

SUMMARY OF THE FEDERAL BUDGET

Income tax reductions "all along the line." Exemptions are increased from \$5,000 to \$5,000 for married persons and from \$1,000 to \$1,500 single persons. This will mean a lower rate on smaller incomes. Upon the amount of the income in excess of the statutory exemptions, the rate on the first two thousand or any portion thereof will be two per cent.; on the amount in excess of two thousand, but not in excess of three thousand, three per cent.; in excess of three thousand but not in excess of four thousand, four per cent. Other changes are made in higher incomes.

Receipt tax—Wiped out. Penny postage on letters for delivery in Canada and the United States is restored as from Dominion Day next. There will be no change, however, in the present rates on postcards and drop letters.

The tax on playing cards, formerly 8 and 15 cents, according to value of the cards, becomes 10 cents a package. The following articles exempted from sales tax: Pot barley, pearl barley, split peas, oil shales, articles for exhibitions, menageries, carriages for travellers, travellers' baggage, heliostats.

Automobiles—Duty on autos at retail value of not more than \$1,200, and on motor trucks and motorcycles, reduced from 35 to 20 per cent. general tariff; 17½ per cent. intermediate; 12½ per cent. British preference. On autos valued at more than \$1,200, general tariff reduced from 35 to 27½ per cent.; intermediate to 25 per cent.; British preference to 15 per cent. To encourage Canadian auto industry, drawback of 25 per cent. will be paid on materials used in manufacture of above-mentioned motor vehicles, provided that at least fifty per cent. of the cost of the finished articles is produced in Canada.

TARIFF CHANGES. Cocoa beans—Increased in general tariff from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per hundred pounds. Corresponding increase made in certain cocoa products. Coffee, green, free under British preference.

Ginger, spices, nutmegs, mace and arrowroot—rates reduced in compliance with West Indies agreement.

Bananas—Free under all tariffs, but Governor-in-Council given power to impose duty of fifty cents a bunch under general and intermediate tariffs, leaving them free under British preference when shipped direct.

Pineapples—When in air-tight tins, rate reduced from 1½¢ a pound to ½¢ under British preference.

Fresh meats—General tariff increased ½¢ per pound.

Seeds—Free for re-afforestation on free list.

Sugar—For refining, testing 96 degrees of polarization, reduced under the British preference 16.288 cents per

100 lbs., that is from 45 cents to 28.712 cents. Proportionate reductions made in the duty on sugar of other degrees of polarization.

Angostura bitters, imported by ship direct—British preference to be 5¢ per gallon as compared with present duty of 10¢.

Sponges—These now pay 12½ per cent. British preference and 8½ per cent. under British West Indies agreement of 1920. They are to be free under the British preference.

Tin plate—Of class or kind not made in Canada. Free under British preference. Dutiable at five per cent. under the intermediate and general tariffs. Changes made, announced Mr. Robb, for the benefit of the canning industry.

Pasturizers and equipment for generating electrical power for farm purposes—Duty reduced under British preference to five per cent., under intermediate and general tariffs to 10 per cent. Proportionate reductions made on the raw material.

Steel castings, in rough for manufacture of shotguns—Duty reduced under general tariff to 10 per cent. On gun-stocks duty reduced under general tariff to 15 per cent.

Miners' safety lamps—The duty removed on belt and cap lamp for miners and parts.

Machinery for use only in producing unrefined oil or fertilizers from shale—Put on free list and exempt from sales tax.

Aircraft engines and complete parts—Free under British preference, dutiable at 7½ per cent. under the intermediate, and 10 per cent. under the general until July 1, 1928.

Ethylene glycol, used in the manufacture of explosives, to be free.

DRAWBACKS.

Ninety-nine per cent. on sugar used in manufacture of loganberry wine.

Eighty per cent. on artificial silks, tops and waste until January 1, 1928.

Eighty per cent. on artificial silk yarns enumerated tariff item 583A when imported prior to January 1, 1928, and manufactured before January 1, 1927.

Ninety-nine per cent. on cellulose acetate in powder form when imported after April 30, 1927, and before November 1, 1927, and manufactured before December 1, 1927.

Eighty per cent. on yarns produced from cellulose acetate dry spun, when imported after October 31, 1926, and prior to August 1, 1927, and manufactured before September 1, 1927.

DIRECT SHIPMENT.

Proposed that after January 1, 1927, benefits of the British preferential tariff shall apply only to goods conveyed direct to a sea or river port of Canada.

