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Field Service For Fox Industry

The success of the convention of the Canadian National Silver Fox Breeders Association here this week is a matter of satisfaction not only to the Association members, but to all our citizens.

One of the most important resolutions passed at the convention had to do with the establishment of a field service by the Dominion Department of Agriculture.

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Advancing Prices

The new year has opened with price tendencies in the grocery business continuing upward, says Canadian Grocer in its current issue.

Advancing prices in 1936 were particularly noticeable in farm products and since they are the raw material for many of our manufactured foods, the latter have naturally had to go up.

Consumers naturally are paying more for their food than they did a year ago but this is offset by the fact that the farmer is more prosperous on the whole and is again in position to purchase some of the luxuries he had to deny himself three or four years ago.

Writers And Readers

Once again, says the Glasgow Herald, British publishers have experienced a year of greater activity than ever before. According to the "Bookseller", whose figures are accepted as authoritative, 16,844 books were published last year, which is 260 more than in 1935, itself a record year, and 2,068 more than in 1931.

In the fulness of time the sporadic reading of the book-borrower may become the more purposeful reading of the book-buyer; indeed, in many cases it has already done so.

It is a negative virtue to read merely "to pass the time," and it is unfortunately the book that ministers to this mood that swells the publisher's list and explains the success of the lending library.

Editorial Notes

It is just thirteen years today since Lenin died.

The National Fox men like Charlottetown and the C.N.R. Hotel.

From all accounts the Churches had a good year last year—may it continue and increase.

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Germany will eat and wear 10 per cent. of its newspapers under a new four-year-plan order made public recently.

Three Toronto lawyers have been ordered by Mr. Justice Mackinnon in Superior Court to pay \$700 to Gilchrist B. Perry, Outremont, for his services in hunting up Canadian war veterans who had been prisoners in Germany, and getting them to file claims for reparations for ill-treatment suffered while in prison.

President Roosevelt likes his joke. He and his mother were included in the list to whom formal printed invitations to his inaugural yesterday were sent.

By the time the note reached the President's desk he had changed his mind. He thought he might be able to get away, so instead of signing it, he penned a postscript and initialed it:

"I have re-arranged my engagements and work and I think I may be able to go. Will know definitely January 19.—F.D.R."

The President underscored the word 'think.'

Legislation to implement the main recommendation of the Touche Railway report was promised in the Speech from the Throne, and will be submitted to Parliament early in the session by Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Transport.

An important result, from the standpoint of the Canadian National Railways, will be that the debt figures on the books of the railway will be brought into line with those of the Dominion Public Accounts.

Over \$1,000,000,000 would be written off the books of the Canadian National Railways if the first recommendation in the Touche report is acted upon in the proposed legislation.

That total is comprised as follows: Old Grand Trunk stock of \$165,627,738.70, declared by the Grand Trunk Board of Arbitration of 1921 to be worthless; adopting the 1918 Board of Arbitration findings and writing down Canadian Northern stock from \$100,000,000 to \$18,000,000; writing out Dominion advances for deficits aggregating \$324,074,527.39; writing out interest accruals of \$459,486,186.74; writing out Government grants in aid of construction represented by old Grand Trunk debentures amounting to \$15,142,633.33.

The recommendation included the proposal that Parliament authorize the exchange of the Dominion's present capital stock holdings and creditor claims in respect of corporate loans, advances, and interest accruals for shares of capital stock in the railway, the stated value of which at December 31, 1934, was estimated at \$361,026,454.12

Notes By The Way

What of those pay day patriots who took three hundred millions of profit dollars from powder and supply contracts in the same years other men by thousands died with valor or took red wounds in a gray rain for the sake of a country, a flag? Lincoln had a word for one: "respectable scoundrels." They reaped their profits from the governments' necessities in money, blankets, guns, contracts and when they gambled on defeat in May of '64 and sent gold prices to new peaks Lincoln groaned, "I wish every one of them had his devilish head shot off." One by one they will pass and be laid in numbered graves.

