasses lay,  
Harsh to my cheek. The prairie stars swung cool  
And still and far away.  
And out of the listening dark:  
Quite unafraid and wholly beautiful—  
The cry of a lark!

## Horse Eats Choice Bits Of Parked Car

Joliet, Ill.—Because Nellie was hungry and thirsty, and Park Policeman James Barrowman's parked car was handy, Nellie, in the order named, drank from a bucket of gasoline on the running board, licked part of the paint from the car and munched away part of the upholstery inside. Policeman Barrowman told the Joliet park board all about it and because the park board owns Nellie and uses her to haul a lawn mower in Pilcher Park, the members voted to settle with Barrowman for \$5. At the park stables it was reported that Nellie was still as good a mare as she ever was.

## The Week In Ottawa

By F. E.

OTTAWA — Any doubt that may have existed as to the Prime Minister carrying on as leader of the Conservative party was set at rest last week by a statement by J. Earl Lawson, K.C., M.P., (West York) Dominion Conservative organizer. At the close of a complimentary banquet to Mr. Bennett by fellow-Conservative members and Conservative Senators, the organizer announced that the Prime Minister would continue as leader. Enthusiasm was the prevalent note at the banquet — enthusiasm among and for the Conservative party. It was unbounded. The Prime Minister has done what he said he would do when he returned from London — test his strength. Apparently the test has not been a negative one.

Business of the House went along at a rapid clip last week, the final standing showing twelve bills having passed and all the main estimates through. Criticism of the manner in which the report of the Price Spreads Commission has been implemented brought forth a polite but firm reply from the Prime Minister. Criticism has been based principally upon the question of constitutionality. As Mr. Bennett pointed out, the government must do one of two things, it must invite Parliament to pass a statute which it knows is illegal and which will be set aside at the first opportunity, or it must ensure that there will be some amendment to the constitution in order to render constitutional that which has been declared unconstitutional. The debate occurred during discussion on the Trade and Industry Commission bill and when the vote was recorded Mr. Bennett's critic was absent from the House. However, the bill went through, with only one dissenting vote. The present Tariff Board will take care of the administration of the bill when it is given Royal assent.

Senate amendments to the Weights and Measures Act was concurred in by the House. This Act, which was amended upon recommendations contained in the price spreads report, will protect against short weighting in all phases of business. It was presented to the House for consideration by Hon. R. B. Hanson, (York-Sunbury), Trade and Commerce Minister.

Echo of the old Cornwall Bridge Company charter, given by the

government in 1930, was heard last week when a bill respecting the charter was up for second reading. F. T. Shaver, the member for Stormont, and Angus McGillivray, Glengarry member, provided the main opposition to the bill in view of the fact that the company never kept its promise to build a bridge across the St. Lawrence to St. Denis Island. The bill was given a six months' hoist.