Tax on carbonic acid gas as specified in schedule two of the special War Revenue Act repealed.



Next Governor-General?

The Duke of York, second son of the king, likely to be Canada's next governor-general according to a prediction from Ottawa. His Royal Highness is Duke of York, Earl of Inverness and Baron Killarney, a commander in the royal navy and a group captain of the Royal Air Force. He is colonel of the 11th Hussars, the present governor-general being also a cavalry officer, and colonel of third Hussars. He is 31 years old and was married April 26, 1923, to Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon.

AVIATOR DEPARTS ON ARCTIC EXPEDITION

Capt. Wilkins Leaves Fairbanks With Cargo of Gasoline.

A despatch from Fairbanks, Alaska, says:—Speeding up preparations for his coming aerial expedition over the Arctic Ocean in search of land, Capt. George Hubert Wilkins took off here on Thursday in the airplane Alaskan on the third flight to Point Barrow with supplies.

Lieut. Carrol B. Eliason, aviator of the expedition, piloted the plane. The 550-mile trip to the supply base at Point Barrow, the starting point of the proposed Arctic flight, was expected to require about five hours.

The plane carried 4,330 pounds of gasoline to swell the store already left at Barrow on the previous flights. The take-off was made after two runs the length of the aviation field of the Fairbanks Airplane Corporation. The ground was soft.

Wilkins undertook the trip despite an injured hand and arm, which he sustained Saturday, while guiding the Alaskan as the plane landed on the ice at the edge of the Arctic Ocean at Barrow, northern tip of Alaska.

REFUND OVERPAYMENT OF 1925 INCOME TAX

Budget Proposals Not Effective Until Royal Assent is Given.

A despatch from Ottawa says:—In reply to inquiries as to the effect of the income tax proposals, Hon. J. A. Robb, Minister of Finance, has issued the following statement:—"The changes in the Income Tax Act announced in the Budget will apply to income of 1925 and thereafter, but cannot be acted upon until after an act has been passed by both Houses of Parliament and Royal assent has been given."

"Taxpayers may, however, on their own responsibility, estimate their own tax liability under the existing law, or the Budget proposals of April 15, 1928, and pay accordingly on or before the 30 of this month, but no assessments will be levied until after the bill becomes law. When approved, refunds will be granted in cases where overpayments have been made."

Native of Canada Dies at 110 Years of Age

A despatch from New York says:—Self-supporting until a few weeks ago, Mrs. Susanna Divo, said to be a native of Canada and 110 years old, died of bronchial pneumonia at Bellevue Hospital.

King and Queen to Hold Courts on May 13 and 14

A despatch from London says:—It is officially announced that the King and Queen will hold courts at Buckingham Palace on May 13 and 14.

BANK MANAGER TAKES HIS LIFE IN BUILDING

No Reason Given For Tragedy in Oshawa as Books Are in Good Shape.

A despatch from Oshawa says:—J. C. Anderson, 61 years of age, manager of the branch of the Bank of Montreal at the corner of Bond and Simcoe streets, this city, was found shot through the head Thursday afternoon in the basement of the bank with the discharged revolver lying by his side.

Mr. Anderson left his office about 2.30 and about 3.30 when the bank messenger was making his rounds, he found the body in the paper vault in the basement. No report of the firing of the revolver was heard by the staff of the bank or by the inspector who was paying a visit from the head office and who was at work on the floor above. This is accounted for by the heavy cement work in the walls and partitions of the basement.

Mr. Anderson came to Oshawa from Ottawa about three and a half years ago and had been in the employ of the bank for thirty-five years and for the past two years had been treasurer of the Oshawa General Hospital Board of Directors.

Coroner Dr. J. F. Randall, after making an investigation found an inquest not necessary. No reason can be given for the tragedy as the books are reported in good shape. Deceased, who was 61 years of age, is survived by his widow and three children.

FAMILY OF SIX SWEEP TO DEATH IN ICE JAM

Athabasca River Floods Are Menace to Residents of Flats Along Shore.

A despatch from Edmonton says:—An entire family of six members, father, mother, and four children, were swept to their deaths by the raging flood of the Athabasca River on Friday afternoon, according to word received by Inspector Piper of the Alberta Provincial Police.

The victims of the flood are Fred Brestlin, with his wife and four little ones, the oldest of whom was 9 years of age. The father was a farmer in the Whitecourt district, where he had been living for some years.

