

Canada from Coast to Coast

Charlottetown, P.E.I.—The value of the raw fur production of Canada for the season 1924-1925 was \$15,441,564, compared with \$15,848,817 for the season of 1923-1924, according to preliminary Government reports. The total number of pelts of fur-bearing animals taken during the season 1924-1925 was 3,820,326, a slight decrease from the previous year. Prince Edward Island still leads as the most important producer of ranch-bred silver fox pelts.

Yarmouth, N.S.—Interest has lately been aroused in the fact that large quantities of eel grass suitable for certain commercial purposes, are found washed ashore on the coast of Nova Scotia. Each tide brings in a generous quantity of leaves or blades, which are torn off the vast underwater meadows by the action of the waves. This is hauled out of reach of the waves by ox teams and spread out to dry. The main centre of the industry lies along the shore between Pubnico and Yarmouth where there are 14 gathering stations. The annual output is about 3,000 tons, for which the harvester is paid from 50 to \$12 a ton.

Quebec, Que.—Authorization has been given by the Provincial Government to the Shawinigan Water and Power Co. for the construction of a power line from Quebec to Ile Malgou, in the Saguenay district. It is believed that the entire work of construction of the line, including the cables, the cutting of the necessary right-of-way through the forest, the digging of trenches and ditches, will cost in the neighborhood of \$6,000,000.

Tillsonburg, Ont.—The Regal Oil Refinery Co., Ltd., have ordered the necessary material for the erection of two units of their plant at Tillsonburg and expect to be in operation by the beginning of August. Two more units are planned for the following two months, which will make the total expenditure on buildings and machinery over \$1,000,000. They will manufacture gasoline from petroleum by the Dub's oil-cracking process. They will also erect a plant for making briquettes from coke coal.

Winnipeg, Man.—At the Dairy Show held in London, England, Canada carried off the premier awards for butter, according to cable advice received here. In the salted class, an Edmonton dairy won first prize and the second award went to the Shoal Lake, Man., creamery. In the unsalted class, the Dominion again won the premier award, a Regina creamery being the successful contestant.

Regina, Sask.—Eighty-seven per cent. of the settlers under the Soldier Settlement Board have made payments in the current collection period, and 83 per cent. of the amount due has been collected, according to the chairman of the Board. The three district offices of Saskatchewan lead in respect to percentage of settlers who have paid: Saskatoon with 90 per cent. and Regina and Prince Albert each have 94 per cent.

Edmonton, Alta.—About four thousand men have been placed on Alberta farms this spring and the demand has not been fully met, so Walter Smitten, Commissioner of Labor, reports.

Esquimaux, B.C.—In anticipation of the completion of the new Government dry dock here, Yarrow's Limited, are preparing to establish a ship-repairing plant next to the graving basin. The plant will be constructed in units. Work is being rushed in order to have the equipment installed by the time the dry dock is ready for business.



Rev. John Macleod

Veteran missionary among the Indians of the western provinces who received the degree of LL.B. at Winnipeg last week. He started his studies for the degree in Toronto nearly forty years ago.

Progress in Dairying.

Ottawa.—In less than 20 years the dairy production of Canada has increased in value from \$94,000,000 to \$800,000,000.

Dr. Riddick, Canadian Government Dairy Commissioner, in a recent statement, points out that the returns from dairying in Canada are greatly in excess of the revenue from the mines which last year produced minerals to the value of \$209,583,406.

Though Ontario and Quebec are the chief centres of dairying in Canada, it is also a profitable industry in each of the provinces. In recent years the Prairie Provinces of Western Canada have made remarkable progress and are now large exporters of butter.

Prisons in England Have Decreased by One-Half

Montreal, Que.—Prisons in England have decreased by one-half, and the number of inmates by two-thirds, according to Captain Casey, head of the Anglican Church Army Mission, now visiting Montreal.

