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Pleasing Radio Fans

Perhaps it is of more than ordinary interest when a committee investigates a Commission. That is what is going on at Ottawa as a committee of Parliamentarians looks into the operations of the Canadian Radio Commission. The Commission has both been praised and criticized, which is quite customary. It is the first organization of its kind in Canada, and no doubt it has made mistakes, and its mistakes have cost money. Many of the listeners are doubtful that broadcasting is any more satisfactory now than before the Commission began work. Anyway, these listeners are not convinced that the service is better to the extent of \$1,700,000, the budget the Commission has had to work with.

This is a point hard to clear up. There are perhaps a million radio auditors in Canada, and they are far from being of one mind as to what they want to hear. One section—youth, of course—wants jazz; while to another section jazz is anathema. Crooners have their friends; and there are those who would banish them from the air. Families are divided. Recently the air has been laden with graphic descriptions of hockey games of international interest, but not all the household group will be hockey "fans." There are groups who wax wroth at the sound of French speech; others to whom it is as sweet music. "It is obvious that those who set out to amuse, entertain or instruct Canada's million radio listeners cannot please all of them all the time, any more than Barnum could fool all of the people all the time."

Still, even the layman who knows nothing about the intricacies and the mysteries of broadcasting realizes that, owing to its international nature, there should be some controlling body. He knows that wavelengths, interference, high-powered stations, adequate coverage of districts, and so on, are subjects for the radio expert; and he knows also that the service of experts costs money. What the radio-license payer hopes for is that all these necessary regulations be looked after at the minimum of expense. And it may be mentioned that the run-of-the-mill listeners are as well pleased that the depression prevented construction of powerful and costly Canadian stations contemplated earlier. With modern receiving sets they can get what they want from virtually all parts of the world.

Developments in radio broadcasting have been continuous and amazing, and it is wise to have an official Canadian body to help the country keep pace with what is going on in the air lanes. And this, no doubt, is why at Ottawa a Parliamentary committee is investigating a Government Commission.

Dictator's Methods

Those who want to keep people in peace-loving mood and in favor of neutrality should tell everyone to read foreign news. Read, remember and think!

Mussolini grabs the Italian banks and factories. His government prints money and spends it and gives no accounting. His black-shirted followers parade, and all Italians who do not wave flags and shout are afraid of being suspected of disloyalty.

Hitler calls an election, spreads propaganda everywhere to tell the German people how they must vote, and the ticket asks one question, "Do you approve of Der Fuehrer's policies?" The place to mark the X is in front of "Yes." There is no "No." And thousands of police officers are sent to check every home to compel people to vote.

Little Things Make Fortunes

Little things sometimes sell men into fortunes. The man who thought of putting a bit of rubber on the end of a lead pencil made a quarter of a million. The inventor of the semi-soft collar has made a fortune. Another fortune awaits the smart young person who can devise a way to take ink out of newspapers so that the paper will be available for making more good paper. And who will find a cheap way of making alcohol to take the place of gasoline for autos? Alcohol can be made out of almost anything—all sorts of vegetable matter. How to make it cheap enough to be practical is another matter.

Bank Debits to Individual Accounts in March

Financial transfers in the form of bank debits amounted to \$2,599,000 against \$2,236,000 in the same month of last year, an increase of 16 per cent. The gain in the Maritime Provinces was from \$39,900,000 to \$46,400,000. Quebec showed a gain of 16.6 per cent to \$322,700,000, while the city of Montreal had an increase of 20.7 per cent to \$770,000,000. Gains were recorded in each of the thirteen centres of Ontario causing a gain of 8.6 per cent to \$1,152,000,000 from March, 1935. Toronto debits were up to \$909,500,000, a gain of 10.1 per cent. The total for the Prairie Provinces was \$412,700,000, an increase of 39.5 per cent, the total for Winnipeg being \$279,670,000, an increase of 57 per cent. British Columbia was higher by 23.7 per cent. The totals were \$164,953,000 as compared with \$133,371,000. Vancouver debits were \$135,654,000, an increase of 25 per cent. The Dominion total for February was \$2,767,449,000.

The dollar volume of business in the first quarter of 1936 was \$3,358,000,000 compared with \$7,007,000,000 in the same period of last year. The increase of \$1,351,000,000 or 19.3 per cent represented greater activity in speculation and business. Only four of the thirty-two centres in Canada failed to register an increase in this comparison.

SNAPSHOTS

The members of the Legislature have departed. It is said by those who were in touch with the House that they were amongst the best bunch of men who have been here in recent years. Good in play and good attending to their duties.

The boys in the barber shop no longer are discussing the thermometer; but are talking about fish.

Hitler has celebrated his forty-seventh birthday. How amazing it is that a man so young has caused the world so much trouble.

If Britain quits the League of Nations there soon may be for sale an impressive new building, beautifully situated on Lake Geneva.

Even the Weatherman appears to be nonplussed by the kind of climate served up these days by Mother Nature as Gentle Spring.

Delightful Princess Elizabeth, second in line of succession to the British Throne, has celebrated her tenth birthday, and henceforth hardly will be called "Lillibeth" which she christened herself when learning to talk.

According to an officer on guard, the Parliament Buildings at Ottawa are often mistaken for a church; from which it may be judged numerous people have but hazy ideas of what a church is like.

Woodstock Bus Starts Tuesday

The proposed bus service, connecting at Woodstock with trains going to and returning from points north, is expected to operate next Tuesday, it was learned by The Daily Mail this morning. The local bus company which operate the service also conducts a service leaving Fredericton at 3:30 P. M., and arriving at Woodstock about 6 P. M., returning to Fredericton the next morning.

