#### 250,000 Farmers Still On Relief

But Brighter Prospects Are Seen As Trade Conditions Improve

own wool, writes William Marching- 1932 level. ton, Staff Writer of the Globe and I

day is past. Certain it is that in cultural consumption. the last five or six years thousands of them in Western Canada. Optimistic Survey.

'Tis the farmer's care that makes the field bear! But the ultimate in the last two years, according to outcome-whether there is a profit this review, and are now about 65 or a loss-depends not only upon | per cent of their pre-depression winds and weather, but largely upon level. The average value per acre world conditions. For the latter of occupied farm lands in Canada reason Ontario farmers may be en- declined 40 per cent from 1928 to couraged by an optimistic survey of | 1934, while the decline in the net prospects which has just been pre- returns from farming was even pared by economists of the Depart- greater than that. ments of Agriculture and Trade and Provincial authorities.

This conclusion is based upon inproduction, industrial

CANADA

One View of Speed

an hour is to invite disaster.

Hamilton Spectator.

While something might be said for

less, the selfish, and inconsiderate.-

Days of Youth

"We are only young once," you of

ten hear some person remark as an

excuse for "hitting the pace." True,

we can be young but once, and the

pleasures of youth must be crowded

into that space of time. But how long

are we young? Some men are old at

40, while others are still young at 60.

It depends upon the pace they hit and

the manner in which they hit it. -

Country's Backbone

boast of a sturdy "farm aristocracy."

families that have farmed for two

or three generations and would no

more think of going off the land and

migrating to the cities than they

would of becoming sailors. Such fam-

illes have character. They sink their

roots into the soil, and one genera-

tion is proud to succeed another. It

would be interesting to know how

many families on Canadian farms

could trace their ownership back to

ploneer days. " Such people are the

the backbone of the country and

make the first type of citizens .- Strat-

Woods Going, Too

ford Beacon-Herald.

Blessed is the nation that can

Kingston Whig-Standard.

The Papers

greater tourist trade, policies which are expanding Canadian markets abroad, the prospect of more assured stability of exchange rates, the increased demand of food importing countries for primary products of which Canada has such an abundance to export.

It is estimated that actual farm OTTAWA -Time was when the prices have risen since 1982 from Ontario farmer made a good living about 35 per cent to about 65 per from the land. The husbandman cent of the 1926 level, which was raised his own wheat, his wife baked regarded as normal, while prices the bread, they had their own beef of goods which the farmer, must and their own sheep and wore their buy have not yet risen above the

The farmer, who is struggling to pay his taxes may find a little Cicero probably was speaking the | comfort in this reflection. but it is truth about his own day when he claimed that although his price diswrote: "Of all occupations from advantage has been reduced mawhich gain is secured there is none | terially, the ratio still remains an better than agriculture." But that | obstacle in the road of normal agri-

