

## Around the Maritimes

Clearing figures for the week ending Thursday, April 23, for the city of Halifax, were \$2,223,139.74. The corresponding figures for the same week last year were \$1,819,601.71.

It was learned that a bill will be introduced at Ottawa shortly providing for a national park in Cape Breton, comprising the entire north end of the island from Cheticamp to Ingonish.

New Brunswick's production of creamery butter for the first quarter of the year, at 234,625 pounds, was 17.9 per cent. larger than the make for the similar quarter of 1935, of 199,055 pounds.

Exceptionally favorable weather this spring has brought about early plowing in New Brunswick and seeding is likely to be about ten days earlier this year than usual. May 10 generally marks the start of the growing season.

A production of creamery butter during the first quarter of the year in Prince Edward Island of 145,000 pounds, represents a gain of 27.5 per cent. over last year when the output amounted to 113,700 pounds.

Furniture of the Canadian Farm Loan Board offices, which has been located in Amherst for the past several months has been transferred to Halifax. The new office will be located in the Nova Scotia capital.

A 6.3 per cent. increase is reported by the Nova Scotia creameries in the output of butter during the first quarter of the year compared with that of last year, the 1936 figure being 941,367 pounds and that of 1935, 885,239 pounds.

Bank clearings for the city of Saint John for the week ending April 23 were \$1,999,508, compared with \$1,243,968 for the same period last year and \$1,664,709 for 1934, according to figures released by the Saint John Clearing House Association.

Hon. J. A. MacDonald, Minister of Agriculture for Nova Scotia, announces plans to appoint an official to handle the marketing of Nova Scotia fruit. The Minister is also considering the appointment of an official to assist in training youths in the Province for agricultural extension work.

Of the total sum of nearly \$2,000,000 intended for works at Saint John, in the supplementary estimates which were tabled in the House of Commons, Ottawa, the amount of \$1,817,000 to be applied to reconstruction of berths 1, 2, 3, and 4 will cover the remainder of this undertaking, it was said. No intimation was seen that provision was made for shed erection.

Results of the 1936 poetry competition sponsored by the poetry group of Canadian Authors' Association, Montreal branch, have been announced. Entries totalled 760, with 290 competing. In the historical section Mrs. T. M. Cummings, St. Stephen, N.B., won the \$15 prize donated by Mrs. John McMartin of Montreal. Honorable mention was given to Allister Read of Westville, N.S.

Imports and exports for the present shipping season at the port of Saint John from December 1 to the end of March totalled 952,827 tons, marking an increase of 195,893 tons over the corresponding period of the previous shipping year. Imports were

288,841 tons and exports 663,986 tons. For the corresponding period of the previous season imports were 272,458 tons and exports 484,476 tons.

With suitable ceremonies and festivities, the Annapolis Valley Apple Blossom festival, the only event of its kind in Canada, will in all probability be staged this year May 29, 30, 31. Announcement was made to this effect by the festival committee following a number of conferences with horticultural experts who voiced the opinion that according to present indications, the bloom will be at the height of its glory on the last three days in May.

Bridgetown is one of the three Maritime points chosen for the C.G.I.T. conference which will be held at Bridgetown on May 8, 9, 10. The area from which delegates will attend is from Digby to Kentville. The arrangements are under direction of the local Women's Work Board. Miss Muriel Lawrence, Girl Work Board Secretary for the Maritimes will be present. Mrs. A. J. Burns will preside at the first session.

The Truro School Board will encourage the young lads of the three schools in their baseball efforts during the coming season. A request for equipment for baseball by some of the teachers received an encouraging hearing and the most needed and costly part of baseball equipment, a catchers mitt, for each of the schools was ordered bought. It is understood that during the next few weeks a baseball league will be organized among the local schools.

An attempt to curb the activities of racketeering organizations has been made in the city of Halifax with the establishment of a Better Business Bureau. The organization which has more than 50 branches in the United States and Canada protects its members from fake promotions and easy-money schemes through the medium of radio broadcasts, periodical bulletins and newspaper advertising, by which method the Bureau warns its members.

In an effort to encourage citizens to improve and repair properties, members of the Amherst Town Council acting on the suggestion of Mayor M. J. Kaufman declared that they were ready to approve a building improvement moratorium within reason. Under this plan, assessment valuations would not be increased on properties so improved. No resolution was passed, as the assessors under a provincial act are entitled to act in such matters as they think best.

### National Health Is Improving While Incomes On Increase

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come. In the poorest group the average consumption of milk, including tinned milk, is equivalent to 1.8 pints per head and in the wealthiest group 5.5 pints. The poorest group consume 1.5 eggs per head per week; the wealthiest 4.5. In the matter of fruit, the poorest group spend 2.4d. on this article of diet and the wealthiest 1s. 8d. An examination of the diets of the different groups shows that the degree of adequacy for health increases as income rises.