Captain Casey is a visiting chaplain to His Majesty's prisons in England. At one time, said Captain Casey, there were 68 prisons and 30,000 inmates behind lock and key. To-day there are 33 prisons in England and only 10,000 inmates.

Home is Burned Down as Father Goes to Jail

Ottawa.—While George Post of Washington, charged with selling liquor to Indians, was being tried before Magistrate Clark, his house was burned down, and his family of 11 children were rendered homeless. Post was convicted and sentenced to four months in jail. His eldest daughter is 21 years of age, and a cripple, and the youngest is a child of 2 years. The smaller children were taken to the Children's Aid Society at Barrie, and neighbors are looking after the others.



Miss Ivy Snape

of Guelph, Ontario, who went out to Edmonton for the recent Alberta musical festival and won first prize in soprano singing.

Scientist Finds Egypt Had "Cinderella Queen"

Chicago.—Ancient Egypt had a cinderella for a queen in Tiy, Professor James H. Breasted, noted Egyptologist of the University of Chicago, recently returned from Egypt, has disclosed.

Interpreting the inscription of a carab stone, reported that Queen Tiy, who in spite of her lowly birth was taken to wed by King Amenhotep III, who reigned from 1411 to 1325 B.C., was snubbed by the aristocracy of the court, the king ordered the snobbish courtiers to wear around their neck stones that they should remember that Tiy was his wife.

British Railway Companies Figure Their Strike Losses

London.—The gross losses suffered by the four big railway companies of Great Britain as a result of the general strike and the coal miners' strike amount to \$6,490,000, according to the Railway Gazette. The Gazette points out that prior to May 1 the receipts of each of the railway companies for the current year up to that date were substantially higher than for the corresponding period of 1925. The returns for the week ending May 23 show that these increases are more than wiped out.

BOMB AS WEDDING GIFT KILLS BRIDEGROOM

Father of Bride Instantly Killed While Daughter is Seriously Hurt.

Muskegon, Mich.—Federal and State authorities joined in a hunt for the sender of a bomb, delivered through the mail, which killed two men and wounded a girl. The dead are: August Krubach, owner of the Three Lakes Tavern, a prominent politician, and supervisor of Blue Lake Township, and William Frank, aged 20, who was to marry Krubach's daughter, Janet, aged 19, Saturday.

The bomb wrecked the tavern a few minutes after delivery by a postman. Krubach was killed instantly. He was standing over the package containing the bomb, unwrapping it, and pulled a string which exploded the bomb. Frank died while being taken to the hospital. Miss Krubach was rushed to a hospital, where doctors reported her condition serious.

Officers say the bomb was sent either by a rival of Frank's, who had learned of extensive plans made for his wedding Saturday, or by a political enemy of the girl's father.

Reservoir Gives Way Flooding Town in Japan

Akita, Japan.—Official announcement as made that 114 houses were washed away when the town of Kirurura was swept by a flood released when an irrigation reservoir gave way. The bodies of five men and thirteen women have been discovered in the wreckage.

It is believed the loss of life will be comparatively small, as the disaster took place in the daytime, giving the people a chance to flee to safety.

Last Command of War is to be Sold in France

Paris.—French soldier-authors are holding a sale of their books, as well as of various souvenirs, among which the most interesting is the last official communiqué issued by the French Army on Nov. 11, 1918. The communiqué is the original signed by Marshal Petain—then a General—and bears the manuscript sentence under his signature, "Closed on account of victory," which Petain added in his own hand.

HEROISM OF FOREMAN SAVES SIXTY-THREE MEN TRAPPED IN COAL MINE

Seranton, Pa.—Sixty-three men trapped in the 11-foot vein of Mount Lookout colliery of the Temple Anthracite Co. at Wyoming, near here, were saved from death by suffocation by the heroism of Thomas Hielop, assistant mine foreman, whose quick wit and courage made successful the only possible plan to spare the lives of the entrapped men.

Fire broke out in the timbering about 20 feet from the mouth of the shaft, a dangerous spot for a mine fire, as it received the full impact of the forced air pumped into the mines for ventilation. It was discovered by men working in the lower levels, who noticed the smoke being drawn into the shaft.

