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Weather: Cloudy and cooler, rain; Saturday, cloudy and rather cold

N.S. JUDGE SAYS THAT MANY MUNICIPALITIES DO NOT UNDERSTAND HANDLING OF JAILS

Que. Treasury Statt Accused Using Money For Personal Use

Auditor Finds No Record Shown of \$1,150,000 Bond Purchase

False Receipts Given

\$300,000 Gov't Funds Personal Account Lanctot in Trust, Treasury Employees Allege

QUEBEC, Oct. 23—A discrepancy of \$1,150,000 between records of the Quebec provincial treasury and those of the auditing department was revealed to the Legislative Assembly's public accounts committee today by Edgar Vezina, provincial auditor.

The auditor said the \$1,150,000 was shown in books of the Quebec Liquor Commission as a purchase of government bonds from the treasury department. But, Vezina testified, the treasury books showed no record of the transaction.

former Liberal regime led by L. A. Taschereau, that \$300,000 in government funds had been deposited in a personal bank account by Charles Lanctot, veteran deputy attorneygeneral. Vezina said the deposit, made within a period of six years, was made in the name of "Charles Lanctot in trust.'

Vaults Sealed Incidents which led him to believe treasury employes were using government debentures with which to speculate, also were described by witnesses who told the premier this was the reason auditors' seals had been

One incident that led him to believe employes were using debentures reported by one of his assistants, who claimed to have seen "Mr. Taylor, assistant to the assistant provincial treasurer, 'take some document' from his pocket and toss them on a shelf New Brunswick and the Scouts, a with other securities."

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Ask Yourselves

A CCORDING to Canadian Press despatches appearing in the press some time ago, the F. W. Woolworth Company transferred to the United States in five years nearly twelve million dollars of Canadian people's 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 when he appeared before it some months ago. Mr. Gibson was testifying on his investigation into the affairs of the company.

Woolworth's gross profits reached their peak in 1929 with a volume of \$8,676,000, but a downward trend was noted in 1930, which continued until in 1933 the gross profit was \$6,394,917.

In 1934 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 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. 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 storekeeper. 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 winer. The country merchant who used to be the leading man in te 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!

SEEN TO CREATE **CHURCH PROBLEM**

MONTREAL, Oct. 23-"A general rend toward the city" contributed to problems faced by rural Baptist churches, according to a report by George N. Simmons of Mount Bry-Vezina also told the committee, in- des, Ontario, read to the annual Bapquiring into the financial past of the tist Convention of Ontario and Que-

bec here today. The Chairman of the Rural Church Committee reported membership of churches and Sunday schools in agricultural districts fell off during the past few years, due to the popula-(Continued on Page Four)

Haile Selassie Says West Ethiopia Under Imperial Control

(Special to The Daily Mail) LONDON, Oct. 23-The Emperor of Ethiopia has sent a note to the Secing that the western part of the Ethiopian Empire is now under control. for their own use, witnesses said, was The Imperial Government is asking for the aid of the League against further

> Do yourself, the apple growers of good turn. Buy an apple from a Scout

HON. J. B. M'NAIR WILL APPEAR BEFORE PRIVY COUNCIL IN LONDON

Will Present Cases Including Some of Interest to Province of New Brunswick

Hon. J. B. McNair, Attorney General, expects to leave next Thursday for Montreal, from where he will sail on the Duchess of Bedford for London, England. While in London Mr. McNair will appear before the Privy Council next month, in certain cases in which this province is interested. These cases relate to legislation which was passed in the Dominion Parliament when the former administer was in office. The cases include the Employment and Insurance Act, the Dominion Trade and (Continued on Page Four)

YUKON BOOMING SAYS G. A. JECKELL COMPTROLLER

OTTAWA, Oct. 23-G. A. Jeckell, Comptroller of the Yukon Territory, arrived here with a statement that prospects in the Territory, only large section of the nation without unemployment, are brighter than they have been for many years. Mr. Jeckell, here for conferences with Hon. T. A. Crerar, Minister of Resources, said it was many years since mining in the Yukon had been so active.