A review of the state of health of the people in the different groups indicates that as income rises, disease and death-rate de-



## Vancouver's Golden Jubilee

Fifty years ago the first trans-continental Canadian Pacific Railway train from Montreal reached the Pacific Coast. This summer Vancouver, now the Gateway to the Orient and port for ships of the entire world, will celebrate the Golden Jubilee of its founding as the western terminal of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Commencing July 1 with Dominion and International Good Will Week, the programme concludes with the Canada Pacific Exhibition on September 7, and includes land and water sports, several weeks of grand pageantry, musical attractions, visit of American warships, a two-day air show with a solo flight across Canada planned as the highlight, floral decorations, visit of 15,000 Shriners in mid-July, traditional

pageantry of an Aldershot tattoo, frontier week, street dancing and costume balls, and historical exhibits arranged to illustrate Vancouver's steady progress during the first half century of its existence.

Even before the beginning of the celebration proper, many colorful events will be given recognition, including Empire Day and horticulture show in May; Pioneers' festival on June 13-14; schools' programme in June; Eucharistic Congress, which will attract thousands, June 11 to 14; golf tournament, King's birthday, and religious dedicatory services.

One of the highlights of Vancouver's celebration will be the re-enacting of the arrival of the first Canadian Pacific train

almost half a century ago. The venerable old engine, first to the coast, will be run again, with its original pilot, W. H. Evans, at the throttle. Some of the old-timers who saw the first train arrive will also be present for the ceremony. The Canadian Pacific Railway will run tours at low cost from Eastern Canada to the Pacific Coast for the event, with stop-over privileges at Banff Springs Hotel Chateau Lake Louise, and other famous Rocky Mountain resorts.

Pictures show the old and the new Vancouver, and Sir William Van Horne, second president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, who chose the name of Vancouver in 1884 for the western terminal of the first trans-continental railway line.

crease, children grow more quickly, adult stature is greater and general health and physique improve. The results of the tests on children show that improvement in diet in the lower groups is accompanied by improvement in health and increased rate of growth which approximates to that of children in the higher income groups. To bring the diet of the poorer groups in line with that of the group in which diet is adequate for full health, would involve increases in consumption of from 12 to 25 per cent. of the more expensive foodstuffs such as milk, eggs, butter, fruit, vegetables and meat. The report states that with the new knowledge of nutrition in relation to the health and physique of the nation and the increased powers of producing food, an entirely new situation has been created which demands economic statesmanship of the highest order.

### Changes Are Being Made In Education To Assist Youth

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nourishing meals. Representatives from the local gas and electric companies or demonstrators of washing machines, vacuum cleaners, refrigerators and so on, show him how to use and look after modern labor-saving devices in the home.

Boys also are taught the financial side of renting a house, buying it on mortgage, and budgeting the family income to the best advantage. There are classes for clothes and lessons on neat dressing. The boys learn how to choose clothes for their wearing qualities and to make simple tests

to detect "shoddy." Tailors show him how to press and clean, darn and even dry-clean his own suits. He is taught to look after his younger brothers and sisters.

He also is shown how to solve many practical problems that face grown-ups in the successful management of a family.

If the present adult generation had been taught these things in its youth, probably the young people of today would not be finding it so hard to secure employment. Certainly there is need for improvement in the education of the young.

### Forced Insurance For Auto Owners Is Gaining In Favor

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dreds of instances happening almost daily. Certainly a rotten state of affairs, and it is time the Government stepped in to safeguard people from the continuance of such an unfair and unhealthy situation.

There has been a reduction in auto license fees. Would it not have been much more to the point if the fee had been based to include a policy insurance so as to safeguard the people for damages to property up to even a nominal amount of, say, \$200. Such a policy should, however, include personal liability. Putting a man or woman in jail for damages they may do to another or to their property, is mighty poor consolation to those who suffer from their acts. With a compulsory insurance in force, a careful driver would then feel that even if damaged by one who had no financial responsibility, he would be secured from having to

pay for the repair bill, even though he had to accept a depreciated value due to such an accident. Today the careful and responsible driver will generally be found to be carrying insurance, covering in many cases every form of liability to which he may be subject in operating his car, to safeguard him against accidents for which he may be responsible, but is it fair to ask that man to carry insurance to also protect himself from the damage he may receive from a careless and irresponsible driver. A man without financial responsibility or insurance to cover him against damages he may do to the property of others, should not be operating a car on our streets and highways and the Government should see to it that the public are so protected.

### FISH SINKS SHIP

An Arab dhow arrived not long ago at Berbera, British Somaliland, with the captain, crew and passengers of another dhow, the Fatch-el-Khair, which had been sunk in the Indian Ocean by a swordfish! It was one of the monster fish which inhabit the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean. Charging the Fatch-el-Khair, it bored a huge in the bow, causing the water to pour in like a river. Fortunately, another dhow was alongside, and all were rescued. Ships are not often sunk by fish, and even more rarely by insects. But in 1879 an iron-framed warship was anchored in the harbor of Ferrol, Spain, for so long that white ants ate away every scrap of wood between the framework, and the ship went down.

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