

**LONDON MARKS BAD CORNERS**



With a view to safeguarding pedestrians, the City of London has erected new pedestrian and traffic signals at all the busy intersections. One of these new signs is shown behind the policeman in the above photo.

**The News On Review**

Every tourist returning to the United States with a gallon of liquor in his baggage will be subject to the state beverage tax and the thousands who have brought in liquor since repeal face a retro-active levy, it was learned.

Expenditures of nearly \$60,000,000 in works projects of all descriptions throughout the Dominion are authorized for the current fiscal year in supplementary estimates brought down in the House of Commons by Finance Minister Dunning.

A Brooklyn Grand Jury has returned indictments against five persons, including Ellis Parker, jr., son of a New Jersey detective, charging them with kidnaping and second degree assault on Paul Wendel, a former Trenton, N.J. attorney, who figured in the closing days of the Hauptmann case.

Three million jack rabbits, whose down will make felt for men's headgear, total the winter's catch in Saskatchewan and have brought farmers of the Province \$500,000 in revenue. The meat is sold to fox ranchers. One Viscount farmer caught 20,000 rabbits.

In the face of a combination of circumstances giving rise to a pessimistic outlook on the world wheat market, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics monthly report finds reason to believe that Canada, with two-thirds of the total exportable supply of wheat soon will be supplying a higher percentage of world demand.

Substantial reduction in railway passenger fares in Canada will become effective on June 1, it was announced by C. P. Riddell, chairman of the Canadian Passenger Association. Basic fares for first class coach travel are being reduced approximately 13 per cent., bringing them approximately to pre-war level.

Canada's increasing trade with the British Empire is one of the features of 1935, says the weekly review of the Trade and Commerce Department. An analysis of 1935 trade figures, just released, shows 51.8 per cent. of Canada's exports went to the Empire, the highest percentage since the war-time concentration of exports to Britain.

The little band of New Jersey unemployed, who took possession of the New Jersey assembly chamber while awaiting appropriation of relief funds, was refused financial aid by Governor Hoffman. The governor advised them their efforts should be directed toward inducing members of the Legislature to vote for new taxation to provide funds.

An attack on the present system of awarding rural mail contracts came from both sides of the House of Commons recently. T. A. Thompson (Cons., Lanark), said the system of awarding to the lowest tenderer was disgraceful. It resulted in cut-throat competition with contractors getting only enough to feed their horses.

Investigation of radium costs was urged in the House of Commons Ottawa by Thomas Reid (Lib. New Westminster). He believed radium was controlled by an international ring and the price kept at a high level. Investigation was needed particularly, he said, because radium was the universal treatment for some types of cancer. Cost of the mineral made the treatment exceedingly expensive.

Proposal of a pension committee to impose a premium on clergymen's incomes to place pensions on an actuarial basis, has been adopted by the Montreal synod, Church of England. The clergymen will be assessed two per cent. of their salaries during 1936 and 1937, while parishes and other sources will provide four per cent. towards the pension fund. Later the percentages will be increased.

Canada's war pensions bill is now fairly stationary, in the opinion of Pensions Minister Power. The House of Commons has reviewed the European pensions ap-

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propriation of \$11,650,000. Last year the appropriation was \$42,000,000, but not all of it was expended. Many veterans' children were now coming of age and going off pension, said Mr. Power. This tended to reduce the bill, while an increase in the number of pensions awarded on late claims tended to raise the cost.

The Irish Free States trade figures for 1935 show imports from Canada to the value of £1,218,652 as against £1,094,957 for the previous year, writes James Cormack, Canadian Trade Commissioner in Dublin, in the Commercial Intelligence Journal. Imports from the Dominion have shown a steady and consistent increase in

value since 1931. Canada's percentage of the import trade has increased from 1.4 in 1931 to 3.3 in 1935. Wheat, timber and, to a lesser extent, newsprint are the principal items.

A bill to provide complete independence and sovereignty for Puerto Rico was introduced in the United States Senate by Senator Millard E. Tydings of Maryland, chairman of the Committee of Territories and Insular Affairs. He announced that the measure had the support of the Administration. The move came as a surprise to those who have been following Puerto Rican affairs closely. Apparently every effort was made to draft the bill quietly, and

even Administration officials who are closely in touch with Puerto Rican affairs had not seen the measure until Mr. Tydings introduced it.

"Satisfactory," was the Canadian Credit Men's Trust Association's report on business in general throughout Canada last week, with the steady upward trend being well maintained. Wholesale and retail sales in most cities were above the same period of last year, said the report for the week ending April 25. Maritime Provinces report: Halifax, trade satisfactory and collections fairly good; Saint John, wholesale trade satisfactory, but retail somewhat slow.