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EXHIBITS TELL STORY
It was not long before the original Royal Ontario Museum building was found to be inadequate for the rapidly expanding exhibits and research material. A new building was projected and completed in 1933. The old part was used as a wing and the main entrance now faced on Queen's Park. The Museum of Zoology was given the complete upper floor of the east wing and laboratories and workshops on the ground floor. These extensions of space enabled the institution to organize as a properly constituted museum.

In the development of the Royal Ontario Museum of Zoology, it has always been the aim to keep a proper balance between exhibits and research that is, between the popular and the scientific phases of museum work.

On the exhibition side, the aim has been to make the exhibit tell a story with the minimum of descriptive label. This is accomplished in part by the provision of accessory material designed to suggest something of the habitat in which animals live. This trend in museum exhibition has culminated in the exhibit group which depicts an animal amid a representation of its natural surroundings. Usually such a group includes a panoramic picture as a background. Only two large habitat groups have so far been attempted, these illustrating the black bear and the passenger pigeon, but a series of twenty-four smaller exhibits of the same type illustrate the habitat of a number of common Ontario mammals, birds and reptiles.

Not all the museum's specimens are on exhibition; in every cabinet, in every display case, there are hundreds of specimens preserved in the research collection. Every one on exhibition in the public galleries. One of the primary functions of a museum of zoology is to study the animal life, particularly of the region it serves. The specimens on which such studies are based are secured chiefly by field surveys carried out by the Museum's own staff, but some material is obtained by donation, by purchase, or by exchange.

The material in the Museum's need that existed prior to the establishment of the Royal Ontario Museum for an institution to investigate the animal life of Ontario is shown by the fact, that since its inception, nearly sixty species of vertebrates not previously known to occur in Ontario have been found within our limits.

The Book Shelf

"CONFESSIONS OF AN IMMIGRANT'S DAUGHTER"
by Laura G. Salverson

This is the tale of a story line; the autobiography of a great Canadian.

Mrs. Salverson is descended from the last of the Viking nobles, the parents—Islanders who made the voyage to Canada in '87—were the first to settle in the West.

The account of their wanderings over the North American continent, from one city and pioneer settlement to another, and as far east as the cotton country of the Mississippi, is a book in itself. The writer was a delicate child brought up on the old Norse legends, who was taken in hand by an extraordinary woman, Aunt Hilda.

Three follow her experiences as a professional dancer, her first love affair and several years of arduous work in Canadian houses and factories. Finally she is happily married to a compatriot and she becomes one of the most successful of Canadian novelists, winning the Governor-General's Gold Medal last year.

"Confessions of an Immigrant's Daughter" . . . by Laura G. Salverson . . . Toronto: Ryerson Press . . . \$2.50.

He Who Flies May Read News

On an overnight trip by air across Canada, a T.C.A. passenger can read the news in a dozen daily newspapers if he chooses, all in the space of 16 hours, all published the same day in nine different cities. Twelve magazines—Canadian, British and American—are aboard each aircraft to keep the traveller abreast of his current reading. T.C.A. places 16 subscriptions for each flight to meet the requirements of its various services. It subscribes to 20 newspapers.

Quiz Kids Quiz Quints' Doctor

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THE WAR-WEEK—Commentary on Current Events

War Awaits Spring Drives; Sirois Report Is Ousted

"Do not regard the present lull in operations as meaning that Germany does not know what to do next. The present pause is creative and only appears so."—German Propaganda Minister Goebbels.

"A final victory over totalitarian intolerance depends upon Anglo-American co-operation."—British Prime Minister Churchill.

"A spirit of mutual understanding and confidence is characteristic of the friendly relations existing between the U. S. S. R. and Germany."—Tass, official Soviet news agency.

"The war will move to a climax in the next few months."—perhaps in the next few weeks."—Hugh Dalton, British Minister of Economic Warfare.

"My personal and private opinion is that on Jan. 1 Britain stood a 55-45 chance to win the war."—U. S. General G. C. Strong.

Read together, these five utterances depict for us in broad, general outline the stage World War II had arrived at last week. Both parties to the conflict were taking stock, feverishly preparing for the climax spring was sure to bring.

