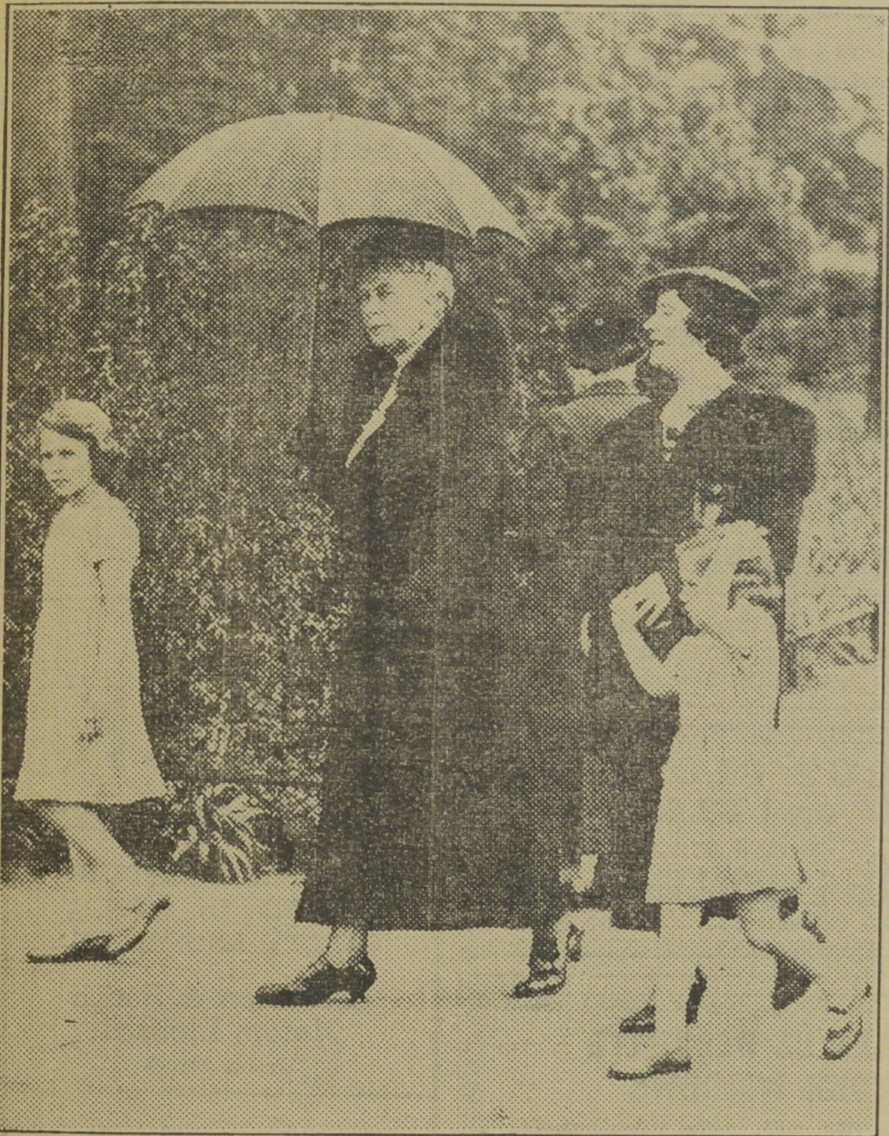


QUEEN MARY RESUMES ACTIVITY



QUEEN MARY, the DUCHESS OF YORK, and PRINCESSES ELIZABETH and MARGARET ROSE are seen walking in Kew Gardens, London. The royal party, quite unattended, spent over an hour walking around the gardens admiring the lovely spring flowers. Her Majesty celebrated her sixty-ninth birthday on May 26 when she received thousands of letters and telegrams of congratulation from all parts of the world.

The News On Review

A lengthy proclamation published in a special issue of The London Gazette last week, proclaimed Wednesday, May 12, 1937 as the day on which King Edward VIII will be crowned in Westminster Abbey.

An increase of nearly a million acres in the area sown to grain in Canada in 1936 is to be expected if the intentions of farmers on May 1 are carried out, states the first statistical report of the present season.

The United States Senate military affairs committee has approved a bill to place the army's peace time air strength at 2,320 planes instead of 1,800 as at present. The bill would allow attainment of the objective at any time within five years.