Hielop was outside when the fire was reported and immediately went below. His son, Robert, employed at

the foot of the shaft, was fighting the blaze when the father rushed through the flames to give warning. The son followed and aided in the rescue. Realizing that it would take only a matter of minutes to fill the entire workings with the suffocating smoke, Hielop and his son battled their way through until they reached the doors leading from the main tunnel to the chambers. They threw open these doors, on right and left of the main tunnel, diverting the air current and causing it to carry the smoke back to the shaft.

Hielop then rushed from chamber to chamber on each side, covering a distance of almost 3,000 feet, warning the workmen. The foreman held the 63 men in an abandoned section for more than five hours, when rescue crews succeeded in getting through the flames, and fire fighters extinguished the fire.

REBERGS PLENTIFUL ON ATLANTIC LANES

Ships Using Northern Routes Warned to be Extra Cautious at This Season

Halifax, N.S.—Information brought to port by the United States patrol steamer Modoc, Capt. Wolf, which arrived from the ice patrol, is that the North Atlantic steamer lanes are infested with icebergs and that the ice is much farther south than at the same time last year.

The oceanographers on the Modoc said the ice was coming down from the north, moving fast and in great quantities, and offered consolation by pointing out that it would disappear much earlier. A normal season was forecast from June on. All steamers using the northern lanes had been warned to be extra cautious of icebergs.

Alfonso Will Display Polo Skill in England

London.—King Alfonso of Spain this summer will show his kinsman, the Prince of Wales, how to mount a horse and keep his seat. Alfonso is to play polo at Hurlingham and some of the other fashionable clubs in England. He plays the game with the utmost nerve, dashing with zest into tight places after the ball, notwithstanding the flying mallets and the plunging ponies. The King has been injured several times by his daring and in consequence of pleas in Spain that he be more careful he gave assurance that he would slacken up somewhat on the spirit he threw into the game.

Alfonso, who has not been to London in years, will be accompanied by Queen Victoria and Princess Beatrix, their eldest daughter. The Princess is 17 years old and is a good horsewoman.

Germany Constructing Largest Rotor Ship

Berlin.—While Anton Plettner is lecturing in the United States on his invention of the rotor ship, the German navy has launched the Barbara, the largest rotor ship ever constructed.

The Barbara is 300 feet long, 43 feet wide amidships and has a displacement of 2,800 tons. It is expected to average ten miles an hour.

The sailing vessel of the same dimensions is nearing completion so that the Navy Department may be able to make exact comparisons as to the efficiency of the two types of wind-propelled ships.

Canadians Contribute to French Franc Fund

Montreal, Que.—Announcement was made by the committee for the stabilization of the French franc fund of the subscription of 100,000 francs by the Bank of Montreal. This carries the total amount to date to 475,000 francs, as a result of the Canadian campaign.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS REPORT SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN NET EARNINGS

Montreal.—Net earnings for the month of April, 1926, of \$2,551,330.41 not only show an increase of \$1,296,798.11, or 103 per cent., over the same month of 1925, but also set up a new record in net earnings announced for any April since amalgamation, according to figures issued at Canadian National Railways headquarters.

At the same time, net earnings for the first four months of 1926 of \$9,689,217.59, an increase of \$6,914,435.35, or 157 per cent., over the corresponding period of 1925, constitute a record for net earnings over any similar period since the amalgamation of the Canadian National System.

Gross earnings during month of April, 1926, on the National System, amounted to \$19,497,542, as compared with \$17,656,899 in April, 1925, an increase of \$1,840,643, or 10.4 per cent. Operating expenses amounted to \$16,946,211.59, an increase of \$642,854.89, or 3.3 per cent., over April, 1925.

A drop in the operating ratio from 92.89 per cent. in April, 1925, to 86.91 per cent. in April, 1926, was also accomplished.

