

OUR MERCHANTS
Patronize our local merchants
and leave your money in your
city with the men who are try-
ing to make it go.

The Daily Mail

WEATHER
Fresh westerly winds, cloudy
followed by strong winds and
gales with probably light rain
or snow.

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Right Rev. J. A. Richardson, Metropolitan

Starvation Wages Paid While Profits Pile Up

Clerks Get Five Dollars For Sixty-one Hour Week--Commission In- vestigating Company's Business Methods.

Ottawa, Nov. 13—Low wages, long hours and other objectionable features in connection with chain stores were brought out at Ottawa yesterday in connection with the mass buying investigation. These will be continued today.

Fred P. Higgins, Toronto auditor told of managers of meat and grocery departments in one chain organization of 500 stores, being paid \$4 a day and held responsible for all stock. He told of 15 men averaging \$7.34 and 120 women, \$6.78 for a full week's work. Another organization paid 194 grocery clerks from \$4.50 to \$25 for a 61-hour week and 110 women clerks from \$7 to \$15 for 48 hours with an average wage for men of \$10.69 and of women \$10.85.

Delivery boys worked 66 hours for \$1.50. Employees for a grocery and fruit chain worked from 65½ to 84½ hours a week. A married man was employed as a dishwasher at \$6 a week and his meals and a girl as a waitress for \$10 and meals.

Suffered Less Injury

At the same time, the auditor said chain stores survived the depression with less injury than most industries, certainly less injury than manufacturers and farmers. He gave figures to show increasing profits in recent years and steady dividends and large bonuses.

Today's evidence was a resume of what is to come and chain organizations were referred to by letter. Names and figures will come later. Norman Sommerville, commission counsel promised the wage scales will be "very fully developed."

"Our investigations," Higgins said "have revealed adjustments under minimum wage boards of provinces. In some provinces, insofar as chain stores are concerned, no orders have yet been issued."

Generally speaking, chain stores' head offices have incomplete records of wages and hours of labor, the auditor said. As a result of the investigation, one organization made a study of its staff and "as a result" many adjustments were made, both of increased wages and shortened hours of employment.

Profits Increased

The commission learned that chain stores have weathered the depression in fine shape. Between 1929 and 1933, six large chains increased gross profits from \$11,840,936 to \$14,421,416 and net profits from \$1,568,845 to \$1,730,592. Dividends paid increased from \$823,690 to \$1,243,597—all on net sales which fell from \$64,182,714 to \$62,616,029.

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Ashley A. Colter President of Capital Rink Co., Ltd

The annual meeting of the Capital Rink Company, Ltd. was held last evening with President Ashley A. Colter in the chair.

Business covering the past year was dealt with and a committee composed of A. A. Colter and F. S. Mundle were appointed to arrange for the leasing or operation of the rink.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—

Ashley A. Colter, President; F. S. Mundle, vice-President; A. S. Murray, Secretary; Mayor W. G. Clark, Director, E. C. Atkinson, M.L.A., P. A. Gerow, Ald. Hedley Forbes, E. E. Cameron, Directors.

Ask Yourselves

According to Canadian Press despatches appearing in the press the F. W. Woolworth Company transferred to the United States in five years nearly twelve million dollars of Canadian peoples money made in profits from the Canadian buying public. To be exact the amount was \$11,174,312. This money went from Woolworth's Canadian stores to the parent company in New York, which owns the Canadian concern.

J. G. Gibson, chartered accountant of Toronto, gave the Royal Commission on mass buying these figures yesterday. Mr. Gibson was testifying on his investigation into the affairs of the company.

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Last year the net profits of the company were \$1,960,959, or 21.96 per cent on the cost of goods sold. Dividends paid annually on the basis of a \$5 a share amounted to \$3,750. The remainder went to the United States concern.

Mr. Gibson gave the committee details of the financial set-up of the company from the year of the merger to the present. This is where some Canadian money goes out of Canada and does not come back. The figures are significant to those of our Canadian citizens who should ponder over them. They are especially significant in towns where the local merchant is being crowded off the way by the chain stores. In one town in Ontario the entire trade of the town is done by chain stores. Groceries, dry-goods and all other lines are handled by outside concerns. In that town the merchants who worked in the city council and the board of trade and those who kept the churches and community clubs going were forced to put on the shutters. Are these chain stores taking the place of the individual merchants here, either in the cities or in the country.

In the rural district the country storekeeper at the cross-roads is the main man in the community. His store is the social centre where the men gather at night, smoke their pipes and talk over the gossip of the community. If the farmer wants five dollars he borrows it from the country store-keeper. If the farmer's horse is sick he borrows one from the storekeeper. If the farmer's wife is sick the country merchant hitches up his horse on a stormy night and goes for a nurse. Then he "trusts" the farmer's family and carries them along all winter while the father is in the woods. Nowadays many of these same farmers put their dollars in an envelope and send it away to a mail order chain store while they owe the country merchant. This money never comes back. Like the twelve million dollars mentioned above, it is GONE FROM THE COUNTRY FOREVER!