During the year 1935 some 14,093 fishermen operated from the shores of Quebec Province. There were also 52 lobster canneries, 31 salmon canneries, 44 fish curing warehouses and four freezing plants, or a total of 131 establishments which gave employment to 1,145 persons during the months of May, June and July.

The United States Department of State has announced the following changes in its foreign service. Joseph P. Ragland of Washington, D. C., now consul at Halifax, assigned as consul at Sydney, Australia. Monroe B. Hall, of New York, now consul at Tientsin, China, assigned to be consul at Winnipeg.

The House of Commons, Ottawa, has passed a bill amending the Canadian and British Insurance Companies Act, sponsored by Finance Minister Dunning. It clarifies and makes a few minor alterations in the law and was the subject of study by the Senate banking committee before it passed the Upper House where it originated.

The fate of 53 missionaries in the Ethiopian interior is still unknown, Dr. T. A. Lambie of Toronto, Ont., field director of the Ethiopian Mission Service said.

Dr. Lambie's own headquarters in the capital were untouched during the rioting which followed Emperor Haile Selassie's flight and preceded the entrance May 5 of the Italian army.

A British policeman and three Arabs were killed and a score of Arabs wounded in a new outburst of rioting in the Holy Land. Two of the Arabs were killed when British troops fired into a rioting mob at Kubatia in northern Palestine. The British policeman was fatally shot in the old city of Jerusalem. His Arab assassin was killed afterwards by another policeman.

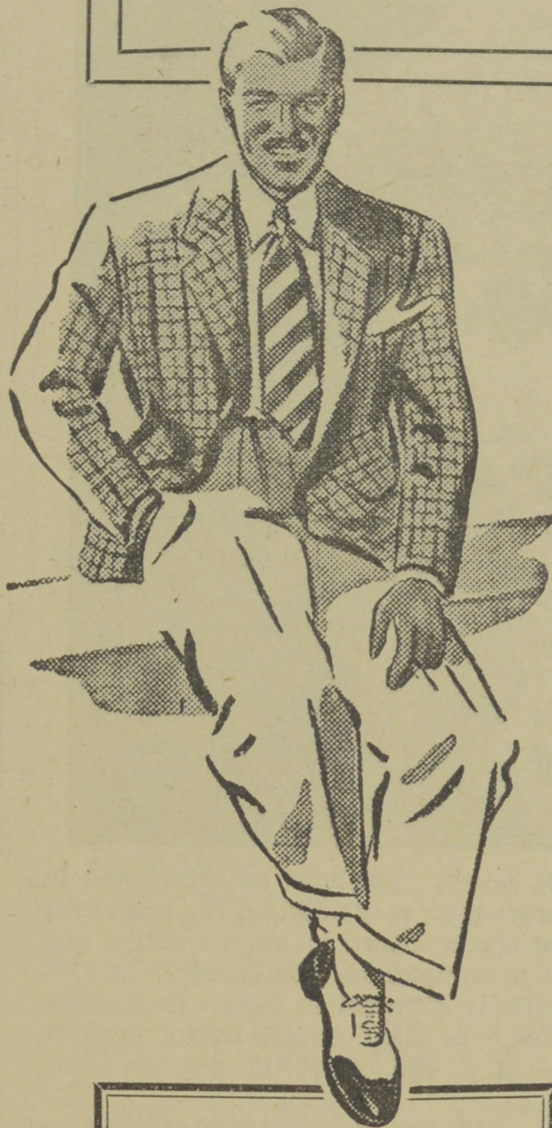
A bill abolishing the Irish Free State Senate was passed last Thursday by the Dail Eireann by a vote of 74 to 52. The motion abolishing the Senate was introduced by President Eamonn de Valera. He termed the Senate "a danger to the country." Constitutional bars previously had prevented him from achieving his objective of doing away with the Upper Chamber.

Contract for three feature pictures starring the Dionne quintuplets has been signed by the babies' guardians with the 20th Century-Fox Films for \$250,000 cash and other monetary considerations. Hon. David A. Croll announced on the second birthday of the quintts that by the end of 1938 the little wards of His Majesty would be worth almost \$1,000,000. He estimated the exact amount at \$880,000.