Brestlin and his family were driving along the road on their own land about a quarter of a mile from a river, which was pent up by the ice jam. Suddenly the ice jam, which held back the water in the river, loosened at one side, and the torrent of ice and water came roaring over the low land directly on top of the party.

To make their escape was impossible, and almost in a moment the wagon was carried away in a flood with the six persons clinging on in the hope of saving their lives. The horses managed to break clear of the wagon, and they were rescued a short time later.

Italians to Raise 39 Ships Sunk During War

A despatch from Constantinople says:—An Italian salvaging concern has contracted with the Turkish Government for the raising of the 39 ships sunk in the Dardanelles and the Marmora and Black Seas during the Great War. The Turkish Government will receive 90 per cent. of the value of the salvaged material, while the Italian company expects to make a considerable profit out of the remaining 10 per cent. Nine of the wrecks are British, chiefly destroyers.

Customs Investigation Costs \$10,918 to March 27

A despatch from Ottawa says:—Auditors' fees and expenses for special work in connection with the customs probe amounted to \$10,918 for the period Feb. 19 to March 27, this year. This was stated in the House of Commons in answer to a question.

The auditors will continue their services, with a much smaller staff, until the committee has finished its work. Another question elicited the fact that R. L. Calder, K.C., special counsel for the committee, is being paid \$200 per diem and \$15 per diem expenses, "when so engaged elsewhere than in Montreal."

Two Manitoba Companies to Build Lines to Gold Fields

A despatch from Winnipeg says:—Subject to the provision that construction work commence within one year and be completed within three years from the date of approval, two bills giving charter rights for the construction of railway lines into the Central Manitoba mining district were reported by the Private Bills Committee. One of the charters was granted to the Winnipeg River Railway Co., and the other to local interests headed by J. D. McArthur, railway contractor.

THE WEEK'S MARKETS

TORONTO.

Man. wheat—No. 1 North, \$1.68; No. 2 North, \$1.61; No. 3 North, not quoted.

Man. oats—No. 2 CW, nominal; No. 3, not quoted; No. 1 feed, 51½¢; No. 2 feed, 49½¢; western grain quotations on c.i.f. bay ports.

Am. corn—No. 2 yellow, track, Toronto, 86½¢; No. 3 yellow, 86½¢.

Milled—No. 1 feed, 51½¢; No. 2 feed, 49½¢; shorts, per ton, \$32.25; middlings, \$39.25 to \$40.25; wood feed flour, 1r bag, \$2.30.

Ont. oats—40 to 42¢, f.o.b. shipping points.

Ont. good milling wheat—\$1.38 to \$1.35, f.o.b. shipping points, according to freight.

Barley, malting—62 to 64¢.

Buckwheat—No. 2, 72¢.

Rye—No. 2, 86¢.

Am. corn, track, Toronto—No. 2 yellow, 84½¢; No. 3 yellow, 82½¢.

Man. flour—First pat, \$8.85; Toronto, do, second pat, \$8.15.

Ont. flour—Toronto, 90 per cent. pat, per barrel, in carlots, Toronto, \$5.95; seaboard, in bulk, \$5.95.

Straw—Carlots, per ton, \$9 to \$9.50.

Screenings—Standard, re-cleaned, f.o.b. bay ports, per ton, \$22.50.

Cheese—New, large, 20¢; twins, 21¢; triplets, 22¢; stillons, 23¢.

Large, 25¢; twins, 26¢; triplets, 27¢.

Butter—Finest creamery prints, 48¢; No. 1 creamery, 42¢; No. 2, 41¢.

Dairy prints, 35 to 37¢.

Eggs—Fresh extras, in cartons, 35 to 36¢; fresh extras, loose, 33¢; fresh firsts, 31¢; fresh seconds, 28¢.

Dressed poultry—Chickens, spring, 40¢; 70 to 80¢; chickens, 1b, 35 to 37¢; hens, over 4 to 5 lbs., 30¢; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 27¢; roosters, 25¢; ducklings, 5 lbs. and up, 30 to 31¢; turkeys, 40¢.

Beans—Can. hand-picked, \$2.40 per bushel; primes, \$2.40 per bushel.

Maple produce—Syrup, per imp. gal., \$2.40; per 5-gal., \$2.30 per gal.; syrup, new, per gal., \$2.50.

Honey—50-lb. tins, 11¼ to 12¢ per lb.; 10-lb. tins, 11¼ to 12¢; 5-lb. tins, 11 to 12¼¢; 2½-lb. tins, 14 to 14¼¢.