HON. J. B. McNAIR, K.C., M.P.P. Attorney General for N. B., will appear before Privy Council in London in interests of province

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Beauchamp of Montreal are visitors to the city today, and are staying at the Queen.

STOP TO THINK IS BAKER'S ADVICE TO DRIVERS

TORONTO, Oct. 23-Why do highway accidents happen so frequently? Simply because many motorists frequently stop thinking.

So says C. E. ("Cannonball") Baker who arrived in Toronto recently in a stock model Graham at the end of a trip from Windsor, during which he set up a new economy mileage record for standard-size automobiles.

How Accidents Happen

think," said the famous driver last night, "when he turns his head for not even seen.

'When he looks back at the road, and some emergency has arisen, he looks around for a hole and there is

not any hole. As a result he finds (Continued on Page Four)

CANADIAN BARRISTERS TO PRIVY COUNCIL

(Special to The Daily Mail) QUEBEC, Oct. 22-With the Canadian Bar well represented by a number of Quebec and Ontario K.C.s, en route to plead before the Privy Counveteran racing star and test driver, cil the C. P. liner Empress of Britain sails from Wolfe's Cove tomorrow afternoon for Southampton and Cherbourg. Amongst those sailing will be Captain M. E. Adoane A.D.C., whose term in attendance upon the Governor General has come to a close, and general of Ontario.

Guestave Monette K.C., accompanjust one second while he is driving at, ied by Miss Germaine Monette, of Moths can be seen flying around the say, sixty-five miles an hour, he has Montreal, Louis St. Laurent K.C., bases of the trees, especially in the covered 100 feet of highway he has Mrs. St. Laurent, the Misses Madel- early evening. This year they are

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WEALTHY BELGIAN ENGINEER, FAMILY ARRIVE IN CANADA

Recently Bought 1,000-Acre Farm Near Oka, Quebec

(Special to The Daily Mail) QUEBEC, Oct. 22—Baron Louis Empain, 29 year old Belgian millionaire, who has large interests in Canada, arrived here this afternoon in the C. P. liner Empress of Britain for a three weeks' stay. He was accompanied by his mother Baroness Jeanne Empain and three members of his staff and left immediately for Mont-

Questioned as to his plans with regard to the 1,000 acre farm he recently purchased near Oka, Quebec, 200 INDIANS and the three masted yacht in which he cruised the St. Lawrence this summer and which now lies here awaiting repairs and redecorating following its grounding at Grondines

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Non-Intervention **Committee Expects**

(Special to The Daily Mail) LONDON, Oct. 23-The twenty seven nations were represented at the committee which met today and at which replies from Italy, Germany and Portugal in answer to charges laid against them in regard to the non-intervention pact were expected o be discussed, however, the reply from Portugal will probably not be received in time to be discussed today. It is the belief that the replies of the other countries will all be similar, protesting their innocence and bringing counter charges against Rus-

use and that sixty more are expected | carry on the work expected on an in-

Trade Treaty Between Canada and Germany Signed

Payment Agreements Frozen Assets Resultant From Currency Export Restrictions

First Result of Euler's Travels

Steady Drop in Exports From Canada Seen Since 1930

R.C.M.P. MEMBERS

MUNCEY, Ont., Oct. 23-A detachmen of 12 Royal Canadian Mounted Police and provincial police officers, rushed from St. Thomas and London last night succeeded in quelling a disturbance staged by 200 Indians, after Counter Charges they had attacked and injured two R. C.M.P. constables and two civilians. Nov. 15 and the exact terms will not

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National Museum Lacking in Room

OTTAWA, Oct. 23-Need of greater space and increased staff is emphasized in the annual report for 1935-36 of the National Museum of Canada, issued today.

name of Dr. W. H. Collins, Acting earlier but made no agreement Germany claims that Russia has al- Director, says: "The work of the Naready sent sixty planes to Madrid and tional Museum is very much restrictfifty tanks. An insurgent broadcast ed by lack of sufficient space for exstates that fifty Russian planes have hibition halls and storage facilities. already been landed for Government The staff is also much too small to stitution that is national in its scope.'

