

## Nucleus Of An Art Collection Is Given As A Memorial

Walthamstow, England, Gets Gift of National Importance.

A gift of national importance in the form of the nucleus of an art collection has been presented to Walthamstow, England. It has been given in memory of William Morris, who was born there, and in due time it is to be set up in William Morris's former home, which will thus be preserved for the public.

The gift is made, not with the purpose of setting up another art gallery, but rather "to so furnish and enrich the one-time home of William Morris that it shall be a place of beautiful things in a beautiful setting, utilizing the rare and lovely things of which we have become possessed to furnish and adorn this house, which for all time belongs to the people, for their delight and inspiration."

"The Water House," standing in the heart of a densely populated district, is a square, heavy Georgian building of yellow brick. The principal internal feature is the hall which is paved with marble flags, from which a broad, square staircase, floored and wainscotted with Spanish chestnut, leads up to a large gallery. Behind the house stretches a broad lawn, and, further beyond, a moat, surrounding an island planted with aspens.

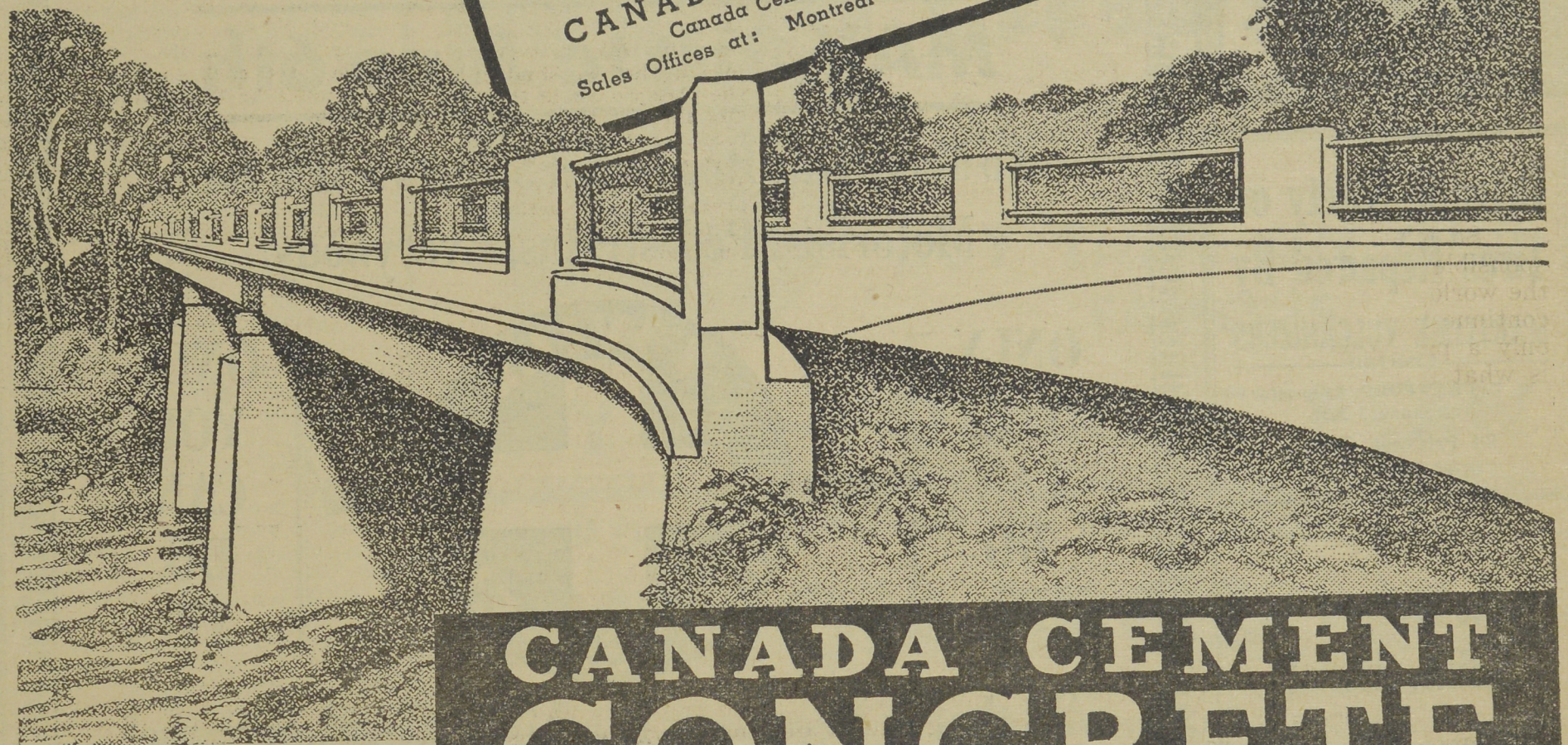
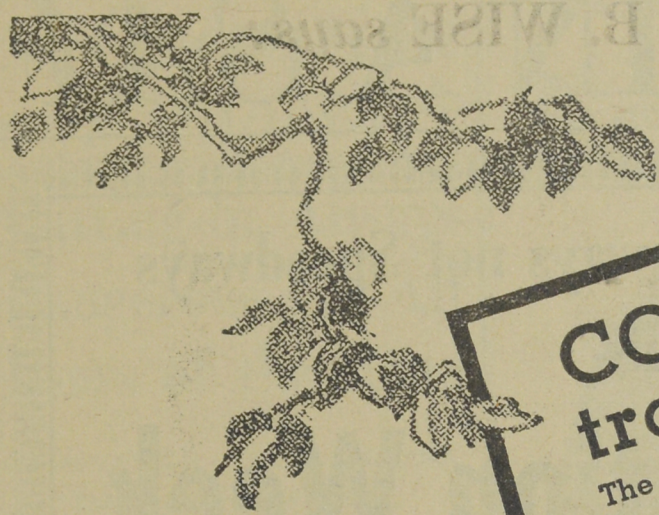
The scheme for converting "the Water House" into a William Morris Memorial is not new. Efforts were made in 1908, and again in 1914. Since then, by gifts and purchases, a fair collection of Morris items has been acquired. At present the Public Health staffs are in occupation of the premises, but they will move when the new Town Hall is built.

