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Revival Of Mixed Farming

Few surveys of economic and business conditions in this country are so exhaustive and yet concise in their reproductions of actual conditions as the annual reports prepared by Mr. F. W. Field, C.M.G., Senior British Trade Commissioner in Canada and Newfoundland.

It is a "considerable diversion" of Western acreage to "mixed farming." The result, observes an exchange, is shown in terms of increase in live stock holdings and in the dairying, poultry and meat producing branches.

Recent information from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics recorded a large gain in bacon exports, and yet the totals were but a fraction of the quota granted the Canadian product under the Ottawa Agreements.

Born To Be King

A writer in a Western Canadian newspaper recalls a pleasing instance of royal happiness not combined with royal consorts. It was that of George William Frederick Charles, Duke of Cambridge, commander-in-chief of Her Majesty's forces and military expert, who died in 1904 at an advanced age.

The Duke was born to be King and for two months was the heir to the throne of Britain until the birth of that Fairy Princess, Victoria, who was to lead the Empire to unprecedented achievement.

His marriage was one of the greatest romances of the nineteenth century in a country that had largely forgotten romance at that time. He married Miss Louisa Fairbrother, a beautiful and accomplished lady, who took the name of FitzGibbon for herself and her sons, who later became distinguished soldiers.

Although never appearing officially at Court, the Duke's wife enjoyed that rare thing, the intimate friendship of the Queen, who visited her on many occasions and received her privately at the palace.

That Order In-Council

According to the Montreal Gazette many members of Parliament and constitutional authorities in addition to Mr. J. S. Woodsworth, M.P., are seriously disturbed by the implications of the Government's action. What troubles them is the inference that if the Government could by the mere passage of an Order-in-Council commit the Dominion in the matter of the abdication and succession it can do the same thing on other occasions and in other circumstances.

Editorial Notes

Public Benefactor No. 1—Santa Claus. The unemployed from now on will know, at least, that they are on the roll if not on the dole. For ways that are dark and tricks that are vain commend us to Quebec potato wholesalers,

who use our potato sacks to fool the public and rob the Island farmers.

Notes By The Way

Rev. C. Watterworth puts the Government "on the spot" with regard to lack of law enforcement.

It is indeed good news that the price of fox pelts has advanced with a nearly 100 per cent. sale in London.

The Ten Commandments still influence Imperial public opinion. And the Churches are the custodians.

Many happy returns—of his birthday of course—to Prime Minister Mackenzie King who is sixty-two today.

Prime Minister Baldwin, we are told from London, has turned his attention from serious crisis to Santa Claus.

Wonder how much the two Premiers, Messrs. Campbell and LePage secured from Ottawa, or is it to be another \$3,000,000 loan?

The Duke of Windsor, without responsibility of office, can now amuse himself, although he evidently never learned to "play up, and play the game!"

When Mr. William Gallacher, Communist M.P., "refused to swear the Oath of Allegiance with hand on the Bible but substituted affirmation of good faith" that was not because of his political affiliations, but because of his right as a Glasgow Scotsman to take the oath Scottish fashion.

At a recent meeting of Wolverhampton Town Council it was recommended by the Streets Committee that four roads on a new housing estate should be named Robin Road, Wren Crescent, Starling Road and Thrush avenue. A Councillor described the names as ridiculous and said that if they were adopted they might have Cuckoo Crescent, Bulgeriger Retreat, Scarecrow Corner and possibly Vulture avenue. The proposal was referred back to the Committee to discover some more appropriate designations.

Once before England had three kings in one year. That was in 1483 when the twelve-year-old Prince of Wales, who became the tragic boy king, Edward V, ascended the throne after the death of Edward IV. He reigned but two months before he was murdered in the Tower of London and his uncle, the Duke of Gloucester, became King. Death ended the reign of George V last January 20. First Edward, who abdicated, and now the Duke of York—the third of the House of Windsor within a year—will occupy the throne.

Here is something that should make our Government and Temperance Federation sit up and take notice. The record of Hythe (Kent) of having had no case of drunkenness for seven years, was broken recently, when Joseph Francis Doyle, an army officer's manservant, of Limerick, Ireland, was fined \$5 for being drunk and disorderly. Alderman Osborne, a magistrate, said to Doyle, "You are only in Hythe a few weeks and you spoil our record." Hythe is a marketing town of some 20,000 population, and was the seat of the Peace Conference in 1920.