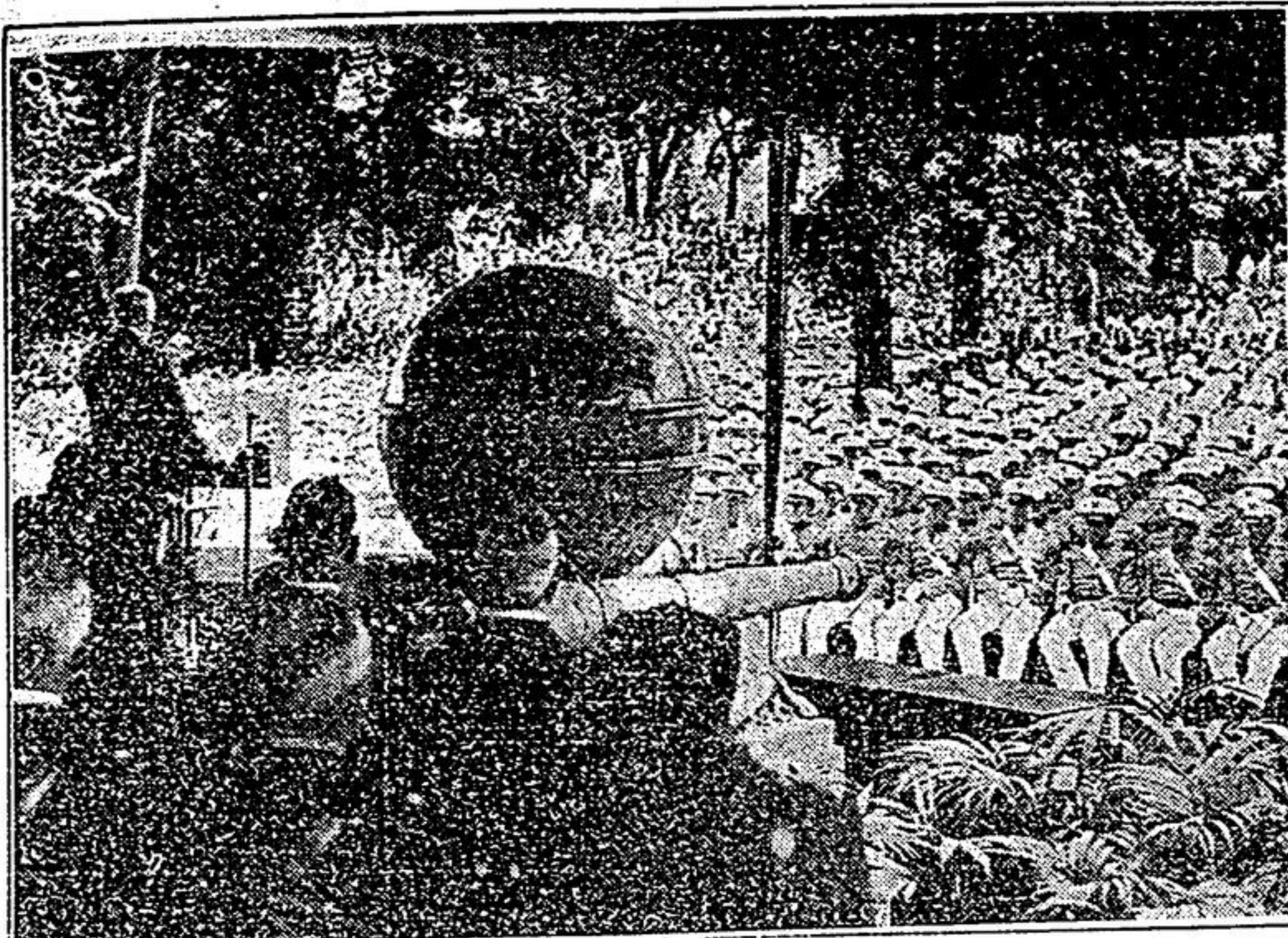
The Canadian Radio Commission was given a further lease on life — until March 31, 1936, at least — when the Commons passed a bill to this end. The Prime Minister defended the commission and government control of radio and also heard, along with the rest of the House, a report that stations in Timmins, North Bay and Kirkland Lake, Ont., were jointly controlled and presented a monopoly threat. The government was asked to do something about it.

A number of amendments to the Criminal Code, introduced by Minister of Justice Hugh Guthrie, (Wellington South) was passed. One of these amendments touched on misleading advertising and the government had been literally flooded by requests from mail order houses that the amendment do not apply to their catalogues now in the course of publication. These requests, Mr. Guthrie pointed out, were not an admission of misleading advertising, as mail order houses guarantee what they advertise.

Any change in the capital structure of the Canadian National Railways was further opposed by the Prime Minister. This, in view of the fact that litigation is now proceeding before the Privy Council on behalf of Grand Trunk shareholders. Reports of the Canadian National should always show the investment Canadian people hold in the enterprise, the Premier contended.

With Dr. W. C. Clark's housing scheme through the House, it is anticipated there will be a construction boom. The scheme also provides for slum clearance. It incorporates two main proposals—provision for \$10,000,000 to lend to individuals or corporations willing to build houses and who can get 60 per cent. of the appraised value of the property from a mortgage or loan company. It is likely the Economic Council will give some study to the adequacy of existing housing schemes in this country.

## In Plea For Peace



In his role of Commander-in-Chief, President Roosevelt inducted 277 graduates of the Military Academy at West Point into the rank of officers in the army. He is pictured as he addresses the new officers and gives them a charge to perform their functions in the cause of peace by striving to promote friendship and discourage intolerance.

## Most Humans Are Intersexual

Men Have Bit Of Feminine In Them, Baltimore Scientist States

Atlantic City. — Biologists are coming to believe there are few human beings 100 per cent. either masculine or feminine. Dr. Emil Novak, Baltimore gynecologist, declared in a report of an unusual case of tangled sex development, presented before members of the American and Canadian medical associations recently.

