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Bonded Indebtedness of Municipalities

The gross bonded indebtedness of urban and rural municipalities in the year 1934 amounted to \$1,462,850,565, compared with \$1,384,545,300 in 1933. The bonded debt of cities in 1934 was \$1,106,655,113, towns \$137,835,228, villages \$12,350,940, suburban municipalities \$8,041,615. It should be noted that in Quebec that the villages are included with the counties. The total of rural municipalities was \$111,552,397. The total school debt of all municipalities in Quebec which is not separable by classes, was \$76,415,272. Offsetting the gross bonded debt, the sinking funds held by municipalities in 1934 amounted to \$30,804,939. This, however, does not include the sinking funds of Quebec municipalities which were not available. It does not include, however, the sinking funds for schools of all municipalities in Quebec which stood at \$8,302,529.

The provincial governments continue to exercise certain restrictions and control of borrowings by the municipalities situated within their respective provincial areas, but the yearly increase of bonded indebtedness since 1925 indicates the more or less free use of borrowing powers by municipalities to meet their expenditures and debt requirements. While there are decreases in the Provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario in 1934 as compared with the previous year, the increases in the other provinces more than offset the reduction.

Municipal governments, in general, have endeavored to curtail expenditures during the depression period, but the unemployment situation and relief problems fall heavily upon them and no doubt explain to a large extent the increase in this branch of governmental indebtedness in the later years.

Pulp and Paper Industry

The gross value of production in the pulp and paper industry in 1935 was \$162,651,282, an increase of 6.6 per cent. over 1934 and 32 per cent. over 1933 when production reached its lowest level. Despite this increase, the value of the 1935 production formed only two-thirds of the peak production of 1929, when it was \$243,970,761. There were 27,536 employees and the total payroll was \$35,893,313 as compared with 26,993 in 1934 with salaries and wages amounting to \$33,307,043. Total capital invested amounted to \$545,572,935, a decrease of 1.6 per cent. from the previous year.

Newsprint paper made up 84.3 per cent. of the reported tonnage of paper made in 1935. The newsprint amounted to 2,765,444 tons valued at \$91,762,201 as compared with 2,604,973 tons in 1934 at \$86,811,460. The quantity produced in 1935 exceeded by 1.5 per cent. the previous peak of 2,725,331 produced in 1929. There is every indication that the 1936 tonnage will exceed that of any previous year. Increases were shown in the other paper groups as well as in newsprint.

Movies Children Like

In view of much current discussion concerning the effect—harmful or otherwise—of the moving picture on the life of the modern child, an editorial in the Vancouver Daily Province, entitled "Children and the Movies," is both time and interesting. It is concerned with a survey which has been made by Mr. William Farr of the British Film Institute and his report to the Public Morality Council and the Cinema Christian Council of Great Britain.

The conclusions drawn are based on essay competitions and answers from the children themselves as to what they enjoyed and did not enjoy at the cinema, and are summarized by the Vancouver paper thus:

They said they liked "G-Men" films. They liked sensation and suspense. They liked pictures of cowboys riding like mad on beautiful horses to the rescue of beautiful heroines. They liked adventure of all sorts, and they liked fun and fairy stories and Mickey Mouse.

What they did not like was horrors. They did not like Frankenstein stories in the movies. They liked to be excited, not frightened. They did not like pictures of murders—they did not enjoy pictures of cruelty and brutality.

The Councils, following the report, witnessed a specimen children's programme which contained the following entertainment: Two humorous cartoons, a sports picture, a historical picture, a film based on Tennyson's poems and a fairy story. The children are reported to have been highly appreciative.

Few will disagree with the conclusion drawn from this survey by the Daily Province, "that children are really wholesome and simple in their likes and dislikes in the movie theatre."

This is reassuring, because it indicates that whatever evils have been inflicted on modern youth through the movies have not been of their own seeking, but rather have been the result of a desire on the part of both producer and theatre owner to attract as large an audience as possible. In trying to please a multiplicity of tastes the modern picture often denies good entertainment to any one.

Many countries already have special performances for children and do not allow those under 16 or 17 to see the regular shows. Some such distinction between types of programmes would appear not only a coming development in motion pictures, but a most satisfactory arrangement for both the public and the industry. British children have given an indication of what they want, and since it is seen to be much less harmful than a lot they get, there seems no reason why they should not get it.

Surfaced Highways

There are 94,000 miles of surfaced roads in Canada, exclusive of streets in cities, towns and incorporated villages. The mileage has doubled since 1925. The cost is enormous. In 1934 alone the construction and maintenance account was \$67,000,000.

A spectacular part of the programme is, of course, the Trans-Canada Highway, not yet completed, and in this connection the name of Doolittle should be remembered as is Macadam in association with the type of road surface that bears his name.