Announcements directing Church of England ministers to substitute the name of King George VI for Edward VIII in prayers have been issued by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York. The change authorized is: "For the word 'Edward' wherever it occurs the substitution of the word 'George' and for words 'Our Gracious Queen Mary, Albert, Duke of York; the Duchess of York and all the royal family' the substitution of the words 'Our Gracious Queen Elizabeth, Mary, the Queen Mother, and the Princess Elizabeth and all the royal family.'"

The Roosevelt Government administration officials have just unveiled at Washington their farm programme for 1937, which includes a more direct attempt at controlling crop production, especially of corn. Farmers are to be paid up to \$50,000,000 for shifting acreage from major crops to other plantings classed as soil-conserving, and also for following approved soil building practices. To keep corn acreage from "running away next year" as a result of this year's drought-shortened crop and accompanying high prices, officials said corn belt farmers would be assigned planting quotas beyond which they could not go without causing their federal payments to be reduced. A probable limit of 54,200,000 acres upon corn plantings by co-operating farmers in major producing states was predicted. This would compare with an acreage of 54,500,000 in the same area this year and 59,000,000 in 1932. During the past season no attempt was made to limit corn acreage to a definite figure.

The Government of the Union of South Africa has declined to take in the former German Southwest Africa. The territory has been mandated to the Union, and a Royal Commission reported that a decision to take over the territory would not be in conflict with the mandate. Nevertheless the Union Government, through the Royal Commission reported that the existing administrators had proved a "scandalous failure, felt that sufficient ground had not been adduced for annexation. However, it was decided to introduce legislation making it impossible for aliens, including non-naturalized Germans, to become members of political organizations or other bodies considered undesirable by the Administration. The Government is determined to protect every person in South-west Africa from unlawful pressure, it was said. Coercion of Germans by alien leaders will not be permitted. Among such alien leaders is mentioned the leader of the Deutsche Bund.

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London recently celebrated the growth of the telephone business by having the millionth telephone installed at Mansion House. A "gold" instrument was duly presented to the Lord Mayor, Sir Percy Vincent, by Postmaster General Major G. C. Arvon, the telephone system being operated by the Post Office Department in the British Isles. Having still a vivid recollection of the more or less ceremonial visit of London's Lord Mayor across Canada, Sir Percy immediately contacted the Mayor of London, Canada. There was another good reason that the first call should be to Canada, for it was in Ontario that Alexander Graham Bell first spoke over a few miles through a telephone, not a gold telephone but a primitive instrument consisting of a diaphragm of goldbeater's skin attached to a spring armature. Alexander Graham Bell was born in Edinburgh but his father, the inventor of visible speech, was connected with Queen's University, Kingston. The grandfather of the inventor of the telephone was also an expert on the mechanism of speech. This recalls that Charles Darwin's grandfather also pioneered the way for him. Erasmus Darwin was the author of "Zoonomia, or the Laws of Organic Life." It is just sixty years since Bell was scoffed at when he desired to give a practical demonstration in Philadelphia. Then Don Pedro II, Emperor of Brazil, became interested and soot all the civilized world.—Moncton Transcript.

One of the stories told of the new Queen is that a visitor once called at her Scottish ancestral home and found no member of the family except Elizabeth aged three. She was quick however to assume her duties of hostess. "O. M., so-and-so," she said, "I have not seen you looking so well for years." The new Queen may be trusted to meet her new responsibilities with tact and grace.—Ex.

We do not love Communism in this country, and even our Socialists are now critical of the Soviet system of government and its results. But while we dislike Communism, and still more the methods by which it has been forced on Russia, we have no desire to be associated with Germany in an anti-Communist orgy of hate. Heron Robinson has made a false move at the outset of his career as Ambassador in trying to enlist this country in the German war on Communism. He cannot be too early or too firmly that he will not promote Anglo-German friendship along these lines; if he is to fulfil his mission of bringing the two countries together he must inform his Government that British collaboration can be secured only on the basis of a policy of general appeasement.—Edinburgh Scotsman.

The end of the British constitutional crisis was received in Paris, according to a cable to the Canadian Science Monitor, "with profound satisfaction as the best possible solution." Next to the people of France had the most to worry them during the British concentration of attention upon domestic problems.—Ex.

