

BONDS AND BOOTLEGGERS

(Financial Post.)

"Landed a \$22,000 order for bonds on Saturday," remarked the bond salesman, radiant smiles of satisfaction on his face.

Now \$22,000 orders for bonds are not so common that they are taken as a matter of course. Usually on an order of that size a bond house has to shave its price to the absolute minimum, but the bond man gave assurance that he had made his full profit on this deal.

"I sold them to a bootlegger on the Essex frontier," he explained. "The bootleggers and rum runners are the richest people in the country today."

Here evidently is a bootlegger who is salting away his wealth for the time when the harvest season will be over. But all bootleggers and rum runners are not convinced that their era of prosperity will be of short duration. Some of them are making their plans for an extended occupancy of their positions of affluence. Witness the action of the "king of the rum runners" in one border community who offered his regular business for sale. His advertisement was laconic. It read:

"Owing to the pressure of other duties my garage is for sale."

"The pressure of other duties is good," as Ring W. Lardner would say.

One way to keep a friendship is return it.

An Interesting Story About Bliss Carman

(Toronto Globe)

"Your cook-fire made such a contented-looking picture against the dark, you don't mind if I sit and watch you two?"

This remark from a "tall, broad-shouldered, big-nosed, open-countenanced man, who lifted one moccasins-shod foot out of his canoe and then the other, deliberately, not ungracefully, is quoted by T. Morris Longstreth in his new book, "The Laurentians," just published by McClelland & Stewart. The author and a friend were camping in the Laurentian wilderness in northern Quebec when the unexpected visitor arrived. "From his reticence he might have been a shanty-man, but the firelight disclosed a face of sensibility as well as strength; from his hair of a soft and errant shagginess, he might have been poet or musician; but then his modesty! We should have thought him fifty but for a certain shy magnetism that goes with youth. Sprawled there along the sand in an unperturbed silence, smoking, he piqued us to the brink of interrogation."

The trio talked in the firelight, first of the mountains, now of mosquitos, then of the stars and, by and by, reached poetry. "I have a cousin down in New Brunswick you may have heard of, Charles G. D. Rob-

erts," said the stranger. "Now there's a poet for you—a man who is at his best on a big theme in nature, and worth quoting at times like this, if one has the memory." Pressed further, he quoted the names of several Canadian poets of note, and then one of the listeners said: "You left one name from the list. Isn't Bliss Carman a Canadian?"

"Yes, but one of the wanderers, the wapiti, and little known."

"I didn't realize he was a Canadian, though everybody knows his name," said the listener.

"His name, perhaps," said the other dryly, "but his work hardly; that is what counts. I can scarcely recall a dozen poems by him, and I am interested in poetry."

"I'd give a hand to meet that man Carman," said one of the listeners.

"He is not much to meet," said the stranger. "A shy and awkward old bachelor, who confines his conversation to the business of the day. I know him, or did when he were younger, and still occasionally get glimpses of him. He is a whimsical pondering sort of giant. New Brunswick born, but forced to hunt his bread in the States. He was starting off from Montreal the other day on a lecture tour and vowing when he got it over that he'd never go again where he couldn't go in moccasins."

They talked for hours, and once the stranger said he was trying to remember something and wrote for fifteen minutes on envelopes and things from every pocket. When he had gone they picked up some letter paper, also scribbled over, and found on the letter-head:

BLISS CARMAN,
New Haven, Conn.

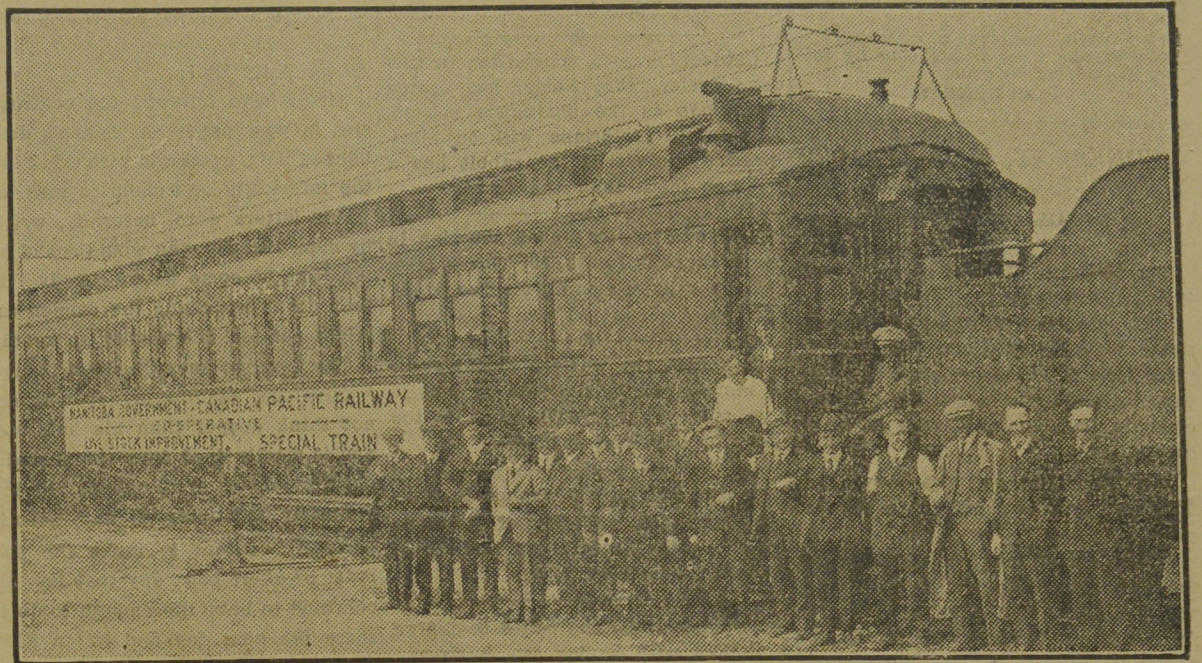
MANY SITES AVAILABLE FOR I. O. O. F. HOME

