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CANADA

THE ART OF LISTENING

The art of listening, like the art of thinking, is an achievement. It is not everybody that can listen carefully, and learn thereby. Perhaps it is because few people can converse well enough to hold the average person's attention. There is something to that.

There may be times when one, amongst a crowd of people talking like blue streaks, remains silent. The silent one might be termed a quiet fellow. He may be quiet, yet be a good listener. Engage this quiet person in conversation and it might be surprising how much he knows.

The Chinese may not have a word for it, but the saying that it is better to have two ears and one mouth can be credited to them. Ancient Chinese sages 'said a mouthful' when they uttered that remark.—Regina Leader-Post.

PRAISE FOR CUSTOMS OFFICIALS

Speaking with knowledge of conditions at Portal the News desires to state that the customs officials, both Canadian and American, at that point are the personification of courtesy and kindness to travellers.

They are not only thoughtful of the feelings of tourists, but are veritable mines of information when it comes to answering the thousand and one questions which are shot at them from every angle as they carry out their duties at the border.

There is no special reason why the officials at North and South Portal should differ materially from those at other points, and the News is much inclined to think that if a tourist, crossing the border, is at all reasonable, his troubles will be infinitesimal. —Medicine Hat News.

NO CODDLING WANTED.

There is no disposition among the general public of Canada to molly-coddle the criminal or to waste any sentiment on public enemies—to borrow our neighbor's criminal nomenclature—whose methods of disturbing the peace are of the most violent kind. The gun-toter who holds up a citizen and demands his money or his life deserves the extreme penalty of the law. Kidnapping should be regarded as a capital offense—a few lashes before the noose.—Victoria Times.

STENOGRAPHERS JOIN UP

Two textbooks on evolution, originally listed by the Fort Worth, Tex., Board of Education as approved books have now been stricken from the list with the explanation that they were included through a "stenographer's error." Thus the stenographers join the Great Army of Goats, which is headed by the newspaper reporters who are forever "misquoting" public speakers.—Kingston Whig-Standard.

RULES USELESS UNLESS OBSERVED.

The statement by an eminent British statesman to the effect that he knew of no act of parliament through which he could not drive a coach and six, illustrates the weakness of formulating rules for human conduct provided that there is a determination not to be guided by those rules. —Fort William Times-Journal.

BEGIN TO NEED 'EM'

September is presumably the month when the nudist gentlemen begin trying to recall where they hung up their trousers.—Regia Leader-Post.

THE BARRS GOOD FARMERS

In a year when most farmers are realizing only partial crops the achievement of John Barr of Pakenham in raising 3,200 bushels of grain and 75 tons of alfalfa, all off 110 acres, is amazing. The land is black clay and the excellent results obtained were due to proper drainage. The 110 acres were sown as follows: 35 acres in barley, O.A.C. registered seed, No. 21, which yielded 2,590 bushels, averaging 50 bushels per acre; 20 acres in Marquis registered wheat which produced 700 bushels and the remainder in alfalfa with 75 tons from the first cut and the second cut was sold standing to Mr. Leo Colton of Kinburn, who also purchased all the straw and grain. —Almonte Gazette.

BILLBOARD ADVERTISING

Blotting out a beautiful view is a misdemeanor as harmful to the public interest as many others which arouse a good deal more public indignation.

The reason we do not yet feel that way about it in Canada is because we have not yet made the protection of beauty a sort of passion as they have in England. But the time will come, if it is not already here, when we shall regret the day when we allowed marring objects on the landscape. Besides, the beautiful outdoors is not the place to advertise. It is the place where people should be able to get away from commercialism.

The place to advertise is where the advertising will do most good without offending people and violating amenities. That is in the newspapers.—Winnipeg Tribune.

WHAT THEY LOOK FOR

"Courage!" said five American business leaders when asked by B. C. Forbes, U.S. financial write, to name the quality which they rated first when looking around for responsible aides.