Saveage cruelty to one another is nothing new to Spain. In the 1860's, in one of the many Spanish civil wars of the last century, after a battle in the streets of Madrid when many of the captured rebels were killed as examples, Queen Isabella, not satisfied, sent word to her general to kill still more of the captured. Her general's reply is worthy of repetition: "Does the lady not understand the said, that if we shoot all the soldiers we catch, the blood will rise up to her own chamber and drown her.—The Gleaner.

The Department of Justice has set town councils a pretty conundrum. It has asked which would be the more effective deterrent to the reckless or drunken motorist—a suspended sentence of imprisonment or a suspension of his driver's license? Why town councils should be thought specialy qualified to decide this question is not quite clear. But they are tackling it with admirable vigor. So far, 2,000 have voted for imprisonment; Worcester, for suspension of license. And there is every reason to suppose that this conflict of opinions will be reflected elsewhere. Both penalties are stringent and each, if applied generally to all offenders, would present its peculiar difficulties. We can foresee many strenuous debates and a pretty even division of opinion, which will leave the problem exactly where it was. But the discussion may do some good, if only by warning the reckless that their outlook is gradually growing blacker.—Cape Argus.

Viewing this Inter-American Congress, the people of Canada must be saying to themselves that it would be a still greater effort to have the British Empire joined with the United States in such a crusade. For no man can tell what the day or the hour may bring forth out of Europe or the Far East. And with the British Empire and the United States standing "shoulder to shoulder" (in Mr. Roosevelt's own phraseology) even the most war-mad nation would hesitate before challenging such a combination.—Halifax Herald.

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That Body of Ours
By James W. Barton, M.D.

INFLUENZA—FLU

As we read about the great epidemics of cholera, yellow fever, small pox, of former years, many of us may fail to realize that the influenza or flu epidemic of 1918 and 1919 caused more deaths throughout the world than any of the above scourges. Fortunately the flu that is still common in all countries does not seem to be a virulent or cause as many deaths as that of the epidemic of 1918-19. It was my privilege to be Senior Medical Officer of a large military hospital at that time and the knowledge each night that a number of the patients would pass away before morning was most disheartening. One bright spot in our treatment however was the taking of a small quantity of blood from the outgoing patients who had recovered from influenza and injecting it into the most serious cases. The results were most gratifying; the extremely high temperatures came down rapidly.

Now despite the fact that the epidemic occurred nearly twenty years ago, was studied, and flu is still studied by hundreds of research physicians throughout the world, no specific or cure has been found for flu. While this may sound discouraging it is really not so when we remember that proper treatment to the individual symptoms prevents the broncho-pneumonia and falling heart that caused most of the deaths.

For instance we found in 1918 that the "wake" individuals who were removed to hospital and to bed the first or even the second day of the attack generally made a good recovery, whereas of the number of the "strong" fellows who weren't put into bed a little touch of the flu put them "down," and had to enter hospital after fighting flu off for three or more days. A large percentage went on to broncho-pneumonia and a number of them died.

The lesson is thus very plain—go to bed on the appearance of the first symptoms—cold in the head, sneezing, sore throat, dry cough, feeling of depression, pain at upper part of breastbone, in small of back and throughout body. Once in bed the heart gets its best chance to put up the fight for life.

Every Health Department now publishes pamphlets on how to prevent or avoid flu. These suggest: 1. Avoid crowds—street cars, theatres or elsewhere. 2. Avoid any flu patient in the home; also anything he has handled—dishes, towels. 3. Wear a mask if in attendance on a sick member of the family. 4. Get outdoors into the sun as much as possible. 5. Go to bed at once and keep warm on the slightest suspicious symptom.

further fitted for great service—Christian Science Monitor.

The new charter of the U.S.S.R. among other things provides for greater restrictions on divorces and premiums for big families. Despite their boasted modernism, says the Montreal Gazette, the Russians seem to be getting old-fashioned as regards home life.

FAREWELL TO BACKACHE!

Her back ached—she felt miserable—no pop could be "bethered" to get out contact with her friends and was lonely. Her sister advised her to take Dodd's Kidney Pills. Her backache soon vanished—her eyes sparkled—her step sprightly—and once again she was her "old self."