It is submitted that the surest way of exterminating the false doctrines promulgated by the disciples of Moscow is by proving that confidence in the country's democratic electorate system is the misplaced let members of Parliament and the legislators think this over.—Toronto Globe and Mail.

"This rejection of the United States proposal is worthy of stress because it offers the hope that ultimately the ideal of an all-inclusive world League of Nations, which will coordinate properly formulated regional pacts, conventions, may be realized; meanwhile it at least shows an unwillingness among some American nations to jettison the League in favor of isolation.—Manchester Guardian.

In the Japanese twelve-year cycle, last year was the year of the mouse, but Japan was scarcely mouse-like, 1937 is the year of the cow, and it is a fairly good guess that in China that is going to be milked.—Moncton Transcript.

It began for us with a plunge into mourning when King George V died, rose through an access of welcome to his successor, and ended with a sudden, bewildering abdication and yet another King, Scandals, Cabinet indiscretions, fires and floods have made the year seem like a retrospective Old Moore's Almanac. These troubles have been our own. In addition we have shared the disabilities of a world that seems to live under the cloud of lunacy.

The year opened with slaughter in Abyssinia and closes with slaughter in Spain. Nation has ousted nation from the last arrival in the year, the call to it is a fairer good guess that in China that is going to be milked.—Moncton Transcript.

One must admit that the passing of many of the old community customs is rather deplorable. Speaking in such a vein, Donald McDonald, a farmer residing in a rural district of Cape Breton island, regrets that the old-time parties are dying out. He says: "before automobiles and radios arrived in the highlands of Cape Breton gatherings took place once a week or oftener and some time was spent in conversation, everything from the latest arrival in the barroom to world events was discussed. Now the people hop into their cars and go to a movie, while others stay at home and listen to the radio.—Kitchener Record.

The moderate investments of our thrifty classes have piled up British principal assets. Well over £1,000,000,000 is invested in the Post Office Savings Bank, Trustee Savings Banks and National Savings Certificates and there are many hundreds of millions more in life assurance policies and in the keeping of building societies. Analysis has shown that the average holdings of stocks and shares in the railway companies, the big banks, and many of our great industries do not exceed a few hundred pounds. Like the armies of the Pharaohs which reared the pyramids, the hosts of the "small men" have reared the great edifices of British wealth.—London Daily Mail.

As a great naval power, the United States cannot afford to back-track at a time the world is bristling with dictatorships and lurching for another war. The League of Nations, which represents the high-water mark of international idealism in its collapse, and nationalism is flaming in both hemispheres. Our neutrality policy, if persisted in, will lead us to a thirty percent chance we should become involved in a foreign war. Other countries would not hesitate to deny us munitions and supplies which we now deny to other belligerents. Our very idealism in a world of realists may reasonably operate against us. In the meantime we may safely rely on the judgment of professional fighting men who advise preparation for a possible blunder, but men in government are in honor bound to protect the American people even against themselves.—Peoria Journal.

Motorcar manufacturers will pay sixty million dollars less for automobile steel this year than they would have had to spend for like tonnage ten years ago. This saving is said to reflect a thirty percent decline in the price of high-grade body steel since 1926, when the continuous mill was introduced.—(Steel, U.S.)

For those of us who can get these foods readily it would therefore be good sense to divide the family budget so that more of these protective foods would be included. It would mean better health for ourselves and better health and physiques for our children.

Keeping a vow made in 1905 three men clasped hands in front of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, and sang "Auld Lang Syne." A fourth was too ill to attend the trust. When the vow was taken eight friends pledged to hold the first reunion in 1925. At that meeting only four were present, four having died, two in the World War. They agreed to meet every year and that the last one would still go to the cathedral each year to pray for the others. The three who recently met were Pastor J. P. Goodenough, H. J. Artiss and W. E. Horne, J. S. Duerton was ill.—Chronic Telegraph.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

WHAT NEXT?