The leaders were: W. P. Chrysler, president of Chrysler Corporation; T. M. Girdler, president of Republic Steel; Roy D. Chapin, president of Hudson Motors; John Hayes Hammond, mining engineer, and William O'Neil, president of General Tire and Rubber Co.

Forbes put his question to 51 nationally known business executives and corporation heads. When 12 of them named "Character" as the quality most to be desired in responsible subordinates, Forbes remarked:

"I neglected to ban character as being too general, too all-embracing. Consequently, more cited character than any other one quality. Which would you guess, ranks next? Courage. Incidentally, my observation and experience have impelled me to conclude that the one outstanding characteristic most common among men who have achieved notability is courage."

Among the 12 who listed character first were John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Gerald Swope, R. E. Olds and Colby M. Chester, Jr.

Loyalty was given first place by Charles M. Schwab, M. H. Aylesworth and two others.

Pierre S. Dupont and Alvan Macauley were two of the three who named reliability as the quality most to be sought.

Adolph S. Ochs, publisher of the New York Times, and three other executives gave honesty as the most desired quality in an aide.

George F. Kettering and Sewell L. Avery, head of the Montgomery Ward, ranked intelligence first.

Eugene V. Grace, head of Bethlehem Steel, said "Concentration."

Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., head of General Motors, said "Honest Thinking."

F. H. Ecker, head of Metropolitan Life, said "Industriousness."—Financial Post.

THE EMPIRE

SENSATION IN MAYFAIR.

Lady Dalrymple-Champneys' butterfly transfer just below her left shoulder was one of the features of the week-end.

ROYAL ROMANCE.

The nation received with deepest gratification the announcement of His Majesty's approval of the betrothal of his youngest son. Prince George is known to many of his father's subjects for his interest in the social welfare of the people, his keen sense of duty, his taste for letters—he is perhaps the most bookish of the younger generation of Royalty—and his interest in music, both serious and light.—London Daily Telegraph.

NEW YORK (ENG.)

To the Briton, one of the charms of travel in North America is that he is liable at any time to find himself upon his own doorstep, so to speak. A Bristolian in Bristol (Pa.), or an Oxonian who finds (amid many O's) that Ohio has an Oxford too feels a kinding of the "hands across the sea" feeling. A suggestion has just been made that residents in similarly named towns in Britain and America should exchange greetings and visits. Americans arriving here would find familiar names less obvious than Boston or Washington. In Yorkshire there is actually a New York, and there are three Broadways in various parts of the country, all delightfully remote from the "great white way."—London Daily Mail.

EMPIRE DEFENCE?

Sir Maurice Hankey, Secretary of the Cabinet and also of the Committee of Imperial Defence, left London on Friday on a journey of some months, which will take him to South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and Canada. It seems certain, however, that whatever truth there may be in these interesting and possibly significant attempts to gauge the importance of Sir Maurice Hankey's journey, his visits to the self-governing Dominions should at least prove a very useful preparation for direct conversations between the statesmen of the Empire in the coming year, the opportunity for such conversations being provided by the ceremonies in London in connection with the silver jubilee of the King's accession.—Yorkshire Post.

"BROTHERS ALL."

An unsympathetic Mayor at Rangoon has publicly deplored this "football fever" which, he finds, has even spread to the Corporation staff. If "even" in this complaint is to be interpreted as "at last" the Mayor will find that Calcutta and other towns on this side of the Bay of Bengal are decades ahead of Burma. Staffs in India have long been skilled in the art of getting off early when there is a good reason for it. One evening, says the Mayor of Rangoon, he found that the telephone operator, the lift-boy and the durwan had all disappeared. The implication, we take it, is that they had left their posts to see a game. Unless the evidence is clear (and the Rangoon message makes no reference to the evidence) indictments of that kind may be dangerous. How does the Mayor know that had he questioned them next morning he might not have discovered that they were all absent together not because they wanted to watch football, but because they had all been suddenly called away by news that a grandfather, or a grandfather's brother, had been taken with influenza? There is always a great deal of influenza about every abroad in the rains and football season, and the grandparent generation is peculiarly susceptible to the germ. This has been noticed by employers again and again between Mondays and Fridays (both inclusive). —Calcutta Statesman.