Smoked meats—Hams, med., 29 to 31¢; cooked hams, 45 to 48¢; smoked hams, 22¢; cottage, 25 to 27¢; breakfast bacon, 22 to 24¢; special brand breakfast bacon, 33 to 35¢; backs, 35 to 42¢.

Cured meats—Long clear bacon, 50 to 70 lbs., \$24.25; 70 to 90 lbs., \$23.75; 20 lbs. and up, \$22.34; lightweight rolls in barrels, \$42.50; heavyweight rolls, \$39.50 per tub. Lard—Pure tallow, 18 to 19¢; tubs, 18½ to 19¢; palis, 19½ to 20¢; prints, 20½ to 21¢; shortening, tallow, 15 to 16½¢; tubs, 15½ to 16¢; palis, 16 to 16½¢; blocks, 17½ to 18¢.

Heavy steers, choice, \$7.50 to \$8.25; do, good, \$7 to \$7.25; do, poor, \$6.25 to \$6.75; do, com. to med., \$6 to \$6.25; butcher heifers, choice, \$6.50 to \$7.25; do, good, \$5 to \$6.50; do, com., \$5 to \$5.50; butcher cows, choice, \$5.25 to \$6; do, fair to good, \$4 to \$5; butcher bulls, good, \$5 to \$5.75; cullings, \$3.50 to \$4.50; canners and bottlers, \$2.50 to \$3.50; springers, choice, \$80 to \$90; good milk cows, \$70 to \$80; medium cows, \$45 to \$60; feeders, good, \$4.25 to \$4.75; do, fair, \$5 to \$6; stockers, good, 5 to \$5.50; do, fair, \$4.50 to \$5; calves, choice, \$12 to \$12.50; do, good, \$10 to \$11; do, lights, \$5 to \$9.50; good lambs, \$14 to \$15; do, med., \$12.50 to \$13; do, culls, \$10 to \$11.50; good light sheep, \$7 to \$9; heavy sheep and bucks, \$6.50 to \$6.75; do, fair, smooths, fed and watered, \$13.10; do, f.o.b., \$12.50; do, country points, \$12.25; do, off cars, \$13.50; do, thick fats, f.o.b., \$12; select premium, \$2.55.

MONTREAL.

Oats, Can. west, No. 2, 69¢; do, No. 3, 64¢; extra No. 1 feed, 61¢. Flour, Man. spring wheat pats, firsts, \$8.80; seconds, \$8.30; strong bakers', \$8.10; winter, pats, choice, \$8.20 to \$8.30; rolled oats, bag 90 lbs., \$3.30 to \$3.40; Bran, \$31.25. Shorts, \$33.25. Middlings, \$40.25. Hay, No. 2, per ton, car lots, \$13.50.

Butter, No. 1 pasteurized, 36½¢. Eggs, fresh extras, 37¢; fresh firsts, 34¢. Potatoes, Quebec, per bag, car lots, \$4.25 to \$4.50.

Canada from Coast to Coast

St. John's, Nfld.—The best seal catch in fifteen years was indicated, followers of the industry state, by the early returns of the sealers from the Grand Banks. The first ship to return brought 17,000 pelts. Another is now homeward bound with a cargo of 26,000, while the other ships are still adding to their catches. At least a part of the record success, it was said, was due to the use of the airplane with the fleet.

Halifax, N.S.—During the month of April, 4,000 dry tons of wood pulp will be shipped from Sheet Harbor, N.S., to England. Logging operations in Nova Scotia have been somewhat restricted by reason of the heavy fall of snow during the past winter, and the cut will be somewhat less than that reported for the previous season.

Saint John, N.B.—Greater activity was manifested at the port of Saint John during 1925 than in the previous year, figures issued by the harbor master show. During the year 413 steamers arrived and cleared for foreign ports, as compared with 299 in 1924.

Three Rivers, Que.—The International Paper Co. has started the second of the four new newsprint machines at its Three Rivers mill, making it the largest in the St. Maurice valley. The mill now has six machines with a total aggregate capacity of 500 tons of newsprint daily.

Timmins, Ont.—The largest hoist ever installed at any time in Canada, and what is believed to be as large as any in operation in North America, is now completely installed at the Hollinger Consolidated and in operation. The big machine is capable of drawing ore through the central shaft at a speed of close to 3,000 feet per minute the power being supplied by a 2,000 h.p. motor. A second hoist of about the same size will be installed before the end of May.

