

# Loans to Western Provinces Now up to Staggering Total

New Demands For Financial Assistance Likely Within the Next Few Months—Already Saskatchewan Is Seeking To Make a Touch—Ottawa May Apply Brakes.

OTTAWA, Dec. 1—Should the Federal Government continue to add to the already large total of Dominion loans to the four western provinces? Should loans be given under any circumstances? Should such loans be made conditional upon specified policies to be adopted by provincial governments? Should the Dominion insist, as a prior condition to a loan, that the Federal Government be given a controlling voice in provincial financial affairs?

These questions have been brought to the forefront because the Federal Government within the past week has been considering an urgent request for a cash loan from the provincial government in Saskatchewan.

## Now Fifty Millions

The advances by the Dominion to these provincial governments has already reached the staggering figure of \$40,623,770 and failing a change of policy at Ottawa new demands for financial assistance are certain to be made within the next few months. Unless a severe curb is placed upon the granting of cash assistance by Ottawa these loans will soon assume—if they have not already done so—proportions which will make ultimate repayment either of principal or interest impossible.

## EVIDENCE OF NORSEMEN IN CANADA

Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 30—Norsemen had penetrated the interior of Canada 130 years before Columbus "discovered" America may be proven by characters carved on astone near Sandy Hook, a lake Winnipeg summer resort, 45 miles north of Winnipeg.

An Icelandic scholar has read on its face inscriptions identified as Scandinavian runic. The stone is believed to be evidence that Manitoba and the Hudson Bay area were explored in 1362 A. D.

## CHATTER THE CAUSE OF MOST DENTAL PAINS

Pittsburgh, Nov. 30—That chatter with which the dentist tries to keep your mind off drills and forceps, now is glorified as applied psychology.

Said Dr. C. A. Whitmer of the university of Pittsburgh at a convention here:

A great many people go to a dentist believing they are in pain. Just say, that doesn't hurt a bit, does it? and they'll think they feel fine."

Of course, if the patient is really in pain—well, that's where you apply psychology.

## IN AFRICA NOW

Bathurst, Gambia, West Africa, Nov. 30—Colonel and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh dropped down out of the sky in their big seaplane at 2 P. M., G. M. T. (9 A. M., E. S. T.), after a flight from Porto Praia, Cape Verde Islands.

## MUSSOLINI CUTS WOMEN WORKERS

Rome, Italy, Dec. 1—Premier Mussolini all but abolished the employment of women in public offices in an order issued today demanding that the number in many state offices be limited to five per cent. of the total number of workers on the payrolls.

This limitation applies to state, provincial and communal offices and to state financial concerns. In "inferior" forms of employment—which referred principally to telephone operators—women may number 20 per cent. of the total.

The order added force to the effort Mussolini has been making to induce women to keep house and raise families.

## CHICAGO DIVORCES ON THE INCLINE

Chicago, Ills., Nov. 30—Divorces are down, and marriages are up on the Chicago matrimonial bourse. Figures from the Superior and Circuit courts for the first nine months of the present year show a divorce decrease of 5.9 per cent for a corresponding period in 1932, and an increase of 19.5 per cent in applications for marriage licenses.

## BUSINESS IMPROVING

New York, N. Y., Dec. 1—Lowell Thomas in a radio talk last night referred to improved business conditions throughout the world. He spoke of an awakening in Canada, Australia and South Africa and also noted an improvement in European countries.

## THE MOUNTIES MADE SEIZURE IN NOVA SCOTIA

Big Cargo of Rum Was Seized in Cape Breton and Four Men Placed Under Arrest.

Halifax, Nov. 30—Gradually closing a wide-embracing grip on rum running activities in Nova Scotia, Royal Canadian Mounted Police tonight had seized \$5000 worth of rum in Cape Breton district and had in custody at least four men while four more will be served with warrants for arrest.

The seizure was made near Sydney when land and sea forces combined to capture a motor launch, a car and 475 gallons of liquor. The boat was in charge of Captain Ingraham and two seamen who were taken to North Sydney by the R.C.M.P. cutter, Tenacity. Ingraham was to have appeared in police court there today on charges arising from seizure of the rum-laden craft, W. A. F., several weeks ago.

Meanwhile officers at Truro arrested Sydney Crowell of Shubenacadie, and were prepared to serve warrants on charges of impersonating police officers against Perry and Harry Allen, already on bail on other charges involving the knocking of two constables from running-boards of a motor car and transporting liquor. They were first rounded up when Gerald Hartlen informed police two men had hijacked a carload of rum.

## TORONTO TRIBUTE

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 1—Toronto will honor the memory of Sir Arthur W. Currie by holding special service on the day of the funeral at the Massey Hall and also at the Armories. The city will send a wreath to Montreal. Attorney General Price will represent the government at the funeral.

## Business Conditions in Canada Continue to Improve

Toronto, Nov. 30—Industrial conditions in Canada are gradually improving, according to reports submitted to the executive council of the Canadian Manufacturer's Association meeting here today. A general upturn, reports also stated, is continuing throughout the world with Great Britain leading the trend.

Bright spots mentioned included increase in industrial activity; increased employment; gains in national revenue; a decrease of wasteful expenditures and increase in trade, particularly British Empire trade. Though a number of unfavorable factors remain, the reports indicated, a gradual swing is appearing towards better times in the leading countries.

Unemployment in various Canadian centres has decreased from two to 25 cent. Industries reporting to the government announce an increase in employment up to Sept. 1 of 135,000. The figure is increased to 275,000 when consideration is given to firms not reporting employment increases to the government.