Nazi Objectives. The whole world knew (Time Jan. 13) that it would be to German advantage to strike, hard and quickly, for many reasons: to relieve pressure on backtracking Italy, to batter down the last resistance in the Balkans, to bring France and Spain solidly into the German orbit, to smash the centre of the British Empire in their stand against the Nazis as their relative strength would allow. Spain for the moment Cabinet held too many trump cards (the fleet, and Wehrmacht in Africa and Syria) to lose so early the game against Hitler. With regard

Bread From Russia. The new trade pact signed last week under which the Soviet Union undertook to increase her contributions to Germany's as of tremendous international importance. Besides broadening trade relations between the two countries, the agreement was said to have fixed mutual boundaries in newly-acquired territories and settlements (60,000 Germans in Soviet-held lands would return to the Reich). The signing of the pact followed weeks of increasing tension in the Balkans where the massing of troops and reports of movements over control of the months of the Danube gave rise to speculation that German-Russian relations might be badly strained.

With China, the Soviets signed a new barrier agreement exchanging Russian military supplies and manufactured products.

In Legislators' Hands. UNITED STATES: The President

don't "pass-land" bill of almost aid to Britain was in process of passing the House of Representatives, from where it would go to the Senate. Debate in the Upper House was expected to continue another three weeks at least.

Such delay in legislation would do little harm to the British war effort, it was thought, since by practical standards American war aid to Britain would be as fast as facilities permitted.

The Convoys Question. Still considered of paramount importance, though not talked about freely in the open, was the question of the U. S. strengthening the British convoy system. Everyone knew that the American aid program would be futile unless the goods produced could be sent to Britain. It was expected that much would be done temporarily to relieve British shipping for the hauling of goods to the United States. American warships in convoys would become a hot issue very soon.

Shelved. CANADA: The mountain game birth to a mouse—silence. Three years of work, millions of dollars in research material, months of publicity, appeared to have gone for naught when the conference of nine provincial premiers meeting in Ottawa last week threw out the Row-Sirois report (with the exception of a few paragraphs on Canada's financial structure) after only a few hours' consideration.

Time alone could tell what effect this rejection would have upon the future of the Dominion. Perhaps not as momentous as we might now think. Many wondered why was right—Mr. King, who maintained that the adoption of the report would assist in the war effort, or Mr. Hepburn, who vigorously opposed it, saying that the time was altogether inopportune.

Now that the report had been shelved, the machinery of our governments would doubtless continue to function as in the past—until a more crisis forced the revamping of our setup in its entirety.

Unsettled. A crowd of angry farm folk tuxedoed Ontario's, biggest battle to capacity last week and blocked Dominion Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Gardiner, when he endeavored to explain to their satisfaction the policies of the Federal Government regarding wartime difficulties of Ontario farmers. Unsettled was the gathering which ended for a time on a high note, being raised at less than production costs; an increase in the price of cheese; removal of the peg on the price of butter; shipping of low-grade grain from the west as feed for eastern livestock.

The reaction to Mr. Gardiner's small concessions in "low" for butter, slight increase in the price of cheese from Ontario farm leaders was not favorable. The provincial Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Gardiner, said the whole farm situation would be thrashed out at the Federation convention this week in Toronto.

To Increase Army. A report issued at Ottawa last week by the Inter-Departmental Committee on Labor Co-operation revealed that the Government is planning an increase of 117,200 men in Canada's military forces during 1941. Canada's military force would be increased by 76,000 to 235,000. More than four new divisions (89,000) are to be added to the army this year.

Winston Churchill-1

John Churchill, the Duke of Marlborough, England's greatest general, Minister Winston Churchill, since his given England many soldiers and statesmen.

Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill was born Nov. 30, 1874, third son of Lord Randolph Churchill and Lady Churchill, the former Miss Jennie Jerome of New York. His grandfather was the seventh Duke of Marlborough.

NEXT WEEK—Churchill in India. Captured by Boers. Escape, Politics and romance.

Entering the British army in 1894, Churchill first saw action when he ran away to Cuba and joined the Spanish forces as an officer in a Hussar regiment. During 1896-1898 Churchill served in India, played much polo.

His school days at Harrow were the despair of his parents. Winston was last in his class. After two unsuccessful tries he finally was admitted to Sandhurst and immediately showed a great enthusiasm for military life.

His Boyhood and Youth

Let me have \$500,000. . . My girl friend is coming down this way and I want to make an impression.

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