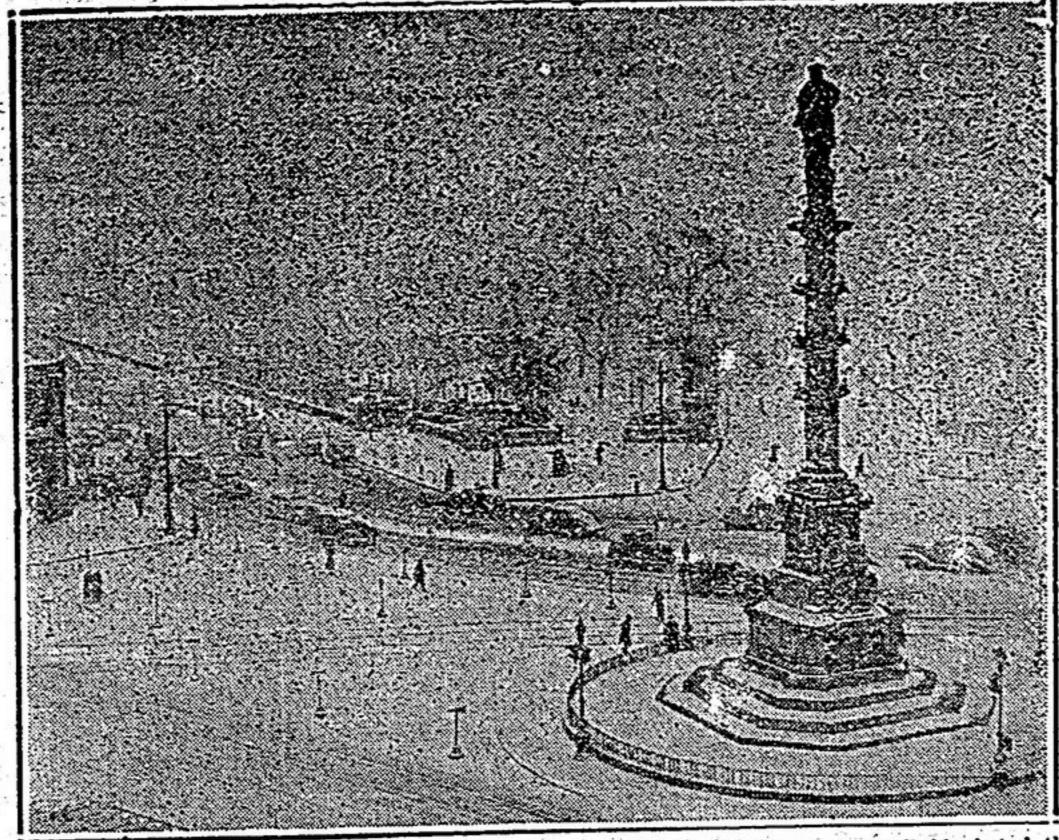
The survey indicates that considof Canadian farmers have gone from ering the probable level of farm plenty to poverty, and whether be- prices, and the volume of farm procause of depression or drought, it ducts to be marketed, exclusive of is a fact that more than a quarter | the drought areas. Canadian farmof a million-odd Canadians who are are likely to obtain an income presently on relief are farmers and during the early part of 1937, which their dependents, the vast majority will be somewhat higher than that obtained during the corresponding period of 1936.

Average land values rose slightly

As a result of drought and depres-Commerce, in co-operation with the sion 16,000 Canadian farmers who found themselves unable to pay They see an improvement not their debts made an assignment unonly in the domestic demand situ- der the Farmers' Creditors Arrangeation, but also in international trade ment Act and important debt adconditions. The outlook for higher justments totalling \$75,000,000 were farm prices, they say is better. made in the Province of Saskatchewan alone.

Federal and Provincial Depart

#### Winter Blusters In



Scene in Columbus Circle, New Cork City, as winter's first heavy snowall blanketed the Circle and Central Park (background). Rain, mingling with the snow, turned the white blanket into a slippery mass of slush.

ments are now seeking to assist the hard-pressed farmers to rehabilitate themselves by concentrating upon the marketing of agricultural products. The Federal Parliament will appropriate \$650,000 this year for the purpose of advertising and marketing the produce of Canadian farms. Good weather, good crops and good markets alone will put money in the farmers' purse.

#### \$5,000,000 Capitalization Air Service Proposed

OTTAWA-A \$5,000,000 capitalcorporation to be incorporated this session to own and operate the trans-Canada air service.

A very enlivened controversy has been going on for weeks as to the set up, the proposed preponderant interest of the railways having brought objections from private companies. The latest word is that agreement is being approached if frantic search for missing friends not concluded, but the Cabinet has to pass upon the required legislation. As soon as it does, it will be introduced in the House, and the scientist and inventor, states that Minister of Transport, is reserving housewives soon may b. growing any statement about it. Govern-

The equipment contemplated

100,000 Maxim guns, 5,500 aere planes, and a large number rifles, small guns and other materials of war. The war business certainly runs up big profits for those who depend on human sacrifices for

Air Mail Service Pays Air mail service in Canada has proved cheaper than other kinds. Air mail costs in the last fiscal year were \$375,971, and the revenue amounted to \$533,048. If the entire service could operate on that basis we would have 2-cent postage in hurry. - Peterborough Examiner.

