

Voice of the Press

Canada, The Empire and The World at Large

How Canada Came Through

Canada has come successfully through the serious depression in less than half a century. Considering population and resources some of the earlier depressions were perhaps graver than the one through which we are now passing. In many respects that of 1857 was the most severe in our history. But Canada survived them all and passed on to greater heights of prosperity. To present depression seems to be lifting, and there is every reason to believe that economically our future will follow the history of the past. This depression requires to be looked at in its proper perspective. Our previous experiences are described in a pamphlet entitled: "Canada Comes Through," by Mr. F. S. Chalmers, editor of the Financial Post, Toronto. These articles are an antidote to pessimism and give reason for confidence in the future.—Toronto Mail and Empire.

Weeds Are Expensive

Just how serious is the loss occasioned to Canada agriculture by the weed nuisance is shown by the report of the Associated Committee on Weed Control of the Canadian Research Council. This body which has been investigating the more important causes of weed infestation, reports that with particular attention to the western provinces, the report declares that 13 per cent. is a very conservative estimate of the crop loss due to weeds and taking the average wheat yield on the prairies to be three hundred million bushels, the cost at a rate of two hundred million bushels and the barley yield at one hundred million bushels the committee estimates that at current prices weeds mean a loss of \$10,000,000 a year to agriculture. In three provinces apparently causes little concern.—Peterborough Examiner.

Dangerous Holiday

There is no more foolish vacation than an automobile trip that requires too fast or too long driving. It is much more comfortable as well as much safer, to plan an easy driving schedule.—Peterborough Examiner.

British-Made Cars Excelled

A terrific contest for automobiles was conducted recently when the International Alpine trials were held. There were contests for four grades of cars, which had to drive over a long, steep and tortuous course through the Alps, a grueling trial of speed and mechanical efficiency. Competitors were not permitted to put fresh water in their radiators, the ability to negotiate the hills without a "roll over" being one of the factors considered in the race. British-made cars were one, two, three in every class, and some times four, five and six as well. There were cars from France, Germany, Italy and other countries in the competition and they were simply "blotted out." British workmanship is rarely surpassed by that of other nations.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Handshake Dangerous

Because Americans, Englishmen, Germans, Dutchmen, Swedes, Lithuanians, Poles, Danes, Armenians, Serbians, Croats, Estonians, Syrians, Letts, Icelanders, Norwegians and especially the Japanese think it is essential, many modern Frenchmen have abandoned the ancient and honorable Gallic custom of greeting friends with a resounding kiss on the cheek or jaw. "Trous" says. So widespread has become the custom of shaking hands in France that the august Academie de Medecine was asked recently for an opinion. Weighing the academic considerations, then over the valuable opinion of a youthful military delivered these decisions: (1) the country man's hands carry fewer germs than the city man's, but (2) more germs change carriers during a handshake than during a perfunctory peck of the lips; hence (3) the handshake is more dangerous than the kiss.—Border Cities Star.

Too Quick With the Plow

In Brant County, a farmer was disgusted with the prices paid for strawberries, and he ploughed up his plants and put in something else. In Niagara district, the fruit growers pre-cooled and refrigerated their strawberries and opened up a new market in Winnipeg. There's a difference. The viewpoint of one was pessimistic and destructive, whilst the other fruit growers were optimistic and constructive. The optimists were quick thinkers with initiative, while the pessimist was the man with the hoe.—Sherbrooke Record.

Conversation

There are few conversations to be desired above the art of a skilled and interesting conversationalist. Judged by the multiplicity of examples the term is discourteously misunderstood. So many folks seem to think that wind and words make conversation. They blather about inconsequential things. Their victims are given no opportunity to drop a suggestion nor to express an opinion. That is one reason why so many intelligent and highly educated people talk so little.—Brandon Sun.

Centenarians

The census returns account for 163 centenarians in Ontario. We have no details of the ages, but probably several of them are well beyond the century. There are 74 men and 89 women in the list indicating that women are the most tenacious. The return shows that about one person in 15,000 has a chance to become a centenarian in the province.—Hamilton Herald.

Value of Fat

A notable fact is that diet plays a most important part in combating tuberculosis. After the German occupation of Warsaw there was an alarming increase in tuberculosis, because the Germans removed as much fat as of all kinds as they could with which to make high explosives. When the people of Warsaw were able to return to a diet containing sufficient fat, the tuberculosis declined rapidly. It is generally accepted that a diet rich in fat constitutes a definite protection against tuberculosis. Efforts made to reduce diet in factories are also cited as a contributory cause of the decline, as well as sanitation, water supply, and personal hygiene.—Montreal Star.

The Empire

Today we have a tale of the new Restlessness that has come over the Empire, culminating in the departure of two Pitcairn maidens to seek careers in New Zealand. No longer are they content, like their forbears, "In the hollow Lotusland to live and be content." On the hills like gods together, care-free and free from all world of action but are fed away to that world of action where the gods smile in secret. So it is and has always been. The men of the Bounty found their Lotusland; their descendants weary of it, for the heart of man is never satisfied since he came out of Eden. Another generation will come that has "had enough of action and of motion" and long for rest and ease and forgetfulness and the influence of mild-mannered melancholy. But alas! Lotusland grows ever more difficult to find. There is no escape from the sea and the hills.—London Evening News.