Biological studies of recent years have shown there are many grades of intersexuality, dependent on the original make-up of the chromosomes and the influence of the endocrine glands. It was believed, Dr. Novak explained, that every union of germ cells carries in it the possibility of development of both sexes, though the characteristics of one sex dominate and those of other were submerged and this delicate balance could not be overturned, with sex reversal as a result. The grade of intersexuality depends on the time and intensity of this reversal, students of the subject now believe.

Disorders of the nerves in the area surrounding the appendix may cause some cases of appendicitis, especially the kind diagnosed as "chronic," Dr. Louis C. Simard, of Montreal, reported to the section on general surgery.

Dr. Simard made a study of all appendices removed at Notre Dame Hospital, Montreal, between 1927 and 1931. "In an earlier study it had been found there was frequently an abnormal cell distribution, sometimes to such a degree that small tumors were formed. There are generally considered scar tissue when studied under the microscope, but the cells can be demonstrated by a special laboratory technic.

Dr. Simard divided his collection of appendices into "acute," "chronic" and those that had been removed in the course of some other operation. In the group labelled "chronic" the abnormal condition in 51 per cent. Even in the "acute" group, in nine per cent. showed them. In the other group, 30 per cent. showed nerve changes, leading the physicians to suggest that these were the cause of symptoms interpreted otherwise.

## Denies She's Engaged



Ina Claire, stage and screen actress, smilingly denied rumored engagement to Prince Fredinand. Lichtenstein as she arrived in New York after a visit to Vienna.

## Says Crime Foes Must Use Science

Sanford Bates, At-Montreal Parley, Says United States Is Backward In Field

Montreal.—In combating crime, the United States has not yet learned the importance of using all the scientific devices available, Sanford Bates, director of the Bureau of Prisons, United States Department of Justice, told the delegates to the American Public Welfare Association at a luncheon meeting here recently.

Leading a group discussion, Judge Joseph Siegler of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, Newark, N.J., told delegates to the National Probation Association, also allied with the Conference of Social Work, that administration of criminal justice in his State, particularly as it is applied in cases of boys between 17 and 21, is not abreast of the times.

SEES WAY TO WIN BATTLE  
Mr. Bates declared that the battle against wrongdoing will be won only by the use of science. He stressed the polygraph, or lie detector, saying that it is invaluable in commercial work.

He listed many crime detection devices. He said that the annunciator as used to spread the alarm in prisons would have been a wonderful thing around the Lindbergh baby. He predicted that eventually every one will have to have their fingerprints registered and that the public will welcome the idea, if only for self-protection.

Justine Miller, Special Assistant United States Attorney General, praised the unity in criminal law administration in England. This, he said, is the envy of those in the United States struggling with the conflict of jurisdiction.

Judge Siegler declared that the success of probation in dealing with offenders up to 16 in an argument for its extension to include all offenders under 21. If similar consideration was given to offenders over 16 as that now given to delinquents in the Juvenile Court the number committed to penitentiaries and reformatories would immediately decrease without injury to any concerned, he asserted.

## Changing a Ship's Gender

The controversy in France over the gender of the new giant liner Normandie is but another instance of the difficulties encountered by people speaking other languages in mastering the intricacies of French genders.

In English, all ships are regarded as of feminine gender—perhaps for the oft-alleged reason that they require men to manage them. In French all ships are masculine.

But this ship is named for a French province, or district, which, by the rules of French grammar, is of feminine gender.

The minister of marine, accordingly has issued a circular correcting the general practice of referring to the ship in the masculine gender as Le Normandie and declaring the name is La Normandie. —Boston Transcript.

## THE SILENT PRISONER

In the old days a prisoner who stood "mute of malice" was liable to have heavy weights placed on his chest until he broke silence; this was known as "peine dure et forte." and doubtless deserved the description. Nowadays, in such cases, the judge orders a plea of "Not guilty" to be entered on the prisoner's behalf.

## New York Drops Breach of Promise

(New York Sun)

To persons interested in the history of laws and manners the passing of breach of promise litigation in New York will serve as a reminder of how human affairs tend to move in circles. For now it will be unlawful to bring an action for monetary recompense on this account; suits now under way can be prosecuted as before.

Thus the wheel has come full swing since the days before the Protestant Reformation when in England marriage ceased to be a matter of spiritual jurisdiction and became regarded as a temporal benefit. Before that time breach of promise actions could not be maintained. Now the legal status of marriage is not changed, but that of the preliminary contract has been considerably altered.