Equally encouraging are the results for the first four months of the year. Gross earnings from Jan. 1 to April 30, 1926, amounted to \$76,501,905, an increase of \$7,408,462, or 10.7 per cent., as compared with the first four months of 1925. Operating expenses amounted to \$66,812,587.47 during the first four months of 1926, an increase of \$1,494,026.65, or 2.3 per cent. over the corresponding period of 1925. Net earnings for the first four months were \$9,689,217.53, as against \$2,774,782.18 during the same period of 1925, an increase of \$6,914,435.35, or 157 per cent.

The operating ratio during the first four months of 1926 was 87.33 per cent., as compared with 94.54 per cent. during the corresponding period last year.

THE WEEK'S MARKETS

TORONTO

Wheat—No. 1 North, \$1.64; No. 2 North, \$1.59; No. 3 North, \$1.54.

Man. oats—No. 2 (W.), nominal; No. 3, not quoted; No. 1 feed, 40%; No. 2 feed, 48%; Western grain quotations in c.i.f. bay ports.

Am. corn, track, Toronto—No. 2 yellow, 85c; No. 3 yellow, 82c.

Millfeed—Del., Montreal: freights, lags included: Bran, per ton, \$31.25; shorts, per ton, \$33.25; middlings, \$40.25; good feed flour, per bag, \$2.30.

Ont. oats—44 to 46c, f.o.b. shipping points.

Ont. good milling wheat—\$1.36 to \$1.38, f.o.b. shipping points, according to freights.

Barley, malting—62 to 64c. Buckwheat—No. 2, 72c. Rye—No. 2, 55c.

Man. flour—First pat., \$9, Toronto; do, second pat., \$8.50.

Ont. flour—Toronto, 90 per cent. pat., per barrel, in carlots, Toronto, \$5.90; seaboard, in bulk, \$6.

Straw—Carlots, per ton, \$9 to \$9.50. Screenings—Standard, re-cleaned, f.o.b. bay ports, per ton, \$22.50.

Cheese—New, large, 20c; twins, 21c; triplets, 22c; Stiltons, 23c. Old, large, 25c; twins, 26c; triplets, 27c.

Butter—Finest creamery prints, 38 to 39c; No. 1 creamery, 36c; No. 2, 34c; No. 3, 32c. Dairy prints, 27c to 29c.

Eggs—Fresh extras, in cartons, 36 to 37c; fresh extras, loose, 35c; fresh firsts, 32c; fresh seconds, 28 to 29c.

Live poultry—Chickens, spring, lb., 60c; chickens, lb., 22c; hens, over 4 to 5 lbs., 22c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 20c; roosters, 20c; ducklings, 5 lbs. and up, 30c; turkeys, 30c.

Dressed poultry—Chickens, spring, lb., 65c; chickens, lb., 27c; hens, over 4 to 5 lbs., 26c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 25c; roosters, 25c; ducklings, 5 lbs. and up, 35c; turkeys, 40c.

Beans—Can. hand-picked, \$2.60 per bushel; primes, \$2.40 per bushel.

Maple produce—Syrup, per imp. gal., \$2.30 to \$2.40; per 5-gal., \$2.25 to \$2.30 per gal.; maple sugar, lb., 25 to 26c; maple syrup, new, per gal., \$2.40.

Honey—50-lb. tins, 11c to 12c per lb.; 10-lb. tins, 11c to 12c; 5-lb. tins, 12 to 12c; 2 1/2-lb. tins, 14 to 14c.

Smoked meats—Hams, med., 32 to 34c; cooked hams, 48 to 50c; smoked

sausage, 22c; cottage, 25 to 27c; breakfast bacon, 22 to 25c; special brand, 25 to 28c; back, 33 to 35c; house, 33 to 35c.

Cured meats—Long clear bacon, 50 to 70 lbs., \$24.25; 70 to 90 lbs., \$23.75; 20 lbs. and up, \$22.54; lightweight rolls in barrels, \$42.50; heavyweight rolls, \$39.50 per bbl.