After The Betrothal

Prince George is shown motoring with Princess Marina of Greece shortly after their engagement was announced. They are shown leaving the Hotel de l'Europe. The Prince and his fiancee, Princess Marina, left from Bled for Munich, en route to London. The Royal couple were accompanied by Prince Paul of Yugoslavia, their host at his castle near Bled where the engagement was announced.

We're not at all sure whether our readers (both of them) agree with us, in that the short, short short, etc., stories we relate each week about present and past favourites of the air are interesting or not, but, yes or no, here goes another this week.

We select as our hero one of the finest singers of semi-classic songs to ever appear on the air. Franklyn Baur was holding down the spotlight on the Firestone half-hour, and a spot-light which was destined to glow stronger as the years passed, burning down on such names as John Charles Thomas, (in our humble estimation the finest baritone, thrilling us with his voice), and Lawrence Tibbett. Well, to get on with our tale, it seems that Harvey Firestone got connected in some way with an large benefit performance, and promised to have the star of his program appear at the same Benefit Performance.

Firestone believed that it was only a question of asking Baur to settle the matter. Mr. Baur seemed to think differently about it though, demanding a thousand dollars to show himself and produce enough music to pass for two songs. Firestone could hardly believe his ears, but felt obliged to pay him. After all, he had promised to have Franklyn Baur sing.

After the H. B. P., Firestone paid Baur the money in silence. So what? Baur was never heard again on the Firestone program, neither was he able to book up with any other sponsor, and as far as radio is concerned now, is absolutely through. Which goes to show quite a few things, figure them out yourselves.

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Have just been listening to the new Camel half-hour and its an ippay. Walter O'Keefe out Bennying Benny, the Casa Loma band, outbanding most everything plus the mostest superest stupendousest singing of the "Man on the Flying Trapeze". The audience joining in each refrain after O'Keefe and it couldn't have been rehearsed; it was that good.

This program will have all the success their last season one missed.

Heard Hal Kemps opening at the Pennsylvania, last Monday. The more I hear his band the more convinced I am that he has the best band of them all. Listen to him play the Continental.

Eddie Stone, one of our reasons for enjoying Isham Jones, has left him to become featured vocalist with another orchestra in another spot. In the meantime, a current monthly Radio magazine features a story concerning Eddie Stone's allegiance, loyalty, devotion, etc., to Isham Jones. Oh, the bitter irony of it all. Jasper, the hemlock.

The fall-winter season of radio is on us and the big names, big programs and big what-have-yous are returning in full force. It looks like the biggest year yet for the ether waves. Speaking of the fall, we understand Roger Baker is to broadcast the World Series for Columbia Bet Al Leary and Co. says, "See, you've gotta have pull tuh get these swell jobs, everybody knows I'm the best baseball announcer anywhere.

March of Time will be on the air by the time you read this column. Friday at 9.00 p.m., over the Columbia B. S.

The Fickshman Hour every week with Vallee and his entertaining musical grab-bag.

Phil Baker on the Armour Program and Edwin C. Hill, Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

That's about all for this week, so Heigh-Ho until next.