Winnipeg, Man.—While the national wealth of Canada was estimated at the time of the Dominion census of 1921 at \$2,525 per capita, the estimated per capita wealth of the Prairie Provinces is placed at \$3,236, or \$771 in excess of the average. Of the total per capita prairie wealth agriculture

made up \$1,916, of which \$1,617 represents the farm values of land, buildings, implements, machinery and livestock.

Regina, Sask.—A survey of production in the Prairie Provinces in the year 1923, conducted by the Bureau of Statistics, shows provinces to be fundamentally agricultural. More than 91 per cent. of Saskatchewan values were obtained from farming, while in Manitoba and Alberta the proportions were 55 per cent. and 74 per cent. respectively. Mineral production held second place in Alberta. In Manitoba and Saskatchewan manufacturing was second in importance.

Calgary, Alta.—Forty families of Hebrews arrived in the Red Deer, Alberta, district, the middle of the month. Many of their countrymen are already successfully settled here.

Vancouver, B.C.—For the first time in many years homesteads in the Fraser Valley will be thrown open to prospective settlers by the Dominion Government, these lands comprising about 700 acres, probably being made available in the fall. The lands have been logged off and it is planned to subdivide them into ten and twenty-acre homesteads.

HOSTS OF MURDERERS AT LARGE IN STATES

Condition of Lawlessness Unequalled in the History of Civilization.

A despatch from New York says:—There are at large in the United States thousands of men and women murderers who never have been brought to justice, declared Marcus Kavanagh, Judge of the Superior Court of Chicago, in an address at this annual dinner of the National Metal Trades Association. There were in the United States last year he said, more than 10,000 criminal homicides, as compared with 169 in England.

Judge Kavanagh declared that the condition of lawlessness in the United States to-day was unparalleled in the history of civilization.

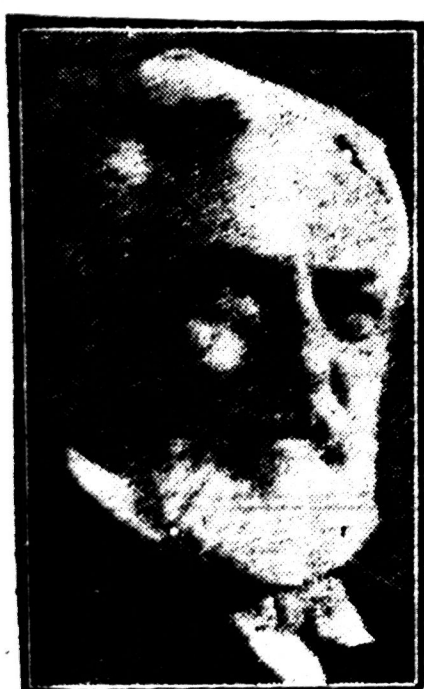
"There is no mystery as to why we have so much crime in this country," he said. "Evil-minded men in the United States have no respect for the law, because their experience has been that they need have little fear of its penalties. A man knows that the chances are three to one that he never will be arrested if he kills, twelve to one he never will be convicted, and more than one hundred to one he will not die for his crime."

Pioneer 102 Years of Age Addresses Legislature

A despatch from Winnipeg says:—S. W. Stevenson, who is 102 years old, and Manitoba's oldest citizen, paid his annual visit to the Provincial Legislature last week. Legislative rules were suspended and Mr. Stevenson made a brief address, wishing all members longevity.

Mount Everest Expeditions Are Prohibited by Tibet

A despatch from Calcutta says:—General Bruce, who is in Sikkim, states the Tibetan authorities have definitely decided to prohibit expeditions to Mt. Everest. No further expeditions, accordingly, can be made unless the prohibition is removed.



John Catto

Who came up the St. Lawrence by boat in 1854 to establish Toronto's second dry goods store. He was 93 last week.

