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Rome, July 26—Italy's census returns show an excess of female population over male in 1931 of 666,065. Out of every thousand inhabitants there are 508 females and 492 males. This is the first time since the recent census have been kept that the female population shows an excess over the male.

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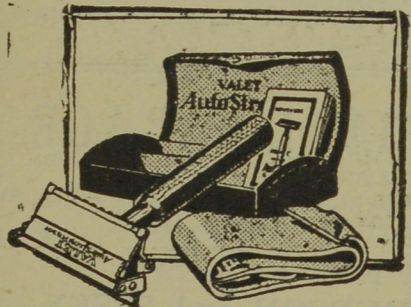
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CONFERENCE NAMES COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE MATTER OF DUMPING BY RUSSIA

Ottawa, Ont., July 25—The Imperial Economic Conference came four-square today with Russian dumping. In the main Conference committee—that on promotion of Commonwealth trade—the issue was raised and a sub-committee consisting of representatives of Canada and Great Britain appointed to consider and report.

The reference covers the wider ground of "the bearing of unfair trading practices upon the operation of preferential trading arrangements within the Commonwealth." It embraces such items as:

- (1) Import prohibitions or restrictions by quota.
- (2)—Export restrictions such as Chile recently placed on nitrates.
- (3) Private arrangements between states with endeavor of control markets.
- (4) State control of foreign trade as in Russia and Persia.

Under the last head Russian wheat dumping on the British markets is particularly in mind. Figures submitted to the Conference show that in 1930-31, Russian almost regained the position she held before the war as a wheat exporter. In the four years before the war, her annual export was 164,000,000 bushels. Between 1914-29, it dropped to 13,000,000 bushels. In that year Russian dumping broke the British market.

Have Since Recorded

Russian wheat exports to Britain have since receded. British Board of Trade returns show that in the five months ending May 31, 1932, imports of Russian wheat into Britain were only 1,151,442 hundredweights as against 7,729,803 hundredweights in the corresponding five months of 1931. But the problem before the Conference is not so much that of the present as what may be expected when the huge Russian state farms get fully under way and Russia resumes her heavy exports.

The Conference committee on economic co-operation appointed Sir Atul Chatterjee, head of the Indian delegation, as its chairman. This committee decided to establish a sub-committee on standardization, each delegation of have on it one representative. The committee will consider suggested changes in the composition of the Empire Marketing Board, the Imperial Economic Committee and uniformity in research. Standardization in weights and measures will also come within its scope.

And while Conference proceeds with committee and sub-committee two separate sets of negotiations are under way. Great Britain is negotiating with individual Dominions, clearing the way towards trade agreements.

Dominions interested in primary products are meeting together for informal conversations. "Satisfactory progress" is reported in Dominion discussions on dairy products. But around British headquarters there are indications of choppy seas ahead. Rumors of division are dismissed as without foundation. Nevertheless a tariff on foreign meats—pressed by both South Africa and Australia—may well carry the British delegation to the testing point.

Market Wa'nted

The British are awaiting the outcome of these discussions before announcing their policy in detail. They want better markets for such British products as textiles, leather and steel, but there is no desire it is emphasized in British circles, to undercut the secondary industries of the Dominions. The British response to the Australian and South African plea for a British preference on meats is one of willingness to consider the question in all its bearings. The vote of the British House of Commons against removal of meats from the free list under the Import Duties Act is not considered as the final word. The House, it is pointed out, gave the delegation to the Conference, a free hand in the Ottawa negotiations. At the same time, stress is laid on the point that further preferences must be reciprocal.

In and about the conference itself,

details are eagerly awaited of Prime Minister Bennett's proposals. Members of visiting delegations are questioning what specific additions Mr. Bennett proposes to make to the Canadian free list, in what particular lines he proposes to give increased preference, list has been circulated of around 3,000 items of which Canada might feel stimulate the importation from Empire countries. Anthracite coal is one of the chief. Some of the items, it is suggested, might be on the free list; in regard to others, there would be preferential rates. But the list, it is stated, is tentative rather than a formal proposal.

Today the Conference committee on customs administration appointed Hon. W. Downie Stewart, New Zealand, as its chairman. It decided also to establish expert sub-committees to examine methods of customs administration. The idea is to remove red-tape hindrances to Empire trade.

Charles Collins to Go Before the York Circuit Court

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he was returning from Parker's Ridge on the night of May 8th and, upon arriving at the store owned by his brother and uncle, noticed a man in the building holding a flaming match. He at once notified his brother of the fact the two, accompanied by Judson Munn, who was living with the Hunters, proceeded to the store. As Lorenzo was entering from the rear, a man burst out the front door and ran down the road. The three immediately gave chase. Lorenzo caught up to the man first and the other two soon after. During the conversation that followed, the man said that "hard times drove me to it." He asked to be let go, saying that he would shoot the three of them. He pulled out a jackknife and as Lorenzo Hunter close with him stabbed several times inflicting wounds. The three men soon overpowered him and Lorenzo left to receive medical aid. Several other men gathered and the prisoner was taken to the store. Only one man recognized him as Charlie Collins. Taking advantage of an opportunity he made good his escape into the woods and for over two months evaded every effort to bring him to justice.

The evidence given by Lorenzo Hunter and Judson Munn was in accord with that given by the first witness. Neither of the two were prepared to swear that the prisoner in court was the man that they fought with on May 8th. The last witness, Irving VanHorn, said that he had come on the scene after the fighting and for a while, due to the blood on the prisoner's face, could not identify him but had had one good look at him and announced that it was Charlie Collins. He identified the prisoner in court.