(Halifax Chronicle)

At the meeting at the Oddfellows Temple here last week, of the I. O. F. Home project, committee there were present Mrs. Elsworth, of St. John and Mrs. (Dr.) Harrington, of Bridgewater, of the Rebekahs and Messrs. McLaughlin, of Charlottetown, P. E. I., P. A. McGowan, of Moncton, W. Stetson Rogers, of Halifax, an dDr. S. Walker of Truro, of the Grand Lodge, only one member of the committee being absent. It is understood the committee had under consideration over thirty properties all over the province offered as sites for the Oddfellows Home, seven of which they decided to refer to the Grand Lodge as suitable for the Home, the "Norway House" property at Pictou, Hewson property, at Amherst, Harris property and Craig site at Truro, Fowler property at Bridgetown, Burgess property at Wolfville and Wilson property at Windsor. The Grand Lodge will decide on the site at the annual meeting at Truro in the second Wednesday of August, and the committee will meet at Truro just previous to the Grand Lodge assembling to deal with any matters in connection with the Home proposal that may occur between now and then.

The Oddfellows of Pictou, the banner county of N. S. of the I. O. O. F. are out strong in favor of selection of the Norway House property of the late Lord Strathcona at Pictou, as the location of the new Home. There are in Pictou County 11 subordinate lodges of the I. O. O. F., 5 Encampments, a Canton and 6 Rebekah lodges. The subordinate lodges of the county have issued a very neat and impressive brochure presenting the claims and advantages of the Norway House as the property for the I. O. O. F. Home. The brochure is illustrated with cuts of the Norway House building for different directions and the reading matter explains the building in three stories, of stone with slate roof, contains sixteen rooms, besides laundry etc., is electric lighted, being wired in modern style, has town water supply, beside two good wells in the grounds, has grates and mantels in every room, the mantels on the main floor being of white marble and copper, low screens, and is hot water heated. There are 150 acres of land, with 1 1/4 miles of water front and on the grounds are an ice house and four fine large barns. It is understood that the property has been made available at a very low price, largely in view of the fact of the work the Home is intended to do. The stone used in erection of the building was imported and it is figured the price at which the I. O. O. F. can obtain the property would hardly today cover the cost of the stone alone. Copies of the brochure are being sent to the I. O. O. F. members throughout the province.

First Radio on a Train



THE Canadian Pacific is the first railway in Canada to instal a radio apparatus on its trains. Those on the livestock improvement train of seventeen cars now touring the Province of Manitoba will hear from Winnipeg headquarters radio concerts, and receive all the big news of the world as they go along their itinerary, even to the quietest rural places. Two Marconi representatives and a radio mechanic accompany the train to insure the successful working of the apparatus.

The livestock improvement train is equipped and maintained by the Canadian Pacific Railway. The project is backed by the Dominion Department of Agriculture, the Agricultural College, the Livestock Exchange, the Packing Companies and the Cattle Breeders' Association of Manitoba. It will tour the Western Provinces in the interests of better farming and particularly to encourage the breeding of higher-grade and more profitable live stock. The illustration shows part of train with the radio apparatus at both ends of a carriage.

DRINK OF HOOCH COST \$1,700

Boston, May 31—One drink of "hooch" cost George Urban of Chelsea \$1700 and a 24-hour stay in the Chelsea Memorial Hospital George thought it wasn't going to cost him anything.

When George came to after drinking the hooch he told the police that he was in the house alone Saturday afternoon when two men rang the bell and asked to buy some of his pigeons.

They were very sociable callers, for they offered George a drink. He took one.

Under a mattress George had placed \$1700 which he and his wife had saved for a trip to the old country. When his wife arrived home Saturday she found George unconscious. She didn't find the money.

The police interviewed George when he came to yesterday afternoon and got a description of his callers.

It is not the number of chickens hatched that counts, but the way they are fed and reared.