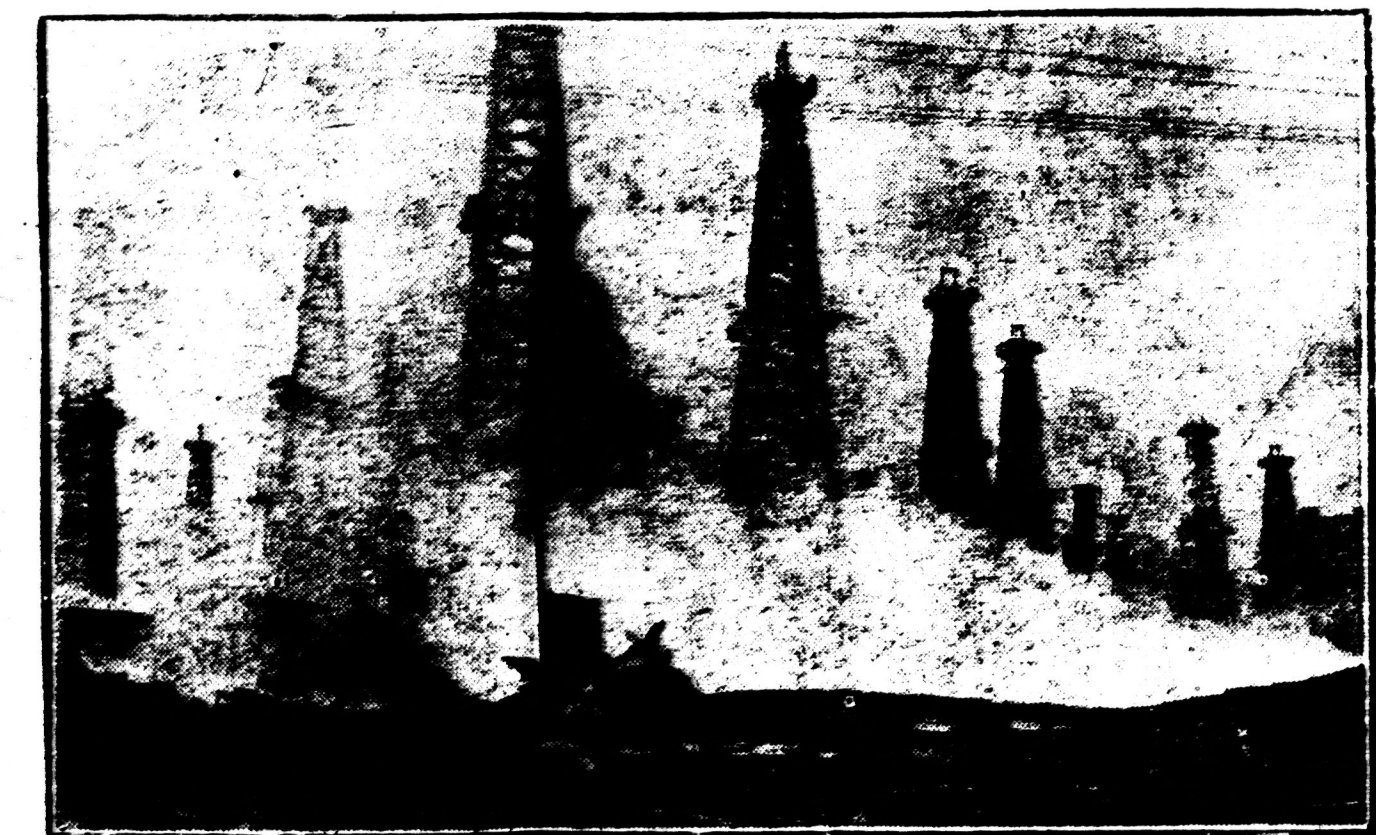
Train Whistle Saves People From Fire Which Razes Home

A despatch from Port Arthur says:—The engineer of a Canadian Pacific freight train passing Hurkett on a recent morning noticed a house on fire. He blew his whistle shrilly, being unable to stop his train as he had to meet the passenger train a few miles west. He succeeded in waking the owner of the house, Mrs. Thirabe, who with her child and aged mother, made their escape from the burning building. The husband was at the time in Port Arthur. It was entirely due to the vigilance of the Canadian Pacific engineer that no lives were lost in the fire, which destroyed the house.

Prince of Wales Will Visit Ireland in 1927

A visit to Ireland in 1927 is known to be on the program of the Prince of Wales. Irishmen who met the Prince in London at St. Patrick's Day celebrations have confirmed reports to this effect.

The Prince has been invited to visit for an official visit next year, but he is understood to be anxious to extend his visit to southern Ireland, mainly for reasons of sport. The Prince is personally popular in southern Ireland, but responsible quarters feel the time has not arrived when a formal visit would be free from embarrassment and even danger.



Spectacular fire which destroyed four tanks and three derricks, injuring four men, at the Signal Hill oil fields, Long Beach, Calif., recently. The damage was \$250,000. The blaze started by the friction in a column of gas escaping through a leak.