The law has long looked upon marriage as more than a contract, since it establishes a peculiar relation which the State is careful to defend, except in such circumstances as are recognized in actions for divorce.

But a promise of marriage is a simple, executory civilian contract, one in which something remains to be done. As in all other contracts there must be offer and acceptance, "a meeting of minds," as the lawyers say, a valuable consideration, ability to perform. Neither the man nor the woman may be under lawful age or other legal disability.

A contract is completed when one says "Will you marry me?" and the other says "Yes," or words to that effect. As such promises are mutual, an exchange of them is held sufficient to constitute lawful consideration.

It is proving the contract which causes most of the difficulty in contested suits for breach of promise. Suits do not commonly pop the question before an audience. Sometimes a putative bridegroom, after thinking things over, will wish to withdraw from his engagement. He may deny that he made an offer which was accepted. That is when love letters and similar documents come in handy for the fair creature who has been wounded by his inconstancy.

Frequent visits, devoted and exclusive attentions, are not sufficient reasons for inferring a promise. Even letters, however ardent, must be more or less specific on the critical point to constitute proof. It is of help to a plaintiff, of course, if she can prove that the defendant openly acknowledged an engagement.

To collect money a plaintiff must not only prove the contract and its breach but also the damage caused by the breach. On the subject of damages, however, considerable latitude is left to the jury. Elements entering into consideration are loss of reputation, death, social position, opportunity to contract other engagements and the like.

In recent years actions of breach have come into increasing suspicion as being too often a form of legalized blackmail. That is mainly the reason why they are now outlawed in New York.

## QUEER WORLD

An uncut sapphire worth \$50 has been found by a farmer in the crop of a turkey he was dressing.

In a recent test of the wearing quality of various textiles it was found that for every 100 days of wear given by cotton, lines gave forty-three days, wool twenty-three, silk four, and rayon two.

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every city town, village and farm in England, Scotland and Wales.

Osmium, a very hard metal used largely in making gold pen-points, is the heaviest substance in the world; it weighs 1,404 pounds per cubic foot, or 98 per cent. more than lead.

A mechanical nose, perfected by Professor Fair, Harvard University, detects a smell 100,000 times earlier than it can be found by chemical analysis. It is designed for research workers to save their own noses from undue fatigue, as the organs of smell, the professor states, tire quickly.

Realistic stage meals are now the fashion. In Mr. Priestly's "Laburnum Grove" running in London, the cast have already consumed 30 lb. of ham, 30 lb. of tongue, 30 gallons of beer, 60 lb. of tomatoes, 120 lettuce, 800 bananas and large quantities of milk, bread, mustard, cheese, butter, tea and sugar.

At his nail forge in the Black Country, Mr. C. Williams turns out, in an eight-hour day, half-a-hundred-weight of giant nails for use in the construction of canal barges. He is the last of Britain's hand-made nail makers.

Stone-crushing with water is made possible by a system of high-pressure pumps designed by Mr. Chijikov, a Russian engineer, who intends adapting his invention for ice-breakers to carve a path through the ice by bombarding it with jets of water shot out at enormous speed and force. All the salt in the ocean would cover the United States with a layer a mile and a half deep.

When the new motor road is built between Cairo and Jerusalem, at a cost of \$2,000,000, travellers will make in less than forty hours the journey that took Moses and the Israelites as many years.

One of the oldest recorded proposals of marriage in the world has been found by members of the German Institute of Archaeology working in Anatolia. The message, from the widow of the Pharaoh Tutankhamen to the Hittite King Shuppiliumash, reads: "I am very young and beautiful. I do not desire remarriage with a man of my own country. Send me one of thy sons, and after marriage with me I shall make him King of Egypt."

A "truth serum" which makes it almost impossible for criminals to tell lies when being questioned, is claimed to have been perfected by Mr. Leonard Keeler of the crime detection laboratory of North-West University, Chicago. The criminal must submit to several inoculations with the "truth serum" before he comes under its influence. He then begins to talk freely—and truthfully.