Canadian trade will benefit by the change in the administration of the affairs of Newfoundland, it was also disclosed today. Another aid to Canadian trade is the supplementary tariff agree-

## B.C. MAY ADOPT A REFUNDING PROGRAMME

A Chance To Effect a Large Saving In Interest

## A HEAVY BURDEN

Finances of the Coast Province Are In Bad Shape

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 1—British Columbia government proposes a large-scale refunding programme to improve its financial position, according to an announcement made by the new minister of finance, John Hart. Every effort will be made to co-operate with the banks and the Dominion Government to see if it is possible to get into the London Market to refund all or part of the province's obligations, according to Mr. Hart.

The refunding scheme will allow the present bondholders to exchange their bonds for bonds paying a lower rate of interest, and if they do not wish to accept that, they will be paid 100 cents on the dollar for their holdings and they can place their investment elsewhere, said Mr. Hart. It is the policy of the government that there shall be no repudiation under any circumstances and that there shall be no default on payment of interest until every possible remedy has been exhausted to prevent it.

## A Heavy Load

Mr. Hart expressed himself as astonished by the condition of British Columbia's finances, when he took office. Briefly, this is what he says he found:

Sinking funds short by over three millions, a provincial debt totalling \$166,998,000, or \$7,000,000 more than the public realized; a million-dollar current overdraft, cheques to the amount of \$314,000 held up in the finance department because of lack of funds, among them \$150,000 due to Vancouver for relief; superannuation and teachers' pensions funds exhausted and spent for other purposes; nearly \$1,500,000 borrowed for unemployment relief and spent elsewhere; \$17,000,000 needed to cover deficits and outstanding treasury bills; \$1,000,000 required for current expenses before the end of November.

## A London Paper Has Good Word for The U. S. President

Beaverbrook Paper Says That Americans Were Lucky To Have Found Franklin D. Roosevelt; Says That He Has Tackled a Tough Job and That He Will Carry Through.

LONDON, Dec. 1—The Daily Express paid tribute to President Roosevelt of the United States today with an editorial headed, "Here is a Man." "In America," it said, "Roosevelt stands up to furious onslaughts.

"The Wall Street banks line up against him. His old friends and colleagues desert in droves. Their flight is shameful.

"The President is tackling a job which would be enough to break most men's hearts. The mess was made by interests now in a panic.

"Roosevelt keeps his nerve. He carries on and he will carry through.

"Other news from over there concerns a fresh wave of lynching. A country which lets criminals ply their trade unchecked and then takes the law into its own hands and goes mad wants a brave, strong man for its head in a crisis.

"Americans are lucky to have found him."

## TOWN TO MINE GOLD IN STREETS OF CALIF. TOWN

Dutch Flat, California, Nov. 30—Residents of this mining town long have known their city had streets of gold, now something is to be done about it. Placer county supervisors have signed a contract with Francis G. Fabian of Chicago for the mining of gravel underlying the streets, roads and alleys of the town.

The increased price of gold has made the mining of lower grade gravels profitable, and engineers estimate there is about 95 feet of pay dirt between the surface and bedrock under the town.

## LOCAL SOCIETY HONORS MEMORY OF ST. ANDREW

St. Andrews Society of Fredericton in company with societies all over the world, observed St. Andrew's day with all the usual ceremony here yesterday. The observation culminated in a "smoker" held in the Oddfellows' Hall last night. About 121 members and guests were present at the function. There were special addresses, the traditional eating of the haggis and piping, and close to fifty greetings from outside societies were read. President Edward Elliott was in the chair. The Misses Stewart, of Lincoln, danced the highland fling and sword dance. J. H. Malcolm read the greetings from the other societies and the customary toasts were honored. Music was furnished by the society's pipe and drum band. W. Aitkenhead, Karl C. Bishop, and D. J. MacLeod all spoke. The toast to "the day and a' wha honor it" was proposed by Ernest A. MacKay and responded to by Rev. Dr. George E. Ross. The traditional "piping the president home" concluded the program.

## A GREAT SUCCESS

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 1—The Royal Winter Fair, which has been an outstanding success, honored the province of Ontario today. There was a great parade of live stock, including horses, and beef cattle. The list of entrees at the Royal Fair this year was the largest in its history.

## LION CUBS IN TRAINING FOR MITT GAME

Albuquerque, New Mexico, Nov. 30—B. E. Wilson, animal trainer who taught tricks to Lee, familiar movie lion, has five promising cubs under his tutelage at the Zoo here, and he hopes to make wrestlers of two of them and boxers of two others.

Wilson plans to teach Prince and Queenie to box.

"Queenie would make a fine fighting lion", said Wilson; "she'll trade blow for blow."

And from the cage of Duke and Queen comes word that Wilson soon may have a kindergarten pupil—possibly in jiu jitsu prospect—for the birth of another lion cub is expected daily.

## BIRD FLIES NINE THOUSAND MILES

Washington, D. C., Nov. 30—The longest flight on record for any bird is that of a three-month-old Arctic tern. It was banded on the coast of Labrador by a scientist and found on the east coast of South Africa. The shortest distance between the two points was 8,000 miles and the biological survey estimates the flight actually was at least 9,000.

## INSTALLATION SERVICE

At a special service at Christchurch Cathedral last night, Rev. C. Murray Hatheway, was installed as Medley Memorial canon missionary in the Fredericton diocese of the Church of England in Canada. He succeeds the late Rev. Canon A. W. Smithers. At the opening of service a minute of silent prayer was held for the new canon following which he was presented by Venerable Archdeacon A. F. Bate and installed by Very Rev. Dean J. H. A. Holmes. The lessons were read by Rev. W. J. Bate, and Ven. Archdeacon Bate and the blessing was pronounced by His Lordship Rt. Rev. J. A. Richardson, Bishop of Fredericton. The new canon preached the sermon, appropriate to St. Andrew's Day in which he made an earnest plea for support of missionary work. A combined choir of the cathedral and the parish church assisted at the service.