How the Cup Was Won 85 Years Ago

An interesting account of how the America's cup was won in 1851 is published by the Scientific American. When the yacht America, it says, arrived in England in 1850-51 her owner, Stevens, published a challenge to sail anything for 1,000 pounds to 10,000 pounds, but he laid down so many stipulations that the challenge was not accepted. Then the Americans appeared to think they were being treated discourteously, and the Royal Yacht Squadron went out of it way to offer a cup valued at 100 pounds to be sailed for—open to all—without conditions or time allowance; course, round Isle of Wight. Now this is the cup that the Americans are pleased to call the Queen's Cup for some reason known only to themselves. Possibly the hall mark on silver in England being a crown, the Yankees assumed that this must be Her Majesty's private totem, In 1851 five Queen's cups were given, not one bearing the slightest resemblance to the Royal Yacht Squadron cup.

August 22 was the eventful day. Fifteen yachts started, ranging from the barque Brilliant, 393 tons, to the cutter Aurora, 47 tons. Only five could be termed racers or ever won a prize. The five were the Freak, Volante, Arrow, Alarm and Aurora. The start was very peculiar. The fleet went one way, the America another. "Round the Isle of Wight" in racing parlance means around the Nab, and then right away. Round the Nab went the Britishers, but the Yankee, to the amusement of the spectators and the disgust of the officials, took no notice of the distant lightship, but headed straight for the corner of the island, scraped over Bembridge Ledge and then took a short line to Culver Cliff, thereby effecting a saving of eleven to thirteen miles. Off Bonhurch the Britishers caught up and the Freak and Volante got to windward of the America.

Then a series of disasters occurred.

The Arrow grounded off Ventnor and the Alarm went to her assistance; off St. Lawrence the Freak fouled the Volante. Thus four of the five racers were out of it. Passing the Needles the America was a long way ahead, but coming up the Solvent the little Aurora gained rapidly and reached Cowe eight minutes behind the America. The Aurora had sailed the course, the America had not, and the Britishers claimed the cup, but the squadron people had omitted to tell the Yankees that they must round the Nab, and they saw no other way out of the difficulty but to hand the cup to the first yacht in.

BABY BORROWS GROWN-UP IDEAS FOR HIS NURSERY

Toys Not Only Amuse Children—But Help Develop Senses of Touch, Sight and Hearing

No modern nursery is limited to pink and blue. Nowadays furniture for the baby includes the periods and patterns that are smart in grown-up rooms and the tiniest member of the family may play and sleep in a room full of Louis XIV. designs or in a nursery done up in Early Colonial manner.

Children's play furniture was the first to be modernized with diminutive chairs and tables copied from full-sized dining suites and dolls' dresses patterned after the chest of drawers in the master bedroom. Later actual furniture for children — not just play pieces—was taken in hand. Much interior decoration thought goes into the room for the new baby.

BRIGHT ROOM.

The dressers bedspread for the crib, pillow covers, screens and rugs for the play pen may be of linen crash, appliqued with fanciful motifs, or in gay chintz or cretonne. Keep the room bright and cheerful—light paint or washable wallpaper on the walls, a neutral toned rug or a washable oilcloth floor covering and decorative but useful lamps.

The little crib should have sides that pull up to keep junior from falling out and the mattresse should be comfortable, but not too soft.

There are high chairs that won't capsize, but which may be let down to make low chairs with play board in front. At meal time the play-board is an adequate dining table for a youngster, and later, when he starts playing with small blocks, it comes in handy again.

The nursery wardrobe should be large enough to hold the layette—drawers for the flat pieces and a compartment in which to hang small dresses and coats on hangers. There are cute little extra chests that fit under a window and hold the article of clothing that are used most frequently. Also night table with drawers to hold the toilet articles belonging to the baby.

SCREEN ALMOST A NECESSITY

A screen is pretty necessary, not decorative, of course, but useful in that, should he not be asleep when the bed nearest the window is placed, keep cold draughts from blowing directly on the sleeping child.

New play rooms are decorated with bright colored wooden toys painted with vegetable dyes that will not injure the baby if he puts them in his mouth.