The writer knows of a country merchant who "keeps a post office." Last winter this merchant trusted a farmer and his family all winter. In the spring the same farmer came into the post office run by this merchant and sent thirty dollars away to a mail order house—but he still owed the merchant, who kept the family all winter. The country merchant who used to be the leading man in the business and social life of the community, is fast passing out of the picture. The city merchant will go the same way. Many Fredericton merchants whom we know have gone out of business in recent years. But the mass buying concerns remain. Twelve million dollars from one concern goes out of the country in five years—and goes to enrich United States communities.

Where is the remedy?...ASK YOURSELVES!

BOY'S LEG BROKEN IN NEAR FATALITY

Escapes Death when Hit By Automobile

Springhill, N. S. Nov. 13—Steven, 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Alexander, Herrett Road, had a narrow escape from death last night, when he ran in front of a car driven by Ralston Rushton. The boy was struck and knocked down, having his right leg fractured and being badly shaken up.

Good Sum Raised By Rotary Bazaar

Woodstock, N. B. Nov. 13—Results from the community bazaar held at the armoury here last week were satisfactory, it was reported to the Woodstock Rotary Club at the weekly luncheon today. The net returns to the club will be only about \$20 less than in the similar bazaar held two years ago. The proceeds will be used for the community work of the club. Dr. G. T. O'Donnell was in the chair.

COWS KILLED IN NOVA SCOTIA

Two Run in Front of a Passenger Car

Amherst, N. S., Nov. 13—Two cows were killed today by Charles Watt when the animals dashed in front of his car. The car was badly damaged. The cattle were owned by Laurie Grey, Fort Lawrence, who was driving a herd of 16 or 17 animals which he had recently purchased. The cattle were being carefully herded along the side of the road, but two cows left the line and went into the pathway of the auto.

BELGIAN CABINET TO QUIT OFFICE

Brussels, Nov. 13—The Belgian Cabinet has agreed to announce its resignation tomorrow, authoritative quarters said today, following a special meeting of all ministers, except Bleek Van Zeeland, under Premier Count Charles de Broqueville.

NEW YORKER MAKES GOOD USE OF N. B. MOOSE

Ralph D. Stowell, Alden, N. Y., Tells How To Utilize Head, Antlers, Hide, Meat, Hoofs and Teeth—Plays Host At Several Banquets Near His Home Town.

Ralph D. Stowell, the sporting pharmacist of Alden, N. Y., certainly makes good use of the carcass of any game animal he kills. And when he hunts, he hunts.

This year, while on his annual visit to the Alma section of Albert County, New Brunswick, he shot the first bull moose to be taken in the Province in the 1934 season in not more than one hour after the season opened, on October 20th. The animal was shot within sight of a motor highway and through that circumstance Mr. Stowell was enabled to ship the carcass to Alden intact. Thereupon the "good-use" began.

For a whole day the mighty carcass, which weighed around 600 pounds hog dressed, was suspended from a large tripod in front of the Alden druggist's place of business. Not only did this serve as an excellent outside bally, but Mr. Stowell and his trophy landed a two-column cut in the Buffalo Evening News just a few issues back.

Next day the carcass was skinned and quartered. The head with its broad spreading antlers was sent away to be mounted and the meat was put in cold storage. Then one night "Moose" Stowell as his home town paper writes of him, branched out in a social way. He played host to the Greater Buffalo Drug Club at Cowlesville and fed his guests on moose-steaks. Within a few more nights the Akron Firemen's Club came in for a similar treat and the word now is that the Alden Lions' Club will get their moose steaks on the evening of November 14th. So much for the head and the meat.

As for the hide, Mr. Stowell promises that, "It will be tanned and made into a coat for my daughter." As proof of the possibilities that lie in this direction, the picture referred to in the Buffalo Evening News shows Mr. Stowell wearing a jacket made from the hide of a moose killed in a season gone by and it is as classy a piece of sports wear as one would want to see.

As final evidence of his resourcefulness, Mr. Stowell says that "The hoofs will be made into ash trays and the teeth into watch charms." Since that pretty well finishes the New Brunswick Moose, it also finishes the story.

CATHOLIC LEADERS' ARREST IS ORDERED

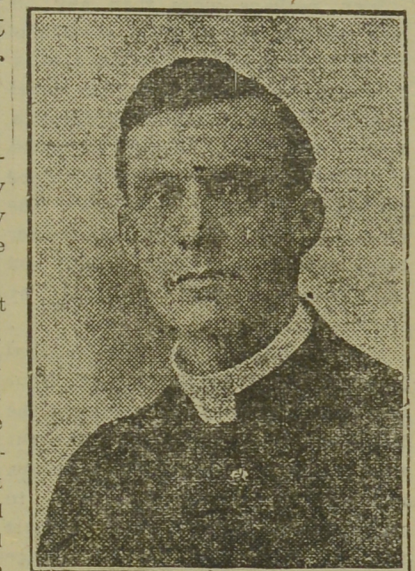
Mexico, D. F., Nov. 13—Charges of incitement to rebellion against two high Catholic leaders of Mexico, now in exile, resulted today from an investigation of an alleged church campaign to overthrow the government.