## No Swimming Pools!

Pin this in your hat:  
The great Sikorski builder of giant 'planes during a quarter of a century, told a group of writers in New York recently that within three to five years we will be constructing 'planes weighing 50 tons, which will carry up to 125 passengers in all of the comforts afforded by the modern trans-Atlantic liner (including shower baths and dance floors, but exclusive of swimming pools), to reach Europe in 24 hours and Asia and the Antipodes in a couple of days. For comfort and pleasure of passengers, he said, they will not sail in the stratosphere.  
Twenty-five years ago Sikorski was building little 'planes which were thought wonderful when they "jumped" three feet off the ground. —Editor and Publisher.

## Doctor Of Divinity



Rev. Dr. Robert J. Craig, clerk of Kingston Presbytery, moderator of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston and sole surviving minister of the General Assembly of 1875, who was honored at a special convocation in the Presbyterian Theological College with the degree of Doctor of Divinity, honoris causa.

## Voice of the Press

### CANADA

#### TO THE SEA IN SHIPS

After all given weather which is not too rough to allow freedom of the decks, an ocean voyage is something in itself. Given a deck chair in the sun, and with the waves, with a fairly good sea breeze as an additional consideration — well there is something which is pretty much worth while.

And at night when darkness closes in and the ship keeps on its path one has opportunity to contemplate upon the vastness of it all. It is not a situation from which one should desire to be removed in a hurry. If one enjoys travel at all the ocean liner is about the last word when it comes to enjoyment and rest.

It is difficult to appreciate the state of mind which would wish to get it over just as quickly as possible and to apply the standard of today's mad craze for speed to that delightful experience. — Stratford Beacon-Herald.

#### MODEST MARITIME

More often than not, when you see a man selected to do a big job in Canada he is a native of the Maritime Provinces. — Halifax Herald.

#### THE NORTH SHORE

The "rocky shore" of Lake Superior has vast deposits of iron about to be developed, 100,000,000 tons having been proven up in one hill. Also the fastest developing gold area in Canada at Michipicoten. And a stone picked up on the Agawa trail containing silver. And big chunks of native copper were blown out of a rock cup on the Lake Superior section of the Trans-Canada road. It sure looks like a very unusual highway. — Sault Ste. Marie Star.

#### THE GOLDEYE

The Winnipeg goldeye is all that a cured fish should be — meaty, flavoured and delightful to look at. Most people try it for the first time when they are on a transcontinental train. But once eaten it is never forgotten. Vie la goldeye. — Ottawa Citizen.

#### ON LOOKING ROUND

A fellow townsman stuck his head in at my office door the other day and said "Say, Bill, what does a golf ball do when it stops rolling?"

I was sorely tempted to reply "drops into a gopher hole," but instead confessed that I did not know. While he withdrew and closed the door he said "why, it looks round."

It made me wonder if we should not adopt the philosophy of the golf ball a little oftener than we do and stop rolling and look 'round to survey the ground ahead of us and attempt to select a smoother course than the one we have just bounced over. — Western Municipal News.

#### OLD FORT WELLINGTON

It is gratifying to find that old Fort Wellington at Prescott, one of the "sights" of the upper St. Lawrence region, is becoming increasingly popular with visitors, to the extent, indeed, of attracting over a thousand of them already this season.

This fortification which one shell of high explosive would today shatter to atoms, has been described as one of the best preserved old military works in Canada, and certainly its condition and the repairs to which it is subjected year after year form striking tribute to the interest which successive Dominion administrations have taken in its welfare. It is today largely as it was when it was named by British garrisons and when its cannon, now so useless, really meant business. — Brockville Recorder.

#### WORKING THEIR WAY

The young man who works his way through college is apt to be a much better student than the one whose parents pay his way. This is the conclusion to be drawn from a survey just completed at the University of Southern California by Dr. Frank C. Tounton, the university's vice-president.

The survey compared the scholastic records of students participating in the Federal Government's program of part-time jobs for college undergraduates with those whose expenses were being met by their parents; and it found that the former group ranked higher in class-room marks, displayed a greater earnestness of purpose, and, in general, seemed to be getting more out of college life.

This is not hard to understand. The lad whose college expenses are paid for him can easily fall into the notion that college is just a pleasant and diverting lark. The one who is earning his way by the sweat of his brow knows what he is in college for, and does his best to make it worth the effort it is costing him. — Victoria Times.

#### DESTRUCTION OF BEAUTY

Woodman spare that tree," is the cry going up in Ottawa at the denuding of the forests on the Gatineau Hills. For a mere pittance, regrettable to say, a natural resource and beautiful scenery are being destroyed, the consequences from which will be deplorable in the years to come. — St. Catharines Standard.