Modern nursery toys are interesting enough to make the tot actually enjoy this world. Rubber animals are constructed to withstand hot water and soapsuds and rag dolls are washable. New toys are made without no rough corners and for the very tiny baby they're soft as can be. Dolls shouldn't be too heavy lest a child get tired carrying them but, at the same time, they should weigh enough to give the baby adequate exercise when he picks them up.

Every child needs a variety of toys. Different surfaces develop his sense of touch, things to squeeze strengthen tiny muscles, bright colored toys help him to learn distinguish colors and bells train his ear.

Doubled Up With Rheumatism

Could Not Wash Himself Nor Brush His Hair

So bad was his rheumatism that his friends declared he would never work again. Although he is 70 years old, he proved they were wrong. He had what he says:—

"I am seventy years of age. Last Christmas I was completely doubled up with rheumatism. I could not brush my hair nor wash myself. People said I should never work any more. I am working harder than a young man today. Thanks, many thanks to Kruschen Salts. I take them in my tea, and I have recommended them to many. I could not get in or out of bed myself, nor sit up. But see me work now—12 hours a day sometimes. Kruschen Salts have done it."—G. J.

Rheumatic conditions are the result of an excess of uric acid in the body. Two of the ingredients of Kruschen Salts have the power of dissolving uric acid crystals. Other ingredients assist Nature to expel these dissolved crystals through the natural channel. In addition, there are still other salts in Kruschen which prevent food fermentation in the intestines, and thereby check the further accumulation not only of uric acid, but of other body poisons which undermine the health.

Fingerprint'

Montreal—Dr. Rosario Fontaine has raised the ante in this matter of the probability of two persons having identical fingerprints.

Smiling to reporters and quoting a textbook written by Dr. V. Balthazard, dean of the University of Paris and founder of the ballistic section, Dr. Fontaine said:

"The sun has time to become cold and the world in general to pass away, or to be more exact, it would take 2,000,000,000,000,000 centuries before your fingerprint will be similar to those of somebody else.

"Within this trifling number of years," said Dr. Fontaine, who is regarded as perhaps Canada's most distinguished criminologist, "it would be impossible to meet identical fingerprints.

"The average lifetime of a generation is one-half century and, in consequence, it is possible to calculate that approximately 5,000,000,000 men have live throughout a century. Each individual provides the world with 10 personal fingerprints, thus making it possible for scientists or experts to secure, if necessary, 50,000,000,000 fingerprints in 100 years."

Testifying in court, Dr. Fontaine gave the conservative estimate that there is against similar fingerprints one in 64,000,000,000 to one.

If You Eat Starches Meats, Sweets *Read This*

They're All Necessary Foods —But All Acid - Forming. Hence Most of Us Have "Acid Stomach" At Times. Easy Now to Relieve.

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Simply take *Phillips'* Milk of Magnesia after meals. Almost immediately this acts to *neutralize* the stomach acidity that brings on your trouble. You "forget you have a stomach!"

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FINANCIAL FLASHES

Mining Development and Prospects Great Bear Lake Area

A keen international interest is being evidenced in regard to the silver producers and prospects created by favorable markets with rising price levels for the white metal.

Since Cobalt, thirty years ago, the silver discoveries of the Great Bear area have outranked, in tonnage and contained values, any other new silver camp in any part of the world. This area has been frequently likened to a great treasure chest of rare minerals by reliable, seasoned miners who are not given to a superlative use of descriptive adjectives. Old Cobalters compare that "wonder camp" as a poor second to probabilities of the Great Bear area. Where Cobalt's veins, averaged inches in width, with comparatively short lengths, and where shallow seated, Great Bear's will show feet in width, great continuous vein lengths with acknowledged indications that the veins will experience great depths. The mine run of ore contains high silver values sufficient to provide great net profits above the unusual high mining transportation and ore treatment costs. Ore chutes of phenomenally rich ore are encountered with a silver content as high as 10,000 ounces per ton. Cobalt's best hardly equalled this.

Supplementing the silver, the Great Bear ores contain a rich pitchblende carrying a radium content, the equal of any radium ore being mined today.