Lard—Pure tierces, 17c to 18c; tubs, 18 to 18c; pails, 18c to 19c; prints, 20 to 21c; shortening, tierces, 14c to 15c; tubs, 15 to 15c; pails, 16 to 16c; blocks, 17 to 17c.

Heavy steers, choice, \$7.50 to \$8.25; do, good, 17 to \$7.25; butcher steers, choice, \$7 to \$8; butchers, choice, \$6.50 to \$7.50; do, good, \$6.00 to \$6.50; do, common, \$5.00 to \$5.50; butcher cows, choice, \$5.50 to \$6.50; do, fair to good, \$4 to \$5.25; butcher bulls, good, \$5 to \$6.25; Holsteins, \$3.50 to \$4; canners and cutters, \$2.50 to \$3.50; springers, choice, \$95.00 to \$115.00; med. cows, \$45 to \$60; feeders, good, \$6.50 to \$7.50; do, fair, \$5 to \$6; calves, choice, \$11 to \$12.50; do, good, \$9.50 to \$10.50; do, lights, \$5 to \$7.50; good lambs, \$14 to \$15; do, medium, \$12.50 to \$13; do, culls, \$10 to \$11.50; good light sheep, \$8 to \$9; heavy sheep and bucks, \$5.50 to \$6.50; tops, thick smooths, fed and watered, \$14.35 to \$14.50; do, f.o.b., \$13.75 to \$13.90; do, country points, \$13.50 to \$13.65; do, off cars, \$14.75 to \$14.90; select premiums, \$2.81 to \$2.86.

MONTREAL

Oats, Con. West, No. 2, 62c; No. 3, 57c; extra No. 1 feed, 54c.

Flour, Man. spring wheat, 1st, 1st, \$9; 2nd, \$8.50; strong bakers', \$9.30; winter oats, choice, \$6.75; \$6.80.

Rolled oats, bags, 90 lbs., \$3.10. Bran, \$31.25. Shorts, \$33.25. Middlings, \$40.25. Hay, No. 2, per ton, car lots, \$14.50.

Cheese—Finest wests, 18c; finest easts, 18 to 18c. Butter—No. 1 pasteurized, 34c to 34c. Eggs—Fresh extras, 36c; fresh firsts, 34c. Potatoes—Quebec, per bag, car lots, \$2.30 to \$2.40.

Cows, med., \$4.25 to \$5; bulls, com. and med., \$4.50 to \$5.50; calves, choice, \$10.50; do, ordinary, \$7 to \$8; hogs, \$14.75 to \$15.25; sows, \$11 to \$11.50.

Cold Spell in France Shakes Faith in Moon

Paris.—As if the steadily falling franc was not sufficient to life's discomfort, France is being aggravated by what apparently is a permanently fallen thermometer. About 50 degrees Fahrenheit seems the highest the mercury can reach in the daytime and 40 at night. And there is freezing weather on anything like high ground.

The month's cold spell has shaken French faith in one of the strongest popular traditions by continuing after the waning of the "lune rousse." This is the "red-brown moon." After Easter it is credited with turning young vegetation a rusty color. No Frenchman, educated or uneducated, expects fine weather until its reign is over. Its departure this year, however, failed to bring the confidently expected change.

Britain's New Princess is Guest of the Queen

London.—Little Princess Elizabeth, baby daughter of the Duke of York, second son of the King, was a guest at a luncheon in honor of the fifty-ninth birthday of Queen Mary at Buckingham Palace.

The baby Princess's nurse carried her charge to the Palace gate and showed her to a number of women and girls gathered there. The Queen received many presents of flowers, and telegrams, including many from the various regiments with which she is associated. Throughout the city flags were hoisted and bells were rung in her honor.

South Africa Rallies Behind Flag of England

Cape Town, South Africa.—Agitation against the proposed creation of a South African flag is growing. Protest meetings are being held all over the country. Union Jacks are appearing outside the shops and on motorcars, and many persons are wearing the British colors on their coats.