#### THE EMPIRE

#### Careers for Youth

There has in the past been no official machinery by which boys have young men have gone over to find successfully military careers. though it is the Navy that invites homes in Evansville. youth "to see the world," the sister same invitation, and South Africans service could really extend much the who have returned after service in tales of strange places. But judging from the inquiries we have received, the offer of commissions in the Royal Air Force to university graduates unde. the age of 25 is likely to find most response in the Union. up and tumble to the fact that there Even with clouds on the European horizon, these careers hold much to attract youth. And to judge of the value to the Union of this training give you an earful of words. Poli- abroad it may be remarked that Air ticians spend their lives talking. Force pilots were the pioneers of Wives (not your or mine of course; civil aviation in this country. -The

No Excuse for Slaughter Crossings and speed limits are of of ink there must be! One of these no avail if the drivers, riders, and days when we wake up and cease walkers will not be constantly vigthe incessant clatter for a moment, ilant. There is no excuse for road of the lull - and do a little think- taking thought and taking care it can be stopped. - London Sunday Dispatch.

> A swarm of bees that has left hive continues to be the owner's pro perty as long as he can keep it in sight, according to the laws of Black

# Levees Hold — Floods Checked Victory Caps Frantic Fight 1,000,000 Are

Mississippi Valley Lower Likely to be Saved; Disease and Famine Battled; Scene Grimmest at Louisville.

raging waters for over 1.500 miles down the Mississippi as floods gnawization is being discussed for the their way southward. Today, Friday. the cities of Evansville, Indiana, and Cairo, Illinois, expect the diseaseladen waters to reach their crest but neither city expect serious fur-

and relatives. Over 1,000,000 are homeless. Damage is estimated at

The situation by States Thursday

Pittsburgh recede more than eleven feet in thirty-six hours. Rivers beiow flood stage. Three dead; 1,800

WEST VIRGINIA-Fear collapse recede steadily. Families warned homes are dried and cleaned. Ten

and Ironton face danger of epidemic. Cincianati damage estimated at \$25,000,000 as city starts cleanup. Governor Martin L. Davey advocates construction of "thousands" of dams to prevent future floods

One hundred and sixty-two known

far as Evansville where crest of 53.5 expected within twenty-four hours. Looting reported at Lawrenceburg. Three houses reported still standing at Leavenworth. Twelve dead; 67,-775 homeless. The Red Cross was to spend \$1,000,000 to rehabilitate

ILLINOIS - Cario believed safe behind giant V-shaped seawall. One thousand men work to strengthen "Big Four" levee, believed last weak the British Army come home with link in city's protection. Dozen cities and town above Cairo inundated; some abandoned to raging waters. Eleven dead: 24,399 homeless.

ARKANSAS - Seven hundred homeless families trooping into Helena daily for shelter. Mellwood, Ark., believed a danger point. Regular Army officers arrive to take command of flood section. Twenty-

tonville evacuated as flood crests move down Mississippi at fifteen miles per hour. Nine dead; 35,824 homeless. Engineers at Memphis estimate 50,000 men at work on le-

Vicksburg asked to have boats waiting should evacuation of Arkansas lic." City, Ark., prove necessary. Four dead; 4,050 homeless.

LOUISIAN .. - Lowland families from Natchez. Miss., to New Orleans reported fearful of disastrous for a conference on constitutional

floods. Mississippi and Black Rivers rising steadily. Schools closing, and Eastern Louisiana lumber industry nearly idle. Two hundred and seventy homeless.

## News in Brief

rears lews Leak TORONTO-At the Liberal Party caucus held this week, Attorney-General Roebuck refused to talk on the reported pending purchase of more Quebec power from the Ottawa Valley Company, for fear, the news would "leak" to the newspapers.

A lot of caucus argument was cen tred on the cossibility that "traitors" were providing the press with caucus ir' matic that could not be obtained except through "leaks." Major James Clark (Windsor-Saudwich) was strong in his denunciatio., of such al- friendly relations with Canada. He leged tactics, and had the caucus did not feel the \$85,000,000 issue adopt a resolution providing that all alone was of major importance, but speeches therein be regarded as "se- if Canada is permitted to float loans cret." Tom Murray, veteran legisla- in the United States, he declared; tor and famed humorist from North other subdivisions of the Britin Renfrew, sugested that the best ay Empire may do the same thing, thus to get around the situation was to nullifying the intent of the Johntrip up the press by having the best son Act. Ellender said the bill he liar among the Liberals invent inac- is considering would forbid a decurate stories to feed out systematic | faulting nation or its "dependilly to the reporters.

leapt, (C.C.F., Wanipeg North) presented his motton asking the Governread at length from what he thought was an address delivered by Mr. 'oosevelt at Rio de Janeiro.