On account of geographical location the transportation costs are excessive. With expanding mine operations these costs have already, in three years' time, been cut in two and will be further reduced to a point in line with normal production costs. Great Bear is rapidly progressing from the 'pioneer discovery phase' of a new camp to that of a camp with at least three properties in or nearing the productive stage. A source of electric power available locally has been surveyed, possibilities estimated and plans are being prepared to utilize this power in the near future. Transportation problems will be solved with railroad construction just as soon as the camp demonstrates that there is sufficient income to warrant the expenditures of construction and operation. Reliable engineers and executives predict that this will be taken care of in the near future. The Great Bear area has positively passed the initial hazardous pioneer period always experienced by new mining camps, and will, without doubt, progress rapidly to the position of an established community.

Complement to the main Great Bear silver area, the Yellowknife, a new discovery of rich gold has been partially developed, and the Hottah Lake area, a rich uranium oxide and pitchblende discovery (ores of radium) both located south of Great Bear and on the probable railroad line to be constructed.

Among the several properties being worked three have reached an advanced stage of mining development. The Eldorado Mine has erected a modern mining plant and mill, the latter supplemented by a refining plant for radium and silver ore at Port Colborne, Ont. Underground development has put quite a tonnage of high grade ore in sight besides providing for all mill requirements. Exploratory mining work has indicated new and greater bodies of rich ores which will provide ore tonnage for expanding mine operations and definitely establishing the permanency of Eldorado as a profitable producer.

The White Eagle Silver Mine has erected a mining plant and has definitely established a tonnage of ore reserves which warrant the construction of a mill, the installation of which is planned for the immediate future.

The R.E.A.R. Mine at Contact Lake has installed a mining plant following a considerable amount of surface exploration work, supplemented by several thousand feet of diamond drilling. Under-ground development work by means of a 500-foot adit tunnel and a two compartment winze sunk 100 feet below the adit level floor with lateral workings from this horizon, has established a tonnage of high-grade silver and radium ore that warrants a greatly expanded underground mining development campaign and the construction of a mill. The Mine Manager is at present in Toronto in consultation with the management in regard to plans for enlarged mine operations and mill construction. R.E.A.R. holds a 50% equity in the Yellowknife Gold Mines where surface mining exploration work has resulted in discoveries of gold-bearing veins which systematic sampling has given gold values and width of veins which make the Yellowknife a discovery of major importance—as illustrative: Trail sampling provides the following:

Sample A—Across 6 feet gave $51.80 gold per ton.

Sample B—Across 6 feet gave $47.25 gold per ton.

Sample C—Across 26½ feet gave $9.70 per ton.

The Great Bear area holds every promise of equalling and perhaps surpassing "Cobalt" as a "Wonder" silver producer. It may appear to be a distant pioneer today, but events move quickly. Such worth-while merits in profitable mine possibilities make the present handicaps but incidental and they will soon belong to the limbo of the past.

Silver Holds Attention

Keen interest is still evident in the price for the "white metal" and earlier forecasts of higher prices seem to be materializing. The price in both London and New York has hit a new high point for over five years, and further advances are being anticipated by producers and economists. Buying by the United States government is undoubtedly the main factor in the present advance and as they have only purchased a comparatively small proportion of the amount necessary to bring their currency backing up to the 25-75% ratio as authorized by President Roosevelt earlier in the year. The President's recent speech did not make mention of either gold or silver so that the way appears to be left clear for further inflation. At present the government bond problem has been the chief barrier against fore positive silver or gold inflation, but it is expected that this situation will be clarified ere long after which it seems to be likely that further inflationary steps will be taken. At least that seems to be the concensus of opinion among leading financiers and economists. The United States situation is of distinct importance to Canada, particularly as it applies to silver and gold, as any further tinkering along the lines taken earlier in the year, will react to the benefit of our mining industry. It will be interesting to note what action is eventually taken in view of the forecasts which have been made by some of the world's leading economists.