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PUBLIC FORUM
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SHOOTING

Sir,—I think a mistake has been made by changing the date of closing the goose shooting from Dec. 15th to Nov. 15th, and I feel if the makers of this change were on the spot to see conditions as they are they would agree with me. The last two falls at harvest time has been very wet in P.E.I., and the low fields had a lot of grain left on them, and some not cut at all. The geese and ducks learned to go and feed on these fields. This fall the geese came to this section about Oct. 20th. This left about three weeks shooting. But it happened this fall that in that three weeks there were so many rainy days that were not fit to shoot, while the farmers were so busy on fine days, very little shooting was done. As I said the geese have been alighting in the fields. But with little shooting in the open season and none since then with people working alongside of them in the fields they have become very tame and one can get very close to them. There have been several hundreds in one field at one time, reported here.

It has been reported the geese have all left, but I counted over one hundred in one flock today, and just off the shore there was another large flock. I am sorry for these geese when they leave here and go where they have an open season, as I know they will be killed by the dozen, as they have learned to trust people while here.

I am sure every gunner will agree with me, it is not while a lot of shooting is going on any quantity of birds are shot. But when they have been protected for some time like they have been here, and then to be shot at. I think if the Game Association was in earnest and did not want to see the birds slaughtered they would not do things like this, but I would ask people on the spot, who love these birds, and love real sport and want to give a bird a chance, not to train them to trust us like barnyard fowl, then have them slaughtered.

The Game Association may say the geese come to us from a closed season. But I can tell them there is a lot of difference between the geese that will leave here, and the shy, wild birds that come to us after being away from civilization for several months. These birds are well able to take care of themselves.

I hope this date will be changed back to where it was, for another year's shooting. It would give us a chance for a few more birds, and would also train the birds to look out for themselves. I am, Sir, etc.

W. W. MUTCH, Earncliffe.

Christmas Island

As Christmas draws near, thoughts frequently turned towards the lonely Islands that carry that name. It is said at Washington that its minded officials have no need to turn their eyes to the Pacific island of that name, because it has been in their thoughts for some time. For an air service between New Zealand, Australia and the United States, it would be necessary to have intermediate stops, such as Midway and Wake are furnishing in the United States and Philippine service. So the United States asserted its somewhat doubtful right of sovereignty over Howland, Baker and Jarvis islands.

But in a more direct route lies the larger Christmas Island, forty-five miles long and a hundred square miles, which was formally taken over by Britain during the reign of Queen Victoria. Almost astride the American defense line in the western Pacific, it has a big lagoon that might provide shelter for naval surface ships as well as aircraft.

It is asserted in Washington that the United States does not recognize the British rights on Christmas Island, and the United States merely "reserved all questions" fifty years ago upon learning that the Union Jack had been hoisted by Admiral Wiseman of the H. M. S. Caroline. The American claim seems very far-fetched. The island was discovered by Captain Cook in the Resolution on Christmas Day, 1777. This the Americans do not deny, but assert that the island was "rediscovered" by Captain John Stelson, of New Haven, "prior to 1857."

The Factory Hen

(Vancouver Province) When Old Biddy roamed the farmyard, sang her little song of contentment, scratched in the barn floor litter, hid her nest in the hay-mow and crackled to her heart's content, she was an individualist. The times of her laying and the number of her eggs were matters left to her own decision. She was considered to have even a natural right to set on a clutch of eggs and bring forth and mother a brood. But the new Biddy, far from being an individualist, is a machine, and as the proper place for a machine is a factory, it is to the factory she is going. The very near future, it seems probable, will see, not poultry farms, but poultry

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OYSTERS PLANTED IN OLD ATLANTIC
RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 16 — No plowing under—but deep planting—was the policy in this government program. To revive a once-thriving North Carolina oyster industry, 387 persons were employed to plant 7,000,000 seed oysters in the Atlantic. According to findings of oyster culturists, the oysters will multiply one fold each season.

The Poet's Corner

COMMERCIAL POET
His poems are little mechanical trains would lightly with a keyed-up imagination; and set upon the safe, shining tracks of rhyme and rhythm, sometimes. The stanzas jangle along briskly—a string of bottomless coaches filled with tin people. Whr-r-r! The engine's run down. The train stops dead. —Marion Lang, in November "Spirit."

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LONDON SCHEME HOUSING 11,000
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It covers an area of 50 acres, and the proposed development is calculated to cost \$7,185,000. Provision is to be made for 2,286 dwellings, all blocks to be five storeys high and there will be shops, schools, public buildings and children's playgrounds.

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