Prime Minister Mackerzie King inerrupted him: "Is my honorable

ie pr. "but I think it is a tty good statement to make and I am fully in cord with what the Prime Minister said and I hope I have done him no injustice by crediting his remarks to the President of the United States.

held at Washington suggested by A. A. Heaps, was sternly opposed by the Prime Minister and the Leader of the

King: "I am not sure that a world conference would achieve any good. And it might make things a great deal

"Our generation is gone a little mad on the question of conferences, it seems to me. A conference is a very

R. B. Bennett: ", have not forgotten that a great World Economic Conference was called in 1933. I know one man, two men, three men, who were urged by the President of the United ing 70,000 square miles of land. States to expedite-in every possible way the work of that conference. Yet the conference had hardly met and organized before the President of the United States torpedoed it for reasons which have never yet been made pub-

Provincial Government heads. Premier W. J. Patterson of Saskatchewan said he believed it might be better handled by a commission than

by the proposed conference. Bennett's suggestions.

Federal and Municipal Relations t' : right unti all ge' around a table and talk it over quietly and dispassionately." Premier Angus L. Macdonald

Nova Scotia: "It is generally ag certain amendment are necessary. The only point of difficulty is deciding on a method of amendment that will of Canada. be satisfactory to both the Dominion Parliament and Provincial Legislatures."

Promier P. D. Pattulio of Billish Columbia: "Such action and beer advocated by British Columbia for years."

Premier William Aberha c Alberta: "Alberta is ready to discuss any necessary changes in Canada'r Constitution.'

Premier John Bracken of Manitoba: "We have been agitating for modernization of the Canadian Governmental set-up for ten years."

#### Lethbridge Boast

LETHBRIDGE Alberta challenges the Galt, Ontario record of not one record. Not one automobile fatality nursing schools, especially in occurred there in 1936 or 1935.

### Gap Is Seen In Debt Law

Loans To War-Debt Defaulters

week to define the practical limi- ments to prevent overlapping. tations of the Johnson Act, forbiddebts to this country. Ellender said the working centre of a better motherthat if, in their opinions, an \$85,- | hood movement and that under this 000,000 Canadian bond offering in centre there should be as many clinthe United States was legal, he ics as necessary to give free and what he termed "this wide-open mothers. gap" in the law.

(In his maiden address, Ellender attacked the Canadian bond issue on the ground that Canada was a "possession" of Great Britain, and Britain had defaulted on its war debt to the United States. The Canadian issue was disposed of last week.)

. He emphasized that he had no wish to jeopardize United States encies" to borrow money in the he said, should be fully equipped with United States, except to refinance cars and airplanes. bonds owned by United States citiwas so owned, he asserted.

#### Sport Idols

#### Art in All Trades

In the turbulent days of the pioneer west, one of the popular ways of execution was death by the rope. This was meted out in . wholesale manner and not always with the sanction of the law. B-cause in the early day. the law was far too inadequate to cope with all crooks in so large a territory At one time the law had an area of 000 meals during the next 31/2 months. not less than 73.000 square miles in The World Peace Confe ence to be its jurisdiction under one -United States court.

Hanging was used extensively and

used in fastening the rope was great importance to the victim. The lun son, teas and din: 's. difference being whether he died a slow .eath of strangulation or instant; subsequent government functions are ly a broken neck. If the rope were over, one woman starts the social tied as any other cope might be tied | "cycle," with perhaps a luncheon. then usually the victim was strangled | covers laid '. 30. This, says, Henri to death, very slowly as can b seen. Le Bec, head waiter of the dining On the other hand if the cope were room for 16 -years, automatically tied loosely and the knot were placed | mans "30 luncheons for 30." for now under the left ear then when the cacl: one present at the first luncheon tr > was sprung the neck was bro- must entertain. The hostess consults ken fastantly.

in November, amounting to \$69,409 | congenial, the easiest to place" of import of butter was small, valued pacity of head waiter. Although it at \$309 compared with \$598. The is the ruling of the committee that cheese came mainly from France, no "tips" are allowed, "the members Right Hon. R. B. Bennett's proposal Italy, Switzerland, United Kingdom, overcome this by generosity in their New Zealand, and the United States, own individual manner."