Siscoe Gold Mines Ltd.

For the nine months ending September 30th this company is reported to have earned net profit, after all charges, of $903,045, equal to about 19 cents per share on the outstanding capital stock.

Total bullion produced for the period amounted to $1,552,370.

Silver Trading

It is now definitely stated that Montreal and Toronto Silver Markets will be embraced by one organization as it is recognized that there is not sufficient business to warrant the operation of two separate markets. It is expected that trading will be started shortly and quotations will go out over ticker services origination on the floors of the Toronto and Montreal Exchanges.

Lamaque Contact Mines

An announcement of shaft sinking plans at this company's property in Bourlamaque Township, Quebec, is expected shortly. Diamond drilling, which has been under way for some time, is reported to be giving results of a very encouraging nature and original drilling contract let has been increased. The company is also reported as having acquired a group of claims in the new Sturgeon River Area located south of the United States Smelters holdings and active development of this new group is to be undertaken immediately.

Another Staking Rush

Paul Michell, an Indian, is reported to have brought in rich samples from a find made on the west side of Lake Nipigon, about in line with the new Sturgeon River field. A new staking rush has started to the area, which lies about 65 miles north of Port Arthur. All available planes have been chartered for trips into the field and many prospectors are also going in by boat across Lake Nipigon.

In the meantime, reports from the Sturgeon River field continue to bring news of strikes on the various properties and enthusiasm runs high.

Building Contracts Increase

According to figures compiled by Maclean Building Reports, Ltd., contracts awarded for the month of September amounted to $12,494,000, as compared with $8,356,900 for the same month in 1933, or an increase of 49%. The total for the first nine months of the current year was $98,145,100, which is an increase over the same period last year of 54%, when the figures were $63,430,700. According to the report there is more work now under way than at any time in the past two years.

Rail Revenues Higher

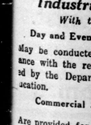
Combined gross revenue of the Canadian Pacific and Canadian National Railways for the month of September amounted to $26,992,269, which compares with $25,256,057 for the same month last year, or an increase of approximately 6.8%. C. P. R.'s increase was equal to about 7.7% and that of Canadian National 6.2%. With the exception of the final period, when C.P.R. reported a decrease, both roads showed an increase each week when compared with the same period last year.

Yellowknife Gold Mines

Major L. T. Burwash, former government geologist and president of this company, in a wire to local officials states, that he has staked 24 claims situated on Yellowknife Bay on which a quartz vein varying in width from one to twenty-four inches, has been uncovered with free gold visible at points along a length of 180 feet. Major Burwash adds that he is staking more claims to cover the area, which will bring the total number of claims staked up to 80.

The company has already made substantial progress with surface exploration on its original holdings in the Great Slave Area, and has traced a vein on this holding for some distance with high grade values being obtained over good widths.

GAS, INDIGESTION



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The Royal Cat Show, which is carrying on traditions of the Canadian National Cat Club of almost 30 years, reports enthusiastic prospects for this year's entry, and the officials of the Canadian Cat Council, under whose auspices the Royal show is held, have the enthusiastic support of American cat fanciers in several states contiguous to the Canadian border.

A gratifying feature of the preliminary work is that despite drought and other adverse conditions, Canadian agriculturists, breeders, and stockmen from Prince Edward Island to the Rocky Mountains, are determined and hopeful as in more prosperous years.

"Their spirit cannot be downed," was one admiring outburst at a committee of the Royal this week.

Russian Harvest Averages Normal, Soviets Declare

Collectivization Credited With Offsetting Bad Weather

Moscow — Russia's harvest this year will approximate last year's good crop yield, despite spring droughts, according to first government reports issued here and confirmed by impartial agricultural experts.

Preliminary reports indicate the average yield is about 10 bushels per acre which is considered a normal crop in Russia.