Police were ordered to arrest Leopoldo Ruiz y Flores, papal delegate to Mexico, and Jose de Jesus Manrique y Zarate, Bishop of Huejutla, Hidalgo state, should they try to re-enter the country. They are now in the United States.

The charges were brought by Attorney General Portes Gil after an investigation ordered by President Abelardo Rodriguez. Rodriguez claims church leaders planned a seditious movement because of the government's anti-church and socialist education programs.

Bishop Richardson Is Church Head

METROPOLITAN



Most Rev. Archbishop Richardson
Today Appointed Metropolitan of the
Eccelesiastical Province of Canada
in the Anglican Church.

WOOLWORTH CO. SEND CANADIAN MONEY TO N. Y.

Over Eleven Million Dol- lars of Canadian Peo- ple's Money, Profits of This Concern, Went to United States In Five Years.

Ottawa, Nov. 12—Absorbing the E. P. Charlton Co., Ltd., and the S. H. Knox Co., Ltd., in 1912, and operating 32 stores, the F. W. Woolworth Co. today has expanded to 136 stores in Canada, J. G. Gibson, chartered accountant of Toronto, told the Royal Commission on mass buying here today. Mr. Gibson was testifying on his investigation into the affairs of the company.

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INQUIRY INTO FIRE MARSHAL'S DEPARTMENT

TORONTO, Nov. 13—Attorney-General A. W. Roebuck today announced the formation of a commission to conduct a private hearing into the Ontario Fire Marshal's Department. Ian Strachan, of Toronto, member-elect of the Ontario Legislature for St. George's riding, will be the chairman. The aim of the inquiry, Mr. Roebuck said, is to see if the province is getting value for its expenditure in the department.

Today Appointed To Lead Anglican Church In Canada, As Was Forecasted in the Daily Mail Some Weeks Ago.

As exclusively forecasted some weeks ago by The Daily Mail His Lordship, Right Reverend John A. Richardson, Bishop of Fredericton becomes today Right Reverend John A. Richardson, Metropolitan of Canada. Some weeks ago the Daily Mail announced that this would probably take place and was the only paper in Canada to make the announcement. This was denied at the time by church authorities in this city. We are glad to say however that the result is as we forecasted and we extend hearty congratulations.

A meeting of the House of Bishops of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada was held at Fredericton today, when the Right Reverend John A. Richardson, D.D., D.C.L., Bishop of Fredericton, was elected President of the House of Bishops of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, and as such becomes Metropolitan bishop of each Province and Archbishop of Fredericton.

The Ecclesiastical Province of Canada consists of the Dioceses of Montreal, Quebec, Nova Scotia and Fredericton.

The Diocese of Fredericton, which includes the Province of New Brunswick, becomes the Metropolitan See of Canada.

The Most Reverend Archbishop Richardson succeeds the Most Reverend Clare Lamb Worrell, Archbishop of Nova Scotia, who died on August tenth last.

The voting today was by ballot, under the hands and seals of the Bishops of Montreal, Quebec and Nova Scotia, whose ballots had been forwarded to the Chancellor of the Diocese, J. J. F. Winslow of this city.

Archbishop Richardson became Coadjutor Bishop of Fredericton twenty-eight years ago and succeeded as Bishop of Fredericton upon the death of the Right Reverend Hollingworth Tully Kingdom.

Bishop Richardson was born at Warwick, England on October 30, 1868, the son of John and Mary (Watkins) Richardson. He was educated at the Warwick Grammar School, England; the University of Manitoba where he received his B. A. degree in 1895 and his M. A. in 1898. Later he secured an honorary D. D. from St. John's College, Winnipeg, Man. and an honorary D. D. at King's College, Windsor, N.S., also an honorary D.C.L. from Bishop's College, Lennoxville in 1910. He was rector of St. Luke's at Winnipeg between the years 1899 and 1906. In 1906 he was appointed bishop Coadjutor here and succeeded to the See, October 1907. He married Miss Dora Lillian Fortin, daughter of Ven Archdeacon Fortin on June 16, 1897 and has one son and four daughters.

ADDRESSES ROTARY CLUB

Border Rotarians Hear A. D. Ganong, M.P.

St. Stephen, Nov. 13—The St. Stephen-Milltown Rotary Club was addressed today by A. D. Ganong, M.P., who gave an interesting talk on "Remembrance Day". Gordon F. Nicholson was chairman and a large number were present.