# Mortality Rate

Toronto.-One-half the 1,200 moth-Acting Premier Harry Nixon of On- ers who die in childbirth in this countarlo had no com gent to make on Mr. try every year, and one-half the 23,-000 who are permanently disabled or Hon. A. P. Paterson. Minister of injured could be saved by segregation of of the feeble-minded and eradication New Brunswick: "We shall never get of social diseases. This was the declaration of Dr. Walter Chipman, outstanding Montreal obstetrician, addressing an audience in Eaton Auditorium on "Reducing the Risks of Motherhood," the first of a series of five lectures sponsored by the Toronto branch of the Health League

> "One-half our terrific yearly toll of mothers could be cured at the beginning," said Dr. Chipman. "This must be done, and it will be done when we have enough common sense to call a spade a spade."

> Dr. Chipman saw ignorance as a chief offender in the high maternal death rate, and quoted statistics to show that 36 per cent. of fatalities was due to faulty technique or mistaken judgment on the part of the dector or nurse; another 36 per cent. was due to poor ante-natal care; 18 per cent, to the patient's ignorance, and 10 per cent, to lack of nursing and hospital facilities.

#### MORE EDUCATION.

In the case of the doctor, the speaker said the trouble lay in insufficient fatal motor acciden within its boun- training. He demanded that more daries during 1936, with a two-year education be given in medical and way of practical training.

"I think it most important, too," Dr. Chipman mentioned "that plenty of refresher courses be given to keep medical men posted on the latest changes in technique.

Dealing next with poor ante-natal care, the speaker stressed the impor-Senator Seeks To Prohibit U.S. tance of "healthy motherhood" propaganda.

The speaker outlined an idea which he thought should make for healthy Canadian mothers. It would be the WASHINGTON- United States responsibility of the municipal and Senator Ellender, Louisiana Demo- provincial departments of public crat, asked the State Department health, and voluntary associations and the Securities Commission last would be placed under these depart-

He suggested that in all towns and ding loans to nations defaulting on cities the hospital be organized as would introduce legislation to plug careful examinations to expectant

CANADA'S POOR RECORD.

"This would do wonders to protect the patient against infection." he said. "The crown of sorrow is that fully 50 per cent. of our mothers. could be saved from death if septic infection, toxemias and such were prevented. We have five deaths for every 1,000 births and Canada ranks from fifth to twelfth high among 29 countries in maternal death rate statistics. The saddest part of the unnecessary fatalities is that these mothers are cut off in the very fullness of their lives for the average age of Canadian mothers is only 31

Referring again to his working plan, the speaker thought that community clinics and outposts—as many as are necessary-placed at advantageous posts, would bring enlightenment to farm women. These clinics,

"The govtrnment could serve the zens prior to the passage of the entire country from coast to coast." Johnson Act in 1934. The Canadian he said. "We must have enough issue is intended to refinance an old money and a little to spare. Can you loan, not more than half of which tell me why a government will spend millions importing hogs to raise the standard of the country's prize pigs. yet the prize mother remains neglec-

> The prize mother. Dr. Chipman described as "not too intellectual."

#### Blue Uniforms for Ottawa Waitresses

Ottawa.-A touch of color this year for the first time brightens uniforms of waltresses in the parliamentary restaurant where members, their wives and friends will eat about 50.

The uniform, consisting of turquoise blue dress with white apron, are effective in the big, sunny cream and brown room, with its walnut and men became very proficient in the use dull red leather chairs, snown table of the rope, for this, at the time was cloths and shining silver. Here, with a fine view of the river below and It was discovered that the method b'ra Gatineau hills in the distance. of the members' wives entertain at

After the official opening, and Mr. Le Bec before hand, and ween At the time of these unsettled re- thom they concoct a pleasant color gions one United States court had scheme with green, yellow, mauve under its jurisdiction an area cover- or blue lin 3 and harmonizing flow-

Mr. Le Bec Las been with the Parliamentary dining room staff longer There as an increase of about 12,- than any other member and finds the 000 in the Canadian import of cheese | Senators and members the "most compared with 57,402 a year ago. The any group, he has served in the ca-

#### Optimists say that Canada is now out of the woods. But if the destructions of her forests continues, the

woods will soon be out of Canada.-Toronto Star. Scenic Highways

Everybody knows that the provin

cial highways are all too drab at many points and everyone will agree that the placing of pretty flowers here and there would do much to improve them It seems to us that the government itself should give some attention to this phase of the highway situation, doing a good deal more than nitions company is reputed to have it has in the past toward making On- made net profits of some £34,000.tario's main routes the scenic attrac | 000. The firm supplied four battletions they should be. It should be ships, three armored cruisers, fiftyneedless to point out the enormous three submarines, sixty-two light

them look better than at present --Windsor Star.