Harrowing grain and corn after it is up requires courage, but it is a good practice, nevertheless.

TAIT'S BIRDS DOING WELL IN THE CONTEST

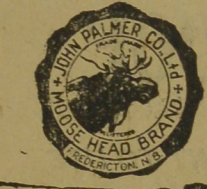
The hens taking part in the New Brunswick egg laying contest at the Experimental Farm took on a spurt last week and produced 827 eggs. This brings the total at the end of the 30th week up to 14,353, which is a little behind the aggregate for the same number of pens in the Nova Scotia contest. Mr. W. E. B. Tait's Barred Rocks led last week with 62 eggs, which is a remarkably good showing considering the heavy work they have been doing for the past three months. This pen's total to date is 1132, which is an average of 113 per bird. Mr. A. T. Reid's Barred Rocks are second on the list with 987, their total last week being 52. Eugene Monohan's Barred Rocks produced 54 last week and a pen of Reds belonging to David Rankine of this city came across with 51. Two other pens produced 50 each and there were a number with totals above 40. There are five pens from the experimental station in the contest, but of late they have made a rather indifferent showing.

OPPOSED TO PROHIBITION

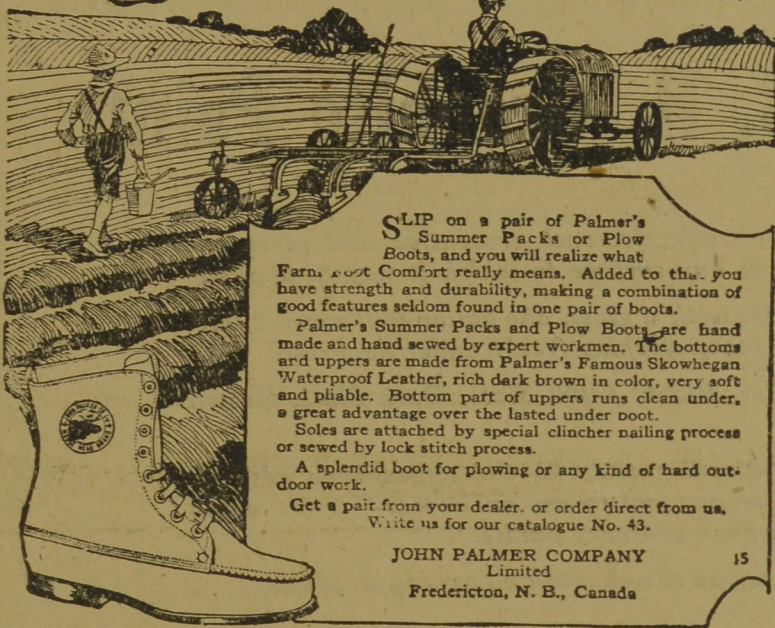
New York, May 30—After fourteen years attempt at the enforcement of total prohibition on the Island of Anticosti in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, Governor Martin Zede told New Yorkers Saturday that the few hundred inhabitants of this small Canadian possession have taken more kindly to a policy of light beer and wines, which he inaugurated in 1919.

The Governor returned yesterday on the steamer La France from a trip to France where he went to negotiate the purchase of some fine light wines for his fellow-islanders.

For fourteen years before the enactment of prohibition in Canada and the United States the Governor said, he had tried to enforce a policy of total prohibition on the island, which is inhabited largely by Canadian Government lighthouse keepers and fishermen. Results he said had been "only negligible." Since 1919 he has had great success with a program of light beer and wines, which is proving more effective and producing better results than the attempt at total prohibition of intoxicants.



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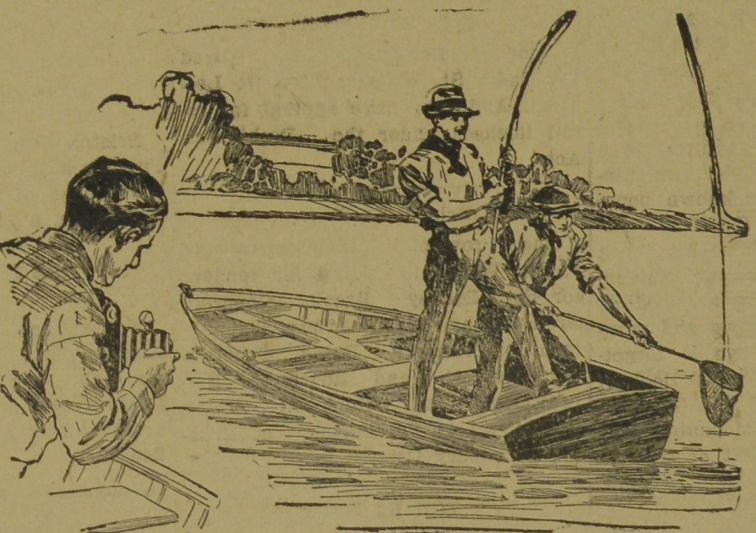
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