The autonomous Caucasian Republics reaped the richest harvest, averaging about 40 bushels. North Caucasus and Volga grain regions averaged about 15 bushels. Eastern Ukraine, which the Monitor correspondent has just toured, was the hardest hit by the drought. Kiev district, however, profited by the late rains and expects a harvest in excess of last year's.

Superior organization of collectivized agriculture and various concessions to individual peasants this spring are credited with accomplishing the unexpectedly good harvest despite unfavorable weather. Particular credit is due to the so-called "Politodels" or political sections of the Communist Party consisting of carefully selected groups of urban Communists who have worked in agricultural villages.

These men and women, working directly under the Kremlin, were instructed to win the peasants' confidence and guard against previous abuses. By instituting new humane methods in the villages and convincing the peasants they now have "friends at court," these political sections have accomplished more toward voluntary collectivization than all their more ruthless predecessors, it is said.

The Government considers this year's harvest successes as final proof that complete collectivization will be possible by 1937 as stipulated in the second five-year plan. Partly through a new spirit of confidence in the Government's intentions, and artly through pressure exerted by tax advantages which are given to collectivized peasants, many hesitant individual peasants undoubtedly will be induced to join the collectives during the coming months. The Monitor correspondent discovered many evidences of this in touring the Ukrainian villages.

Variety - Novelty

Royal Winter Fair Line-Up Promises Keen Competition.

Variety and novelty to a striking degree seem assured for the forthcoming Royal Winter Fair, a fact made plan by the enlarged number of departmental prize lists and catalogues containing new classifications, which are now being mailed to thousands of exhibitors from the offices in Bay Street, Toronto. For the Royal really comprises "ten big shows in one," each appealing to widely different interests, yet bound into unity by being gathered in a 25-acre space—larger than many a Dutch or Belgian farm—under one roof.

The Royal Horse Show is now accepted as society's opening of the winter season for combined sport and fashion. It is in a class apart so far as Canada is concerned, and finds its peer, this year, only at the smart New York Horse Show. An excellent program is being arranged with highly interesting special interludes.

Then cattle exhibits for both dairy and beef breeds are assured of keen competition from the United States. Not only are the best herds from the Middle West taking in the Royal at Toronto this year, but several are making a special point of their display because the Royal Winter Fair offers them the last opportunity to add points in their "all American contests" which cover six or eight of the large American Fairs. All the Canadian breed associations without exception promise first rate entries.

The same cheery prospect: are being reported to the Royal Winter Fair management for the exhibits of sheep, swine, poultry, pet stock (including rabbits, guinea pigs and fancy fish), fruit, flowers, seeds and grains.

Improvement In Manitoba

Winnipeg.—Manitoba's farm picture is definitely brighter than for several years past, says the Winnipeg Tribune in a newspage story. Basing the statement on opinions obtained from bankers and mortgage officials the paper says the farmers have regained faith and confidence in the future.

Demand for Manitoba Durum wheat and malting barley has lifted the farmer out of the slough. Prices for grain were better this year, the paper says and threshing was finished early.

A mortgage company official said scores of farmers were paying off interest and principal whereas in former years they had been unable to pay anything.

A branch bank in a large rural town banked $91,000 of farmers' money one day this fall, the Tribune adds. All implement company officials said farmers were buying repairs again and paying cash. Many of them were paying something on old outstanding accounts.

A general storekeeper in a small municipality said for three days in a row his business was better than for any day last year.

Farmers added their voice to the cheerful chorus. Things were bound to be better where there have been crops, they said. "We expect this year's debts to be paid and believe there will be a reduction on old notes," one said.

An insurance company executive said conditions were definitely better. "It is not legislation that will help the farmer," he declared. "All he wants is a reasonable production and a chance to market it."

Only the drought-harried southwest section of Manitoba gave a sombre touch to the picture.

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