EDITORIAL COMMENT FROM

HERE, THERE AND

EVERYWHERE.

Modern Convenience Dr. Arthur Pillsbury, naturalist, Surely, it requires no argument to prove that risk increases proportiontheir own vegetables in the kitchen; ment control is certain to be exately to speed. With all the modern mechanical improvements and technisink by the use of chemicals. With tensive. cal safeguards, it is, after all, the coal in th .th tub and vegetables growing in the sink, the folks in the of the most modern and most human factor which counts most in ensuring safety. A car bounding along house will have to resort to the old speedy type. at 70 or 80 miles an hour is not under tin basin for aving hands and face proper control and it is a peril to and to the tub a the kitchen floor for itself and to other vehicles. Experts the Saturday night soapy plunges .agree that to drive above 50 miles

Montreal Gazette.

School Buildings There are those who say and bestepping up the speed limit to some extent, in view of recent develop lieve that no municipality can ments in the automobile industry, to ford to be niggardly in regard to such their orders. - Windsor Star. abolish it altogether would be to sur- an important matter as education of render to the demands of the reck- the young. But they can be, nevertileless, sensible about it and or involvethemselves in expenses which are other than reasonable and justiliable or above the ability of the rateputers 's meet over a period of years. More than one municipality has found itself financially embarrassed during the past few years because of unwise capital expenditures which viously made in respect of education with town veining with town as to

> which should equip itsen most lavish ly in this regard. There is danger that in this country we have made rather a fetish of school buildings without as been able to join the British Army much attention being paid to he or Air Force. Unofficially some 50 teaching given in them.-Brockville

## Recorder and Times.

Candid "There is nothing connected with the Press that has ever got me into such great trouble as the accuracy of the reports of what I have said, confides Lord Derby. And such admirable honesty and candor worthy of a place in the records.-St. Catharines Standard.

Too Much Talking Some day we are going to wake is too much talking Every time you turn on your radio somebody is starting (that's as far as he gets) to are always at it. Preachers do their | Cape Argus. share. Editors do their with a typewriters or fountain pens. What a lot somebody is bound to take advantage | slaughter. It must be stopped.

ing .- St. Mary's Journal-Argus. Fat Profits from War

During 1914 1918 one British murevenue that we secure from these ships, three auxiliary cruisers, 2,328 routes and the desirability of making heavy naval guns, field guns, etc.,

# Homeless

One hundred thousand men fought

ther damage. The authenticated known death toll in the eleven flooded states now stands at 273. Hundreds of others are feared dead as families start a

\$400.000.000. Summary by States

night follows: PENNSYLVANIA -- Waters

of buildings at Wheeling as waters to remain at relief centres unti-

dead: 64,661 homeless. OHIO - Cincinnati, Portsmouth

Eighteen dead; 143,437 homeless. KENTUCKY - Receding waters give up bodies of 162 known dead at Louisville. Illness widespread. Red Cross evacuating families at Paducah. Cold weather throughout State expected to add to suffering.

dead: 347,589 homeless. INDIANA - Waters receding as

MISSOURI-Every available man at Charleston, Mo., was called to work on the levees. At New Madrid, Mo., 2.500 WPA workers were rushed to protect a levee there. Fourteen dead; 41,792 homeless.

nine dead; 74,951 homeless. TENNESSEE-Hickman and Tip-

vees in Mississippi Valley. MISSISSIPPI - Army officers at

"Traitors"?

Good Speech At Ottaw this week when A. A. ment to reques. President Coosevelt to call a world peace conference, he

friend quoting the President of the Inited States: I thin: that is what

said." "That may be the case," replied Mr.

# Veto Peace Conference:

Declared Prime Minister Mackenzie a trade.

convenien way of appearing to be doing something, while in reality very little is being achieved. The more see of conferences, the less patience am coming to have with them." Observed the Conservative Leader,

Provincial Parley Favored

Questions generally found favor among Laments High