Raising its proposed limitation, the Senate banking and commerce committee has adopted a proposal small loan companies be limited to a monthly return of two and one-half per cent. on all loans up to and including \$300. On the excess of loans above \$300 and up to \$500 the return would be limited to one per cent. per month. The limitation in returns is to cover interest, service and other charges.

Federal authorities have rejected Alberta's applications for higher coal subventions recom-

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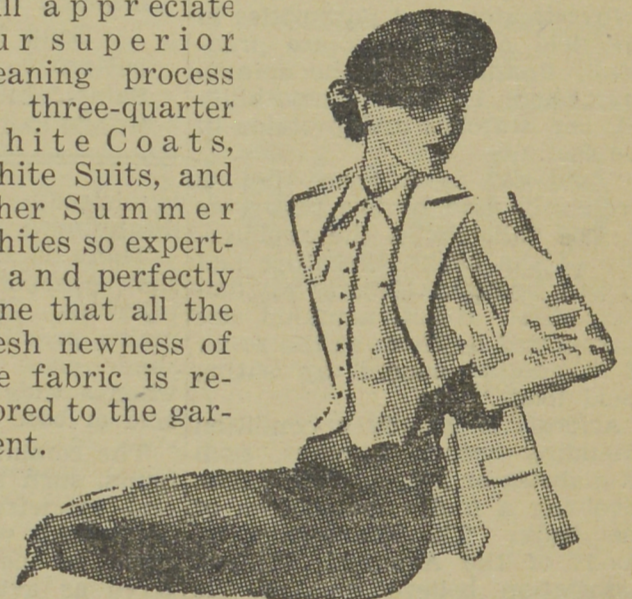
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mended in the Barlow report, according to announcement by Premier Aberhart. The commission, which was headed by Sir Montague Barlow, made an extensive survey of the coal problems of this province last year, and urged that one vital need was increased coal subventions in order to assist the marketing of the Alberta product in the East.

The high quality of Canadian creamery butter is keeping pace with production, a larger percentage of butter being awarded first grade. Out of 229,504 boxes of pasteurized butter graded from December 2, 1935, to May 2, 1936, 82.14 per cent. were designated first grade. The high quality of Canadian butter is protected and assured by regulations which provide for the grading of butter for domestic consumption and the placing of the grade of butter on the wrapper and on the carton.

Holder's of Alberta bonds may not have to accept 2½ per cent. interest on securities now yielding them from 4 to 6 per cent., notwithstanding the positive announcement of Premier Aberhart that after June 1 they would be obliged to accept an arbitrary scaling down. It is learned on the highest authority that there is still a likelihood of a com-

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promise and the fact that the Alberta Government has decided not to proclaim the Compulsory Refunding Act is regarded as a most encouraging sign and highly significant.

Hon. Earle Rowe was elected leader of the Ontario Conservative Party at the party convention held last week.

The prospect of a 100 per cent increase in postal rates paid by daily newspapers and periodicals has caused a wave of protest from coast to coast. Present subscription rates by mail of most Canadian dailies run from \$3 to \$5 a year. Under the proposed increased postal rate \$2.90 will go to the Government in postage. This is based on a daily newspaper averaging 20 pages. If the Government puts the increase into effect publishers of newspapers throughout Canada will be forced to raise subscription rates. To cover the cost of postage, wrapping and mailing alone the subscriber will have to pay a rate which may prove prohibitive to the rural reader.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICE

At First Church of Christ, Scientist, Saint John, N.B., corner of Germain and Queen Streets, the subject of the lesson-sermon next Sunday is: "God the only Cause and Creator." Golden Text, Psalms 121: 1, 2, "I will lift up my eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth."

Among the citations are the following: Psalms 90: 1, 96: 9, "Lord thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth." And from Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy, 280: 4, 247: 21, From Love and from the light and harmony which are the abode of Spirit, only reflections of good can come. Beauty is a thing of life, which dwells forever in the eternal Mind and reflects the charm of His goodness in expression, form, outline, and color."

THESE EXCITING DAYS

Bill—"Is your flat furnished or unfurnished?"

Judd—"To tell you the truth, I never know until I get home in the evening. These hire purchase people are so frightfully fussy."