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Morning Maxim No one is interested in good roads if he hasn't a car.

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 1933.

EDUCATIONAL SURVEY

Dr. James F. Abel, chief of the foreign school systems division of the Federal office of Education at Washington, has been investigating the effects of the depression upon the educational systems in some forty countries. His study embraces Canada, Mexico, all of South America, France, England, Italy, Central European and the Balkan States.

Canada, Dr. Abel finds, has maintained school expansion, though at a slower pace than before the depression. Mexico has wisely decided that economizing on brains of the oncoming generation is dangerous policy and must be held to a minimum.

A FRANK ANSWER

Criticising the Government's taxation measures in Parliament last week, Mr. A. E. MacLean, M. P. for Prince, said that personally he "would not have so much objection to these taxes if hon. gentlemen opposite were making what could be reasonably considered a good use of the revenue they collect."

Hon. Mr. Rhodes, in reply, pointed out that there is not a single country in the world in which a Chancellor of the Exchequer or Minister of Finance has been able to make with any degree of accuracy an estimate of the probable yield of a certain set of taxes over a period of twelve months, because of conditions which everybody realizes are abnormal.

Moreover, the Finance Minister pointed out, Mr. MacLean had overlooked several factors. In the first place the Government has to provide for C. N. R. deficits and capital outlays which run into something like seventy million dollars a year.

NOTES BY THE WAY

British banks are lending 30,000,000 pounds to the French Treasury, though the vaults of the Bank of France bulge with gold. This is the sort of thing that makes the currency problem a jigsaw puzzle, with some of the pieces mislaid.

Opposition members took advantage of the opportunity to plead for controlled inflation and a central bank and to attack high interest rates. Premier R. B. Bennett reaffirmed his belief in a "sound money" policy, and said it would be unwise to revise the banking system on the eve of a world gathering which would consider the very questions of banking, currency and credit.

Headlines refer to an "aged storekeeper" chasing a would-be bank robber, and the details relate that he is 60 years old. But who nowadays is "aged" at the threescore mark? These headings constitute an affront to a host of spry fellows.

Former Premier Herriot appears to have gone as far as he could in his conversation with President Roosevelt, and Premier MacDonald at Washington, but the hopeful tone of the announcement made at the conclusion of the conferences is not reflected in such comments as have come from France.

Alike at the beginning of his visit to the United States and at the Pilgrims' Dinner which marked its conclusion, Premier Ramsay MacDonald made pointed reference to the disarmament problem, a subject which, he announced, had been included in the Washington conversations.

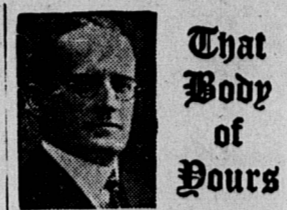
Manifestly Mr. Bennett has returned from Washington wholeheartedly in accord with President Roosevelt's plans for improving world affairs. He has told Parliament that Canada will play its part in co-operating with the United States and other nations.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Plans for next year's celebration of the hundredth anniversary of Toronto's incorporation as a city are well under way. Several committees are hard at work on the various aspects of the memorial celebration.

According to Maclean Building Reports construction activity in Canada for April was almost equal to the combined totals for January, February and March and marks the commencement of the building season.

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By James W. Barton, M.D.

WILL THIS CIVILIZATION LAST?

A nurse was complaining recently that the nursing profession was not nearly as good, from the standpoint of income, as it was, not because there were too many nurses, but because it is no longer "fashionable" to be sick; the younger generation now believe in keeping fit.

What about the nations of our present civilization? I think it can be safely said that there never was a time when the people of all nations were as well informed about their health and how to keep fit as at present.

Dr. Haven Emerson, Professor of Public Health Administration, Columbia University, expresses this as follows: "To cause the citizen to do the things he can and ought to do, and then to do for him the things he cannot do, but which should be done, is the duty of the State."

Canadians At Washington

Mr. Gratian O'Leary, editor of The Ottawa Journal, has interesting things to say in his paper of Canadian-American contacts during the recent Washington conversations. From their first meeting President Roosevelt and Premier Bennett got on together famously.

Canada's Interest In Wheat Acreage

Canada is invited to a four-power parley in Geneva to discuss concerted international action to bring about a reduction in the world's acreage devoted to wheat. The United States, Argentina and Australia are the other three parties to the discussion.

Three young Russian girls, sisters, won an astonishing number of prizes at the Peel County Musical Festival last week. How is it that people of the older races continue to produce so many outstanding artists in the realm of music?

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FROM "CITY WIFE"

Almost before the sun has touched the fields Horses and cart are waiting patiently Inside the yard, until their driver comes To swing with iron hand the heavy gate

Spring came before like this. Last year the crows Made all the morning echo with their songs. Just as today. Sun must have been as bright.

Canadians At Washington

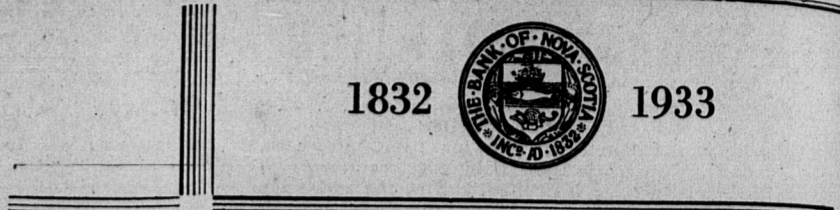
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