The Cape Times states that the Herzog government will not proceed with the flag bill at this session of the House of Assembly.

Ontario Student Winner of Drake Prize at McGill

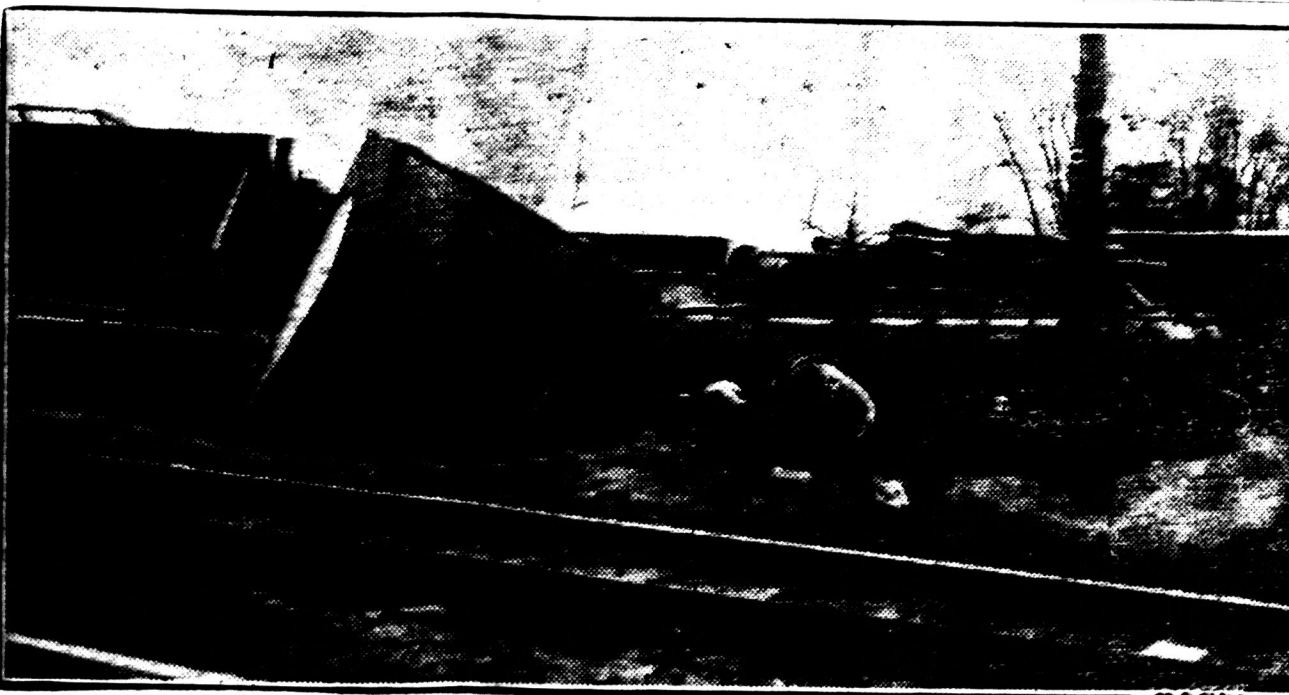
Montreal, Que.—Hilton John McKeown, of Russell, Ont., has been adjudged winner of the Joseph Morley Drake prize for the student of McGill University making the highest number of marks in pathology in the fourth year medical examinations.

With the First Arbutus.

Pink, small, and punctual. Aromatic, low. Covert in April. Candid in May.

Dear to the moss. Known by the knoll. Next to the robin In every human soul.

Bold little beauty. Bedecked with thee. Nature forswears Antiquity —Emily Dickinson.



ENGINEER DIES OF INJURIES IN DERAILMENT

Above is shown the locomotive of the Buffalo-Toronto express which left the rails near Stony Creek Friday morning when it struck some bags of cement dropped by a truck. The engineer, T. Robinson, was killed and two other members of the crew were injured.