

THESE STARS SHONE BRIGHTEST



Bette Davis

Victor McLaglen

Awards of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences for the finest performances of 1935 went to Bette Davis for her characterization in "Dangerous" and to Victor McLaglen for his work in "The Informer," which also rates as the best picture of the year.

The News On Review

Reorganization of the Quebec cabinet, with several changes in portfolios, was announced by Premier Taschereau following a cabinet meeting.

The Canadian Government has been advised by Washington that a new approach toward a successful St. Lawrence waterways treaty will be made. Premier King announced in the Commons. Details would be considered by the Government when received.

All present coal mines in Alberta are to be licensed by the Provincial Government, and no new leases or permits will be issued for some time in the future, it was announced by Hon. C. C. Ross, Minister of Lands and Mines.

Arbitrary duty valuations will be used to protect Canadian fruit and vegetable growers from unfair competition from the United States, Finance Minister Dunning assured the Commons when Conservatives criticized vegetable tariff reductions in the Canadian-U. S. trade treaty.

The 14th annual meeting of the Canadian Horticultural Council was held at Ottawa last week. Highlight of the convention was a resolution adopted urging on the Government that effective legislation embodying principles of the Natural Products Marketing Act be perpetuated.

While Liberal ranks thumped their desks, Premier Hepburn of Ontario, in his Budget address before the Legislature promised the people of Ontario "a real surplus," and then forecast a favorable balance of \$597,985.64 for the new fiscal year ending March 31, 1937.

Prof. Auguste Piccard, the stratosphere pioneer, has ordered a new balloon to ascend to 30,000 metres (about 98,430 feet).

The bag is to have a capacity of 10,000 cubic metres. Prof. Piccard intends to try the new ascension somewhere in Poland this summer.

Cuba has decided to impose the maximum tariff on all Canadian goods shipped to that island after March 10, but efforts are being continued by the Canadian Government to get entry for Canadian exports to that republic under the minimum tariff, Hon. W. D. Euler, Minister of Trade and Commerce, told the House in answer to a question.

Notice is given by Hon. C. D. Howe of a resolution on which will be based his legislation to create the National Harbors Board and also a national harbors trust account. The Prime Minister also gives notice of motion to have the standing committee on privileges and elections probe the question of the Speaker's status between two parliaments and his power to dismiss House staff.

Members of the Roman Catholic Clergy in the Province of Quebec have just received a communication from the heads of their respective dioceses in regard to their conduct in political matters, the gist of which is to prohibit any act, or conduct on their part, without express authority on the part of the hierarchy, which may sway the political opinions of their parishioners.

A memorial to King George should take the form of a statue of his late Majesty in London and a philanthropic scheme which should benefit the whole country. This decision was reached at an influential meeting at the Mansion House, London, convened by the lord mayor at the request of Prime Minister Baldwin. The Archbishop of Canterbury proposed the memorial should take such a form.



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The provisional government of Paraguay has decreed a totalitarian state, declaring the revolutionary party and the State inseparable, suspending all political activity for one year, and putting all industries under the Minister of the Interior. The first attempt to establish a Fascist regime in the Western Hemisphere is therefore being made in the Republic having the smallest population—850,000.

Customs and excise revenues increased \$526,513 in February, compared with the same month a year ago, a statement issued by Revenue Minister Iisley said. The total was \$16,824,290 last month, against \$16,297,776 for February,

1935. For the 11 months of the current fiscal year the net increase was \$478,480. The figures for the present year were \$209,655,946 and for last year \$209,186,656.

Imports from Canada under the new reciprocal trade treaty are running well below the allotments set, customs receipts showed. Cattle weighing 700 pounds or more came nearest to approaching the quota. Statistics for the first two months of 1936 showed imports of the commodities on which quotas were established ranged from 2.7 per cent, to 14.1 per cent, of the allotments for the year. The average was slightly less than 1.7 per cent.

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Nationalization of the Bank of Canada will be carried out soon by an increase in its capital stock from \$5,000,000 to \$11,000,000 and purchase of the extra \$6,000,000 by the Government. The present stock, 100,000 shares of \$50 par value is held by more than 11,000 shareholders, none of whom has more than 50 shares. Average holdings are 9.07 shares. By increasing the capital and taking the new shares the Government will have the majority voting power and will gain absolute control of the bank.