OTTAWA, Oct. 23-Canada's first trade treaty with Germany was signed yesterday by representatives of the two countries, Hon. W. D. Euler, minister of trade and commence, for Canada, and Dr. Hans R. Hemmen for

Along with the trade treaty goes a "payments agreements" covering the monetary transactions between the two countries and the liquidation of outstanding accounts which have been "frozen" by German restrictions on the export of currency.

The agreements come into effect The village of Muncey is situated on be known until Monday when a simultaneous release of the agre ments will be made in Canada and Germany.

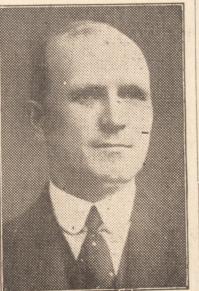
Mr. Euler, who has been called Canada's chief travelling salesman, started the negotiations with Germany during his European tour this summer and in a few weeks will be off on another trade mission to Australia and New Zealand.

The German agreement is the first result of Mr. Euler's travels. He arranged a removal of embargoes on The report, appearing under the trade between Canada and Russia

While Canada has never had a trade agreement with Germany during the past few years a temporary arrangement effected by exchange of notes

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County Court Judge Deplores Having To Send Prisoners to Jail, Thinks Sometimes Penitentiary More Humane Than Jails



HON. W. D. EULER Minister of Trade and Commerce, who signed the trade treaty with Germany

CANKERWORM NUMEROUS

The fall cankerworm, which has "If the motorist would only stop to Hon. Arthur W. Roebuck, attorney been attacking the elms in the city of Fredericton for the past five years, continues to be quite numerous here. ine and Therese St. Laurent, and Re- not so numerous on Waterloo Row nault St. Laurent; L. A. Humphries, but are quite thick at the lower end K.C., C. P. Plaxton, K.C., J. G. Plax- of George and Brunswick streets. ton, K.C., R. S. Robertson, K.C., and Many of them enter nomes and prove Hugh Plaxton, M.P., of Toronto, are a nuisance. Evidently they will be can't support themselves.' very numerous again next year.

Changes in Existing Penal Conditions Are Advocated By Prisoner's Welfare Association

People Should Not Be Thrown Into Jail Just Because They Can't Support Themselves

Changes in existing conditions in county jails were recommended yesterday at the Royal Commission investigating penal conditions in Can-

Abolition rather than reformation of county jails in Nova Scotia was advocated

In a brief presented to the commissioners, Mr. Justice Joseph Archambault of the Quebec superior court, and R. W. Craig, K.C., former atsociation recommended establishment of district jails in place of one in

to send prisoners to the penitentiary ing the role of Faust. rather than to the county jail because of the former they will have work and training," Dr. Prince said. of trying to reform them we should

He also suggested revision of the vagrancy law. "People shouldn't be thrown into jail merely because they

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GRUBBY URCHINS GET TICKETS FOR OPERA

TORONTO, Oct. 23-Four sweaterclad street urchins will occupy four of the best seats at the Canadian torney-general of Manitoba, the as- Grand Opera Association production of "Faust" at the Maple Leaf Gardens tonight.

They will be guests of Sidney Ray-"Many judges are better satisfied ner, Metropolitan tenor, who is sing-

Mr. Rayner caught the quartet peeking through the crack of a door at a rehearsal yesterday. The boys "We have many small jails. Instead took to their heels, but the tenor was too quick for them, cut off their retreat, and ushered them into the auditorium.

For three hours they sat without moving while conductor and director ironed out rough spots in the production. They left carrying tickets for the opera in their shabby pockets.