In cross-examining the witnesses for the prosecution, the defence attorney tried to show that Collins had been severely beaten and that some of the men who discovered him had taken the initiative and manhandled him.

After the charge of assault had been heard, witnesses were examined on the second charge of entering and breaking and stealing. Lorenzo Hunter, Judson Munn and Wilfred Hunter were heard and for the most part repeated the evidence they had already given. In reviewing the case for the crown, Mr. Cain stated that there was no evidence of actual stealing and that the crown did not presume such, but there was he said ample evidence of breaking and entering. Mr. West, for the defence, said since the Crown had not established the fact that the doors of the store were locked, it could not be decided that the prisoner had broken to enter. The court was, at this stage, adjourned until 2.30.

Upon court being resumed this afternoon Magistrate Limerick committed the prisoner for trial at the next York Circuit Court on the charge of breaking and entering.

SENATOR'S WIFE PASSES AWAY IN OTTAWA

Ottawa, July 24—Mrs. Gideon D. Robertson, wife of Senator Robertson, died this morning. Death came from an infection of the blood after an illness of only three days.

Although usually in enjoyment of good health, Mrs. Robertson was suddenly stricken with a blood infection on Wednesday. The infection spread rapidly and in spite of the best efforts of physicians could not be curbed. She died at 5.30 o'clock this morning.

Mrs. Robertson was prominent in women's work in the capital and was an active church worker, being a member of Chalmers United Church. Her devotion to her husband and family was one of her most striking attributes and her care of Senator Robertson in his recent illness was said to have contributed greatly to his recovery. When Senator Robertson, after ill health forced his resignation from the Canadian Government, in which he was Minister of Labor, attended the International Labor Conference in Geneva, Mrs. Robertson accompanied him and nursed him through the illness by which he was stricken while abroad.

NOTHING IS SACRED TO THE FLIPPANT GIRL

(New York Sun)

In a cramped little bookshop in midtown a Thespian of the old school was holding forth to the sympathetic lady in charge. His topic was what Broadway used to be.

Browsers began to look up in spite of themselves. They even got interested. They let their books droop and they edged toward the dramatic old-timer. He was seemingly unaware of his increasing audience, but his voice increased in volume and his articulation grew stagey. One or two newcomers had approached to listen before even starting to browse. Presently an airy girl tripped in. She took one look, cocked her group now fairly huddled around the ghost of old Broadway startled those present when the old actor paused.

"Ah!", she exclaimed. "The old corner grocery store!"

QUESTION CAUSES SHOPPER TO SWOON A SECOND TIME

(New York Sun)

A shopper screamed, a salesgirl vaulted over a counter, a section manager expertly tacked his way in atrot to the scene of the excitement. A young woman, laden with parcels, had suddenly her to the nearest buyer's office and summoned the store nurse.

"Just a faint," the nurse reassured them, as she got out her smelling salt. "She'll come around in a minute."

But he didn't. The nurse was showing some concern. A volunteer assistant was splashing water gingerly on the fainter's pretty hair. At last, the fainter opened her eyes and looked up at the sprinkler.

"Is—is you wave it is natural?" the volunteer assistant to the nurse blurted.

The shopper closed her eyes and went off into another swoon.

CAR OWNER FINED

Moncton, N. B., July 25—For defacing the numerals on his car's license plates, Angus McDonald was fined \$13.50 in the police court here today. Officer Welch seized the plates from McDonald's auto Saturday after discovering that the number three on the plate had been changed to an eight. After payment of the fine, the plates were returned to the owner.

Water Sports Thursday

Several members of the R. K. Y. C. arrived this morning as guests of the "Horsemen", auxiliary schooner owned by H. M. Merriman, of New York. It was the vanguard of the club which will be here for the A. & B. Club water sports on Thursday afternoon. Several other boats arrived here today, one being the "Rhema" and others are expected from the Saint John Power Boat Club tonight and on Wednesday. Seven swimmers will be here from Saint John to compete in the three-mile swim for the Baxter trophy. The race has been measured off, and will start on five o'clock Thursday evening from a point three miles above the city. There will be twelve entrants. Miss Beatrice Mills is expected to be the only woman swimmer entered. The speedboat events will feature the sea sled of Dr. Blossom, of Caribou, Maine and boats owned by E. O. McDonald and W. E. Vaughan, city.

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Dated at Fredericton, N. B., this Twenty-third day of July, A.D. 1932.

J. FRANK VANBUSKIRK,
Secretary-Treasurer.

A NEW DEPARTURE

Moncton, July 25 — The steamer Hlva, one of the first large steamers ever to come up the Petitcodiac river docking here with a cargo of flour some weeks ago, returned today from the head of the Great Lakes with another cargo. Unloading will be commenced tomorrow, and upward of 50 men will be employed.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. N. W. Brown of Windsor, Ont., is visiting in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Walker of Saint John are in the city to send a few days.

Miss Baarbara Wetmore, who was operated on for appendicitis at Victoria Hospital was able to leave the hospital for her home yesterday.

Prof. J. M. and Mrs. Palmer of Sackville, are sending a few days in the city.

Miss Porter of Jersey City, N.J., who has been visiting the Misses' Sterling, returned home last evening.

Mrs. Anna B. Rogers, LL.B., of Boston, Mass., and Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Reid of Moncton, spent the week end in Fredericton, guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Eardley.

Miss Frances V. Black, R.N., of Montreal, who has been visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Black, returned home yesterday.

Harry Jackson, of Halifax, formerly well known in lumbering circles along the Saint John River, is visiting friends in the city.