Sir—Many requests are being made these days from different sections for improvements to our Island and no doubt all are justified, but it seems strange none of these things were talked of a year ago or until the Rocky Point and Brighton Bridge projects were brought up; then suddenly every section discovered it needed some vast and big improvement. I don't mean to deny them of that privilege for they certainly need it. But we are getting too many irons in the fire at the same time and I think it would be best if we all worked together to get one thing started first.

We should not be particular which project that is, for if we go after too much we will get nothing, and as these bridge projects were the first things to be taken up and have been talked of for more than 40 years and never got any further than the talking point until last year, when it did reach the promising point of at least giving us a survey which never materialized, I think it would be well to stick to the bridges until we get them. They are just as important to a vast section of our province and to the traveling public as any other project yet mentioned and would not cost nearly as much money as the proposed Wood Islands-Caribou Ferry. Yet I am heartily in favour of Mr. Jones' idea and especially for the tourist traffic as that is the most important thing we need on this Island, to get the tourist to visit our province for it is a cash business that helps the merchant, the farmer and every citizen.

Supporting every province in Canada was opposed to the tourist traffic as some of our citizens seem to be and decided to keep the tourist out of Canada, stopping the flow of ready cash amounts to more than two hundred million dollars a year' what would happen to Canada and where could we get anything else to take the place of the tourist traffic and bring this money into Canada? No one but a madman would think of such a thing and yet here we have the prettiest province in Canada, and we don't get enough money from the tourist traffic to throw a good party when we could and should be taking in a million dollars a year. So if Mr. Jones can put his idea through and bring the tourist here (and there is no question but his idea would do that) then let us forget everything else and get behind him and do what we can to help. But don't let us talk about it for fifty years. Let us snap into action and get a start made on something that will help our Island. Here's wishing our friend Mr. Jones the best of good luck and hoping he can put his real good idea through. But we would like to hear a little more in the winter months.

I am Sir, etc.

J. W. MITCHELL

New Dominion, P. E. I.

"Aeroneurosis"

(Winnipeg Free Press)

The occupational disease known in aviation as "aeroneurosis" is proved to be as prevalent in peace as it was in war when first named by the English medical authority, Graeme Anderson. The research devoted to it in the United States is the measure of its drastic consequences. Unchecked, it lays waste pilots, which is the most serious loss that can now be suffered by aviation, military or civil.

This "chronic functional nervous disorder occurring in aviators" is claimed by the medical specialist to afflict 50 per cent. of pilots over 30 years of age engaged in the more rigorous military flying. And medical authorities are quoted in the Journal of the American Medical Association as going so far as to hold the opinion that a large percentage of crash mysteries, save for the vague conclusion that those crashes were due to human error, may be traced to the ravages of aeroneurosis.

Civil air regulations in the United States are drawn rigidly to protect the health and preserve the nerve-tissue of pilots, but similar regulations protecting the health of pilots are not in force in Canada, an omission which calls for correction. The wastage in pilots in every country, in almost every phase of flying, is heavy. It is not yet demonstrated that it is not excessive. Invention and construction can save pilots, but only after years of hard work among almost providentially gifted dispositions can pilots be produced. There would not be the same wastage in the biological changes induced in fliers through the strain of their responsibilities if the counsel of the medical specialists in diseases peculiar to flying were followed. They insist that the flying of all pilots be restricted to their normal capacity. Pilots of regular airlines in the United States are compelled by federal regulations to fly only a certain number of hours, and pilots in Canada engaged in any form of flying should be similarly restricted in their hours in the air.

There is nothing more important in aviation now that it has advanced beyond practically all mechanical problems, than to extend the duration of a pilot's effectiveness. This can be done. The specialists in the United States agree that the over-strung pilot can be cured by grounding and resting. He may be saved from being afflicted by many forms of

neurosis if he be not compelled to fly too much. But, on the other hand, too quick restraint of flying, with the strain increasingly borne by a pilot perhaps not up to the top of his physical pitch, and so temporarily unfit for flying, will bring a recurrence of the disease. And that inevitably deprives aviation of one of its most important assets—the experienced and able pilot.

