

BUILDING CONTRACTS HIGHEST IN FOUR YEARS

Building contracts awarded in Canada during the first seven months of the current year are the highest in point of value in four years. They are, moreover, 30.5 per cent in advance of 1934 figures for the similar period. The aggregate, according to MacLean Building Reports Limited, was \$94,143,700. The month of July reported a total of \$18,549,200 as compared with \$11,190,500 for July, 1934.

Included in the contracts awarded up to the end of July are residential awards totalling for all Canada, exclusive of apartments, \$18,536,300, as against \$17,158,500 last year. Ontario during the same period this year. Building in Canada states, launched building enterprises valued at \$10,605,800 as compared with \$10,238,800 for 1934. Statistics for Toronto for the seven months of this year and last show contract totals of \$14,110,300, and \$12,385,500 respectively—a substantial increase.

These statistics are encouraging as showing a decidedly upward trend in construction throughout the Dominion. This trade will undoubtedly be greatly stimulated by the Dominion Housing Act, which is about to become operative. Concerning this recent legislation Building in Canada has this to say:

This Act is one of the most important pieces of legislation ever enacted in the Dominion with respect to the building industry, and while the total amount of the Federal appropriation for providing 20 per cent of the building cost may appear, not very large, the Act bears promise of effectively assisting the house building industry at a time when it is most needed.

Some have feared that the Act might possibly open up a large amount of ill-conceived speculative building operations by making funds for such operations easy to obtain; the regulations of the Act clearly and positively rule out anything smacking of "wild cat" activities. In the case of dwellings to be built for sale, the regulations distinctly state: "25 per cent of the amount of the proposed loan shall be withheld until the house has been sold to a purchaser on terms of sale satisfactory to the lending institution."

And furthermore, in cases where a multiple dwelling house (apartment or duplex) is being erected for rental purposes "25 per cent of the amount of the proposed loan shall be withheld until the building is 90 per cent occupied and until the leases for occupation are satisfactory to the lending institution." It is also expressly provided that any house built with assistance under the Act shall conform to sound standards of construction and plans and specifications must be submitted and approved before lending institution makes any advances. — Toronto Mail and Empire.

Hats of Aluminum

Tropical Experiments Indicate Its Use As A Cooling Lining

While he was sweltering under the Egyptian sun, Dr. G. P. Crowden of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine was struck by the fact that some iron buildings were not as hot inside as they theoretically should have been. Linings gave him the clue to this mystery. Lining a corrugated shed with three plies of some insulating material and the inner surface is 12 degrees F. cooler than the outer.

Testing various combinations of lining, the inquiring Dr. Crowden found that if the three-ply lining is supplemented by aluminum foil the effect is even better. The difference in temperature between the inner surfaces of iron sheds lined with only three-ply stuff and with three-ply plus aluminum was 23 degrees. The air itself was 3.6 degrees F. cooler in the shed that had a supplementary aluminum lining.

This gave the doctor an idea. Why not line helmets with aluminum—the kind of helmets that explorers of the tropics wear? The results were just as striking as with sheds. The air within an aluminum-lined helmet is 20 degrees cooler than that within a helmet lined with usual fabric.

In the Bulletin of Hygiene (London) Dr. Crowden now recommends aluminum for pretty nearly everything exposed to the tropical sun—sheds, helmets, tents, food stores, ship cabins near funnels.

There are too many people looking for some one else to do something for them.

—Henry Ford.

HAVE YOU HEARD

The 13th of the month falls on Friday more often than on any day.

Man—How's your hay fever?
Friend—So much better that I now feel safe in starting out with only three handkerchiefs instead of the dozen I usually take while it is going strong.

It is just about this time of the year the child figures how he is going to keep out of college, while dad figures how to keep him there.

Pat—When are you going to pay me that \$10 for pasturing your cow?
I've been keeping her now for ten weeks.

Mike—Why, Pat, she ain't worth ten dollars.

Pat—Well, suppose I keep her for what you owe me then?

Mike—No, indeed, Pat, but I'll tell you what I'll do. You just keep her two more weeks and then you can have her.

Getting rich is easy. Just hold on to vacant lots and let other people build a city around you.

Jewel—I asked Cleveland if the grapefruit was very juicy.
Helen—And did he tell you.
Jewel—No, but I read the answer in his eyes.

Nature's Signs

When you see sweet juicy apples hanging low upon the trees, and you hear a kind of yawning in the mild September breeze, when the bees all start to act like they'd got drone-blind in their veins,

And you feel a growing coolness in the slanting autumn rains—
When you find the monthly roses don't have near so many blooms,

And the folks drift off the porches to the family setting rooms.
Get a plate of cakes and cider and pull up your rocking chair,
You can bet your bottom dollar Old King Winter's in the air!

Jock MacTash while walking along the street met Sandy McToon carrying a new piano on his back.

Jock—Sandy, are you economizing again?

Sandy—No, I dinna wish to wear out the wheels.

If you tell the wife you would marry again, she is peeved—if you tell her you wouldn't on a bet, she is also peeved. Queer critters, women.

Bride—What can I do to save steps in preparing a meal?
Married Friend—Move next door to a delicatessen.

SEPTEMBER BREEZES—A hay fever cure is not unlike religion, helps some but doesn't take with others.