Dr. Perry E. Doolittle, of Toronto, has been called the "Father of the Trans-Canada Highway". He died over two years ago at the age of 72. He was a remarkable man. When he was seven he became the proud possessor of a home-made bicycle. Later he made a wooden bicycle, the rear wheel 18 inches in diameter and the front one 43 inches. They had steel tires. The backbone was a piece of gas pipe. He built another from a musket barrel and he imported the tires from England. On this wheel he made a successful debut in racing and between 1881 and 1890 he won many trophies, including a Canadian championship. He built what is believed to have been Canada's first motor-cycle. He raised the first Canadian Good Roads Fund.

SNAPSHOTS

The low black car that stopped short on Aberdeen Street in the wee sma' hours of this morning did not know that the residents were not all sound asleep.

Some of the children fifty years of age enjoyed the trip on Loop Plane this week. They should have got their mammas to tell them how to hold on to the bar.

They will not go up again until they go up for good.

Anybody who thinks that he can challenge the Premier and get away with it, has another think coming.

Heigh, ho! Come to the Fair.

In a vacation town we know, where quite snooty people spend their summers, a dowager one day asked a native:

"What in the world do you do after the summer visitors leave?"

The yokel looked her calmly in the lorgnette and responded: "Fumigate."

Hereabouts we don't feel that way about our summer visitors. We rather miss them. But there is something we do after they go; something very enjoyable. We go to the Fair.

Ontario had better adopt other methods of curbing evil, rather than sterilization. Why not turn in some missionaries and social service workers.

French Premier

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Blum appealed for a halt of the European arms race and reaffirmed France's faith in the principles of the League of Nations.

Peace, he declared, is "indivisible," and cannot be maintained solely by an armed bloc.

Spanish Situation

Turning to the Spanish civil war, in which his government has promised strict neutrality, the premier said: "The causes of the war which weigh on the world are already too heavy for France to aggravate them by the design of doctrinal crusade, whether it be for the ideas it thinks just and good, or against the systems it believes false or bad."

"France wants to coerce no one. She will not permit herself to be coerced directly or indirectly by anyone."

"Peace must be general because war is general and because there is not a single armed conflict in Europe which could be limited or isolated."

In reply to Germany's asserted efforts to wean France away from her Russian pact, the premier said: "The government manifests simultaneously its firm intention to prolong such agreements until there is a universal organization of peoples united by peace in common prosperity."

After his address he said he had accepted the invitation of J. A. C. Avenol to go to the annual League Assembly in Geneva beginning Monday. Avenol is secretary-general of the League of Nations.

Japan Among

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duction but there has been a correspondingly more rapid increase in production of colors other than sulphide, due mainly to the great increase of artificial indigo. An export of 8,883 metric tons of synthetic dyestuffs is reported for 1935 mainly to China, the principal market for the Japanese product, according to the Industrial Department of the Canadian National Railways. Japan, however, still finds it necessary to import high-grade dyestuffs, Germany being the principal source of supply followed by the United States, Switzerland, France, Great Britain and Italy.

DIED

BURTT—At Upper Keswick, September 18, 1936, Mrs. Sophia Martha Burtt, aged 87 years.

Funeral to take place Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m., with service at St. Paul's church, Zealand, conducted by Rev. Mr. McQueen. Interment to be made in the church cemetery.

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Ontario May

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that he would place representatives made by the city for sterilization before the Provincial Government.

"Careful Consideration"

"The whole subject will have to be given very careful consideration before it is placed on the statute books," Dr. Faulkner said.

Welfare Commissioner A. W. Laver, City Solicitor C. M. Colquhoun and Dr. G. P. Jackson, M.O.H., and the Board of Control composed the delegation which interviewed the Minister of Health at the Parliament Buildings yesterday.

Among 30,500 families cared for in the City of Toronto, some 2,277 families were in the state of needing social care, because of lack of sterilization, Commissioner Laver informed the Minister of Health. The Commissioner said the families were composed of 12,277 individuals.

"Some 63 per cent. of the load that Toronto is forced to bear in this connection is due entirely to illegitimacy and immorality. It is a growing evil," Mr. Laver declared.

There were two cases in the municipal records were feeble-mindedness had been traced through three generations, he said.

Cost is \$314,000

The cost of maintaining such persons in Toronto was \$27,000 in 1925, but in the eleven years since then the cost had increased to \$314,000 for 1936, he declared.

"Every person who is forced to accept State aid and who is mentally defective should be subject to sterilization if needed," the Commissioner told the Minister.

The Minister pointed out that England had not yet put sterilization on the statute books. "We do not always have to follow. We can lead sometimes," Controller Wadsworth said.