Discovery

(Vancouver Province)

The New York Herald Tribune has announced that Professor Einstein has discovered a whole new realm of radiation, definitely distinct from all known and recognized forms of radiation—like light, heat and sound—and that this discovery adds support to his theory of relativity. It would probably be more correct to say that the professor has deduced the existence of this new field of radiation from the observation of facts that do not admit of any other conclusion.

There is something almost god-like about a man like Einstein. He sits removed from common men and their minds something like the famed Master of Merlin the magician, who sat alone in a pyramid dwelling upon an ancient thought with a modern interpretation. He is one of those men who can say what he likes and there is no one with the courage or the knowledge to contradict him. Things that have puzzled scientists are apparently settled by his theories and the scientists have to admit that his solution is as good an hypothesis as another until the facts are definitely proved.

Such a man is worthy of the greatest respect of a forward-minded people. For it is only a very short time, as creation came into time, since we knew nothing about anything. Today we would snort with scorn at anyone who denied that the earth travels around the sun—but Joshua believed the sun travelled round the earth, and commanded it to stand still. My own mother could never be convinced of the contrary, or that the luminary was ninety-two million miles away. "For," she sagely remarked, "no one has ever been there to find out."

Under modern science you don't have to go anywhere to find out anything. You simply make a theory and maintain it until another fellow proves that it is wrong.

The Toys Of Yesteryear

(Kingston Whig-Standard)

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Ten of these toy soldiers are now



By James W. Barton, M.D.

That Body of Yours

WAKING UP WITH A DEAD OR PARALYZED ARM OR LEG

Sometimes a middle-aged or even young individual will wake up in the morning and find that his arm is paralyzed—feels dead—and if he is of the nervous type he may be terrified by the thought that he has had a stroke of paralysis. If it should happen that the leg and arm both feel dead or paralyzed he is sure that he has had a stroke.

However to complete the picture of the ordinary stroke of paralysis there is usually loss or thickness of speech and one side of the face may look twisted.

Now it is quite possible for an arm or leg or both to feel dead or paralyzed and yet no real stroke has occurred. What has happened in a number of cases is that the individual has been lying with his head on his arm or with his knees crossed, or in some similar position and the nerve or nerves supplying the muscles of the part have received considerable pressure and are, for the time being, unable to stimulate the muscles.

In the British Medical Journal, Dr. E. B. Clayton, London, "presents cases of nerve paralysis, which are apparently due to pressure while maintaining or holding a certain posture or position of the body. An effort was made to discover to what extent slight cases of pressure paralysis occur that do not last a sufficient time to require treatment. Inquiries from hospital outpatients showed that the foot may "go dead" on crossing the knees and that the hand or occasionally the whole arm may "be dead" on waking in the morning. This "deadness" clears up quickly on movement. In many cases it occurs only occasionally. Some of these cases may be due to fatigue, cold and damp weather, or some infection (teeth or tonsils) to which is added the pressure above mentioned.

You can readily see that on waking with a paralyzed arm or leg or both, even if the paralysis passed quickly away, the individual would think he had a stroke and have his doctor come immediately. The doctor would likely find the blood pressure high even in the morning because of this upset condition and perhaps believe that a slight stroke had occurred.

The fact that paralysis or "deadness" may be caused by pressure should thus be remembered so that we may not get unduly alarmed if we wake up some morning with a "dead" arm or leg.

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Clerk of the Executive Council.

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in an exhibition at the Cooper Union Museum in New York City and the curious may look upon their little figures of lead and ponder over the thoughts that may have come to the Little Corporal as he with loving hands and tender care moved one here and one there, thinking that in the morning this one little fellow, with the paint peeling from his tin hat, would represent twenty divisions, not all of whom would answer to the evening bugle.

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