Loans to Austria

During the weekend it was announced that the League of Nations had granted Austria a loan of \$2,000,000. One third of this amount will be furnished by Great Britain. This money is being diverted from our own needs and interests in the Empire to bolster up a country that no longer maintains national credit. Competition, but whose products thus subsidized will directly compete with ours. Every one knows that Austria must eventually be taken into a Customs Union with Germany. Berlin intends to absorb her. To continue to lend money to Austria is only to add to the benevolent golden strait which has been the source of her financial disaster.—London Daily Express.

Australia's Recovery

During the eight years to June, 1930, the net excess of exports over imports was sixty-two millions. That is to say, during these years we not only did not lose money, but we actually gained interest; we slipped sixty-two millions still further back. That we should this year be able not only to pay all our interest but to have a surplus of millions as well is a performance to which we are surely entitled to, at least, call the world's attention.—Sydney Bulletin.

Pineapple Market

As it is the custom of the West India Trade Agreement gives a preference of two cents per lb. on canned pineapple from any of these colonies, but where, may we ask, is the pineapple? Jamaica, the colony from which some American investors obtained three thousand pine suckers in 1882, watch they shipped to the Hawaiian Islands, and upon which an enormous industry, one that provides fruits for fifteen canning factories in that American dependency, has been built up, has not taken advantage of Canada's generous offer to assist her to establish an industry which should be worth a considerable sum to island producers. The value of pineapple culture and canning to Hawaii is approximately \$5,000,000 dollars per annum.—Kingston Gleaner (Jamaica).

New Penal Code in Spain

Abolishes Death Penalty. Madrid—A new civil penal code which includes a clause abolishing the death penalty was adopted by the Spanish Parliament recently. The constitution is silent on the subject of the death penalty, which is left to the civil and military penal codes. The military code will continue to include the death penalty although the fact that the sentence imposed recently on Gen. Jose Sanjurjo, leader of the Rorralist revolt, was commuted to life imprisonment, indicates that a new code eventually will abolish execution.

"Our generation is too drunk and infatuated with formulas."—Andre Maurois.

Jimmy Walker's Successor



Here we see Joseph V. McKee, successor to New York's political mayor, Jimmy Walker. No trouble at all, he was president of the board of aldermen and just moved up a peg and automatically filled the post.

A Shorter Workweek

By Frank Morrison, Secretary American Federation of Labor. The important question in our country is an understanding by efficient workers of the forces that are bringing economic changes. . . . The same forces are driving industry to a five-day week basis and a shorter workday. The tendency is irresistible, and labor is daily securing recruits from citizens outside of their ranks to its demand for a shorter workday; and a shorter workweek. The present business depression with 11,000,000 idle workmen is the best defense of our shorter workweek demand. While the five-day week is necessary, labor has no illusion that this will be voluntarily granted by the great majority of employers. The workers expect to go over the same ground they traveled when they attacked the ten, nine and eight hour workdays, when they urged workmen's compensation, safety in mine, and factory, free public schools and other advances that are now accepted as part of our social life.

Machinery in Society

By William N. Doak, United States Secretary of Labor, in an Address at the Syracuse State Fair. Machinery has been a boon to employer, to worker and consumer; but its real purposes must never be lost sight of, for when they are, machinery becomes the destroyer and not the builder of the hopes of every worker to earn the wherewithal not only for himself but for his family, but as well such luxuries as will keep him and them up to the standards of normal American life. The continuation and extension of this modern giant must be accompanied with a well-balanced humanitarian and economic program to prevent us from reaching a state of social disaster. The income received through the source of salaries and wages must be so balanced that all have the means of a livelihood. Such a plan will prevent the collapse of our social fabric which would otherwise destroy our advanced civilization. The machine age has made possible, this can best be safeguarded by increased wages, shorter workdays and shorter workweeks, thereby equitably distributing the fruits of mechanization. This plan has my unqualified endorsement.

Barmore Christening Party



The Barmore clan had an informal gathering for the christening of John Elvyn Barmore, son of John and Dolores. Present were Ethel Dolores, Dolores Costello Barmore, John Barmore, and Dolores Costello (with Baby John) and Lionel Barmore pose for the camera-man.

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British Railway Installs New Style Cafeteria

London.—The London Midland Scottish Railway has put into service a new type of cafeteria car, designed in design and equipment. The introduction of this type of vehicle, on which the passenger can spend as little as five or as much as he desires, has been engendered by the company's wish to provide railway catering facilities in accordance with present-day economic conditions. The cars are run on strictly cafeteria principles, customers serving themselves, while the traveling party is excluded by a two-third inch partition. The cars are run on strictly cafeteria principles, customers serving themselves, while the traveling party is excluded by a two-third inch partition. The cars are run on strictly cafeteria principles, customers serving themselves, while the traveling party is excluded by a two-third inch partition.

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Trace Found of New Particle of Matter

New York.—Identification of what may be a new ultimate particle of matter was announced recently by Dr. Carl D. Anderson, associate of Dr. Robert A. Millikan of California Institute of Technology. It is an extremely light positive charge of electricity, seemingly about 1,800 times less in mass than previously observed positive charges.

Beyond Him

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Moscow Notes

SOVIET TOURS ATTRACT. Summer is high tourist season in Moscow, and groups of American motorists, which are the Soviet state travel agencies, are to be seen in the city. The tourists are to be seen in the city. The tourists are to be seen in the city. The tourists are to be seen in the city. The tourists are to be seen in the city.

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