Last summer Frank Brangwyn, R.A., who became interested in the scheme, bequeathed a magnificent art collection to the borough. It is this gift which forms the major part of the nucleus of the art collection for "The Water House." The collection covers a wide field of world-renowned named, and includes a splendid group of the donor's own work and many famous paintings by his contemporaries. At present it has been loaned to the city of Liverpool, who have agreed to house it for three years, pending the availability of "The Water House."

Further gifts of rare pieces from his collection of pottery and other important pictures have been promised by Mr. Brangwyn. Similar promises have been made by other donors.

The permanent exhibition, according to the trust deed, "shall consist of works of art given by the donors, together with such other works as may be from time to time offered to and accepted by the Trustees, and such works of art may comprise books, pictures, pottery, textiles, metalwork, sculpture, modelling, prints, designs, studies, or other medium of artistic expression."

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## Around the Maritimes

Government appointments gazetted recently were: Commissioner of schools, J. J. Bourinot, Port Hawkesbury; commissioner of sewers, W. H. Ripley of Nappan, Nova Scotia.

Building operations in Shediac and vicinity are quite brisk this season and dealers in lumber and other building supplies are pleased with the prospects of a busy season.

Bank clearings in Saint John in May amounted to \$7,742,637, the Saint John Clearing House Association announced. In May, 1935, bank clearings here were \$7,864,749, and in May, 1934, \$7,530,168.

The 27th annual meeting of the Registered Nurses' Association of Nova Scotia will take place at the Cornwallis Inn, Kentville, June 4 and 5, with Miss Lenta G. Hall, of Halifax, president, presiding.

Truro School board recently discussed repairs to school property. Tenders will be asked for

in the near future for a new roof for part of the academy and for new sections to be installed in the heating boilers in the academy building.

The farms of Henry Atkinson and Daniel Pettigrew, at West Brook, N.S., have been purchased by the Government for the purpose of making a landing field. The surveyors have been at work for the past week making plans for the work to be carried on this summer.

According to the Fisheries News Bulletin, (Department of Fisheries, Ottawa), the lobster fisheries of the Maritimes, in the November-March period, showed a gain of 65 per cent. in volume and of 78 per cent. in value. Some 33,100 cwt. were taken and sold by the fishermen for \$657,000.

"There will be no extensions in either the lobster or scallop fishing seasons," announced Phillip Filleul, district fisheries officer, at Digby. Mr. Filleul received word to that effect. It had been understood locally there would be an

extension, and it was rumored an extension of one week had been granted.

A large number of teen age forest wardens will scout the woods of New Brunswick this summer with senior officials in the interests of forest conservation, according to S. C. Young, president of the Saint John branch of the New Brunswick Fish and Game Protective Association.

Business conditions throughout Canada continue generally satisfactory, the weekly report of the Canadian Credit Men's Trust Association says. The reports were as follows: Halifax—All lines of trade continued about the same as last week. Collections fair. Saint John—Wholesale and retail trade satisfactory as compared with last year.

Not until the buds set sometime within the next two weeks will it be possible to estimate what will be the actual loss caused by the frost which struck a large number of Annapolis Valley orchards. However, the estimate voiced by a large number of growers that the average loss to the 1936 general crop would be about 20 per cent. still appears to be the majority view.

After more than half a century

as a mounted unit, Kings Canadian Hussars will this year train as an armored car unit, horses being discarded. Program of the K.C.H. which under command of Lieut.-Col. G. H. Ruffee, Wolfville, starts a ten-day training period at Aldershot camp June 29 which will include armored car training, signalling, wireless, telegraph, telephone and usual training.

Several salmon nets were confiscated recently by federal fisheries authorities in various parts of New Brunswick in cases where the owners were alleged to have been fishing in closed season, contrary to regulations. The seizures were made in the counties of Victoria, Carleton, York and Northumberland, it was stated by Supervisor of Fisheries L. H. Parks. One person was apprehended and prosecution in this case was said to be pending.

A government commission investigating the collapse of the Moose River gold mine adjourned last Saturday until Alfred Scadding will be able to give further evidence. The condition of the mine timekeeper, one of the three men entombed underground for ten days, was reported as satisfactory following the amputation of all the toes on his left foot. He had suffered from "trench feet" because of his imprisonment in the wet mine.

C. G. Hawkins, Milford Station, N.S., was elected president of the Nova Scotia Forest Products Association, at its annual meeting held in the Halifax Board of Trade Rooms last week. For the year ending March 31, 1936, spruce shipments from Nova Scotia to the United Kingdom totalled approximately 97,000,000 feet—more than twice the amount exported for the same period by New Brunswick and exceeding by about 15,000,000 feet the total exports to the United Kingdom of both New Brunswick and Quebec.

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