The best way to feel for the needy is to put your hand in your pocket. . . . Two dimples go well with the fat of the land. . . . Peace at any price is cheaper than war—at all costs. . . . He who hesitates is bossed. . . . Slogans do not have to make sense to be catching. . . . A pound of pluck is worth a ton of luck. . . . A slighted woman knows no bounds. . . . Laugh and grow fat. . . . If business is worth any of your time, it is worth all of it. . . . There is no substitute for work. . . . An important factor in

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MILLIONS OF YOUNG PINE TREES SAVED

Ontario Forestry Branch Acts Quickly Against Sawfly Catterpillar

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. — Immediate action by the Ontario Forestry Branch has saved millions of young pine trees on the 5,784-acre Government plantation north of Thessalon from the ravages of the sawfly catterpillar, it was learned last week.

Discovery of the sawfly at Thessalon marked the first time it had been found in Northern Ontario. Forestry branch officials sprayed the trees, saving most of them from destruction.

While investigating the sawfly attack, G. H. R. Phillips, chief forester, and Rod Goodall, forester, found the white pine weevil attacking Scotch pine.

They were told by the entomological branch at Ottawa this find was the first recorded attack of the white pine weevil on Scotch pine.

Prehistoric Chinese Women Wore Furs And Used Rouge

Washington.—Prehistoric Chinese women apparently wore fur coats and painted their faces thousands of years before modern women thought of the same ideas, the Smithsonian Institution indicated recently in a report of its stone age excavations in northern China.

The archeologists dug deep into the remains of a pre-historic village in Shansi Province, where they found lumps of cinnabar — prehistoric rouge — and indications that the population wore furs of 1500 B.C. style.

The "village" sprawled over an area 500 miles long and 200 miles wide, C. W. Bishop, associate curator of the freer gallery of art of the Smithsonian Institute, said. The inhabitants lived in beehive shaped houses, whose walls were plastered, and whose only entrance was from the top.

"Our prehistoric Chinese were not Nomads wandering about with their flocks," Bishop said. "They were planters depending for food on what they grew."

Prince Sets Vogue Of Pleated Belt

CANNES, France.—The Prince of Wales started another craze in men's fashions recently when he appeared on the waterfront with a pleated cord belt fastened with a five inch silver anchor. Dealers, swamped with orders, rushed demands to Paris who'salers for thousands of similar belts. The heir to the British Throne wore the belt with a white sport suit.

Boy Problems Grow Up

(An editorial from the Rotarian Magazine).

To most men, a boy is one of the most interesting things on earth. No two are alike. To one, the description "a noise with dirt on it" may apply. Another will be shy and serious with oddly conflicting ideas struggling for expression in action. Wise adults understand this, for they know that the growing period of a youngster is above all a time for adjustments to a constantly expanding social and physical environment.

But boys grow up, and so do their problems. Youngsters have had an especially difficult time in making their adjustments in the past five years, for the conditions about them with which they would come to terms have themselves been shifting. Uncertainty in the world has complicated the task of "getting set" faced by youth in the late teens and twenties.

Every nation has its "youth problem." Superficially, it may vary from country to country, but the same economic and social factors that baffle a young man in North America today underlie the situation of the unadjusted youth in England, or France, or Australia, or elsewhere.

Sharp Winter Ahead Warns Indian Chief

Winnipeg.—Old Jeremiah Rundle, chief of the swampy Cree Indians, came down from his Norway House reservation last week to tell the white folks a cool, open Fall was anticipated in the north country. Coal bins will need filling shortly, he said.

Chief Jeremiah was born more than 70 years ago—he doesn't remember just how much more — at Norway House, 150 miles north of here. He has just retired as leader of his tribe and at present is enjoying a little holiday in the city.

One indication of a sharp winter in the offing he said, was that ducks are very lean this season and muskrats are also scarce in the north.

Canada's Foreign Trade Gains

The fact that Canada's foreign commerce has held up remarkably well, in comparison with that of other countries, during the four depression years from 1930 to 1934, is revealed in an analysis just completed by the statistical bureau of the League of Nations.

World exports on the gold dollar basis in the last four years, the analysis shows, have declined 57.1 per cent, while those of Canada are down by only 49.9 per cent. Thus, the Dominion has resisted the decline more successfully than has the world as a whole; Japan alone, of the larger nations, has a better record.

The comparisons are interesting. The decline of Canadian exports by 49.9 per cent, contrasts with a decline of 66.9 per cent, of the exports of the United States; with 57.2 per cent, of those of the United Kingdom; with 65.3 per cent, of Germany; with 58.4 per cent, of France; and with 58.1 per cent, of Italy. Japan's decline was approximately 47 per cent, the only major exporting nation with a better record than our own.

In the analysis reveals also that in point of volume of trade, Canada contributed 3.71 per cent, of the total world exports in 1929, while last year she boosted her share to 3.99 per cent.

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Being Too Unselfish And Reap Tornado

Mrs. Wilson sat looking at the sea. She was alone because she was on a rest cure, but oh, how soothing it was, the friendly sea, to which she could talk and not have to listen to an answer.

She marshalled the facts that had tumbled out of the blue in the past week. They were these. She was tired and ill; the doctor said she would have to have a change; there was little money. All the surplus they had was to be spent on Burk's M.A. course so he could teach. It had been hard getting Burk through college, and now it seemed he needed more "letters" to get him a school.

But when Jerry, her husband, heard what the doctor had to say, he went off and bought her a ticket and gave her enough to pay her board at the little resort for a month. Burk had been pretty silent. He had not said anything, but she could not forget his blank look when he heard the news.

UNEXPECTED TIDINGS
In her hand now, fluttered a night letter. She had read it over fifty