"We will have to do something about it," Dr. Faulkner agreed. "We cannot go on procreating a burden for evermore."

Fredericton Man

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right, when Geraldine ran directly in front of the car from the left in following her mother and grandmother across the street. Mr. Durost on Wednesday night had picked up three friends, Mrs. Laura Dickinson, of Andover, Mrs. Roxie Bonnell and Mrs. Idora Beattie, of Saint John and was driving them back to this city.

Lord Mayor

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the first ticket from the station which he had just opened. This was to Hyde Park, a municipality near the city, and, possibly, it recalled to him that great recreation centre in the west end of the Empire capital.

Mayor Kingsmill sent the first telegram from the new station.

Dionnes

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As to the future, Dionne said today that he expects his life will run its course practically unchanged. He plans to continue operating the refreshment booth, and will sign autographs as long as the tourist trade continues, at 25 cents each. His farmwork will keep him busy throughout the winter.

Although he employs assistance on his farm, Oliva continues to take part in the work whenever time permits.

He spoke briefly today of the regret which he and his wife felt in returning to their farm home after a period of play in the hospital with their famous daughters.

They have five other children—Ernest, Rose, Therese, Daniel and Pauline—all living when the quintuplets were born. On July 9, 1936, Oliva Jr., was born. One child, Leo, died in infancy.

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Rebel Gains More Apparent than Real

It is said that General Franco's boast of a junction with General Mola in the Sierra Degrados is nothing more than an encounter between small rebel patrols. Of course Gen. Mola's men at Escorial are only twenty-seven miles from Madrid and the territory between offers nothing extremely difficult in the way of natural barriers. The rebels also truthfully claim that they had the initiative. But they are said to have only 20,000 men on a hundred mile front trying to advance against greatly superior forces.

(Time Element and Rebels)

Each day that passes helps the Government's untrained troops to add training and knowledge of war to their wild enthusiasm. Dense crowds frantically cheer the departure of each draft of reinforcements for the front at Madrid railway stations.

Temper of Madrid Citizens

More Determined

In spite of the air raids which have done only trifling damage, except to rouse furious anger there is no thought of surrender. There is a shortage of milk, meat and butter, but food enough to eat in the city. Although a siege of Madrid seems impossible to the rebels with their present forces, in the present temper of the people it would only stiffen their resistance. The people do not seem worried. Trains leaving the city are not especially crowded and life goes on normally. Foreign intervention by Germany and Italy has aroused intense indignation throughout the nation and is rallying supporters to the Government daily.

—H. M. P.

Wider Fish Markets

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Fish Week, opening Sept. 25 and he spoke of greater markets for Canadian fish. "Eat Fish for Health" and slogans of similar thought are meeting with approval of the minister on his present fisheries tour and he expects dealers to feature the health aspect during the special week's drive.

The fisheries minister was assured earlier in the day, during a fish dinner in honor of himself and his party, which included several prominent business men and legislators, that Connors Bros. Ltd., plant at Black's Harbor would operate "just as long as fish can be obtained." This statement was made by A. Neil McLean, Saint John, president of the firm, and is considered cheering news to the fishermen, particularly in view of rumors that canneries on the United States side might close down early. Sardines are said to be very plentiful now, and Connors Bros.' plant is now working at peak capacity.

Guests at Frye's Island

The entire party were guests of Connors Bros. at Frye's Island. A. M. A. McLean, general manager of the company, and J. J. Hayes Doone, M. L.A., Black's Harbor, joined the party at the latter place. Others were B. M. Hill, M.P. for Charlotte; R. Fraser Keay, M.L.A., St. Andrews; Foster G. Calder, M.L.A., Fairhaven; John F. Calder, Welchpool, fisheries supervisor; William M. Ryan, K.C., M.P. for Saint John-Albert, and J. D. McKenna Saint John.

The group arrived at Grand Manan on the fisheries patrol boat Thresher, from Black's Harbor. The minister left Saint John by motor this morning accompanied by several members of his party, and proceeded to St. Andrews. Crossing from the mainland after inspecting the Connors Bros. plant, Mr. Michaud continued on his inspection trip this afternoon. He had a delightful drive around Grand Manan and he conversed with a number of fishermen.

Section of Alcazar

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Sporadic fighting broke out during the day in the Guadarrama Mountains rimming Madrid on the north-west.

Government planes were reported to have brought down six enemy ships—one said to be foreign-made and piloted by a foreigner.

Admitting the insurgent advantage of a superior air force, the government campaigned for foreign "dare-devil" pilots to man its ships.

Possible Dictator

ST. JEAN DE LUZ, France, Sept. 17—General Martinez Anido, 70-year-old military leader, was reported yesterday to be the Fascists' choice for prospective dictator of Spain in the event of an insurgent civil war victory.

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