The new service which will not conflict with the present schedule, will have a bus leaving Fredericton at 8:30 A. M., connecting at Woodstock with the up-river train. A bus will leave Woodstock for Fredericton at a time suitable to carry passengers from points north of Woodstock, arriving on the down train.

Several Fortunes Made From Moose River Gold Mine

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 district, whose ancestors wrested the yellow gold from these mines yesterday, but who themselves now gain a precarious living from rocky and unresponsive farms.

This slender line was the only means of summoning aid, supplies, men and machinery to the scene of the great catastrophe of Easter Sunday, and over this highway of speech anxious wives, relatives and friends, and a waiting world, received with eager and pathetic interest the heart-breaking, the tragic, the heroic story, already so fully told of three entombed men and their self-sacrificing rescuers.

Two thin iron wires, stretching from pole to pole for 15 miles! Totally inadequate, this vital link with the outside world, but science might help—and it did.

CANADIAN RAIL FARES TO DROP SHARPLY JUNE 1

Montreal, April 24—Substantial reduction in railway passenger fares in Canada will become effective on June 1, it was announced yesterday by C. P. Riddell, chairman of the Canadian Passenger Association. Basic fares for first class coach travel are being reduced approximately 13 percent, bringing them approximately to pre-war level.

Day coach tickets at the new rates will also be good for passage in "tourist" sleeping cars on payment of regular berth fares for that class of accommodation. Round trip tickets will be good for six months instead of the present limit of 30 days. There will be a reduction in costs of standard parlor and sleeping car accommodation.

Passenger rates on the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario and Nipissing Central Railways will undergo a downward revision effective June 1. A. J. Parr, general freight and passenger agent for both systems announced yesterday.

The new rate becomes effective simultaneously with reductions by other railway members of the Canadian Passenger Association, Mr. Parr said. Complete details of the revision have not been worked out yet, he said, but will be announced soon.

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 from an ordinary handset were secured and the diaphragm cut down to 3-8 of an inch in diameter. This was then mounted in a fountain pen flashlight, the cap of the flashlight forming the acoustic chamber and extending out in front of the carbon button and diaphragm. One connection was made on the carbon button and a second connection through the frame of the flashlight, the whole thing being insulated thoroughly. The resulting transmitter was approximately five inches long with a diameter of 3/4 of an inch. A long rubber tube which had been run down the bore hole to carry nourishment to the starving men below was temporarily withdrawn and the small transmitter dropped down.

At this time no receiver small enough to go through the bore hole was available, so while the imprisoned men talked easily to the surface over the transmitter (their voices being strengthened by a battery operated amplifier located at the top of the shaft and used continuously and supervised by a telephone engineer every minute, day and night, until the men were rescued), all communication to them had to be shouted down the bore hole.

Beyond Reach
 Shortly afterwards a small receiver was supplied but it was beyond the reach of the men and was never used, due partly to their weakness and partly to the rush of water down and around the pipe. For the same reason a miniature transmitter and receiver specially manufactured at Montreal and rushed by plane to the mine was not used. Therefore, though it was easy for the entombed men to communicate with the surface, it was difficult for people on the surface to make themselves heard on account of the length of bore hole and the noise of running water which drowned out their voices.

Several efforts were made to remedy these conditions. On one occasion a horn furnished with power from a public address system was mounted over the bore hole, but due to the poor acoustic properties of the tube and the chamber below this was not a success. However, the little fountainpen transmitter and the slender wires connecting it to the surface were of incalculable value to both the imprisoned men and their anxious relatives, as well as to the rescue groups.

For Draggermen
 The rescue was finally achieved by relays of heroic Draggermen who struggled fearlessly through the old working known as the Reynolds slope, which at first was considered too dangerous to be penetrated. When the rescue party had worked their way some distance down this slope there was of course grave danger of a cave-in which, even if it did not injure the men, might cut off communication. The telephone men, on being apprised of this, arranged for a portable set to be taken down this slope so that if anything happened communication would be available. Fortunately, the need did not arise.

For the telephone company, charged with the important responsibility of keeping all avenues of communication constantly open, it was a long vigil. Approximately ten engineers and expert employees were on constant duty at the mine from Sunday night until Thursday. Sleep was not thought of, or at best was available only in infrequent and broken periods. The world wanted to know what was going on and it had to be served; the press, the Canadian Radio Commission and personal communications had each to receive attention, which imposed a very heavy burden on the Halifax operating staff who did an excellent job. Traditionally, in emergencies of all kinds, telephone operators, linemen, engineers and others have played the game and lived up to the highest standards of unselfishness.

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All Played Separate Parts in Moose River Mine Rescue

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 officials announced, would go to the miners who actually worked in the opening of the dangerous shaft to the entombed men. Graduated bonuses, they said, would be made to others who worked above ground and helped materially in the rescue.

Ottawa Gifts
 A department store delivery wagon driver and the father of six children of Ottawa who sent their precious Saturday pennies, gave two of the many small contributions to the "Thank You" fund for the miners at Moose River, received yesterday by the Ottawa branch of the Red Cross Society. These small cash gifts now total more than \$100.

The driver from the department store makes his rounds in one of the less prosperous parts of the city, where nickels and dimes are carefully counted and the family teapot often acts as a safe for the hard-earned housekeeping money. Yet as he went from door to door he told of his first call of the day to a woman unable to leave her house who had asked him to "take quarter" to the Red Cross, when you pass their office on your way home." By the time he actually reached the Red Cross headquarters the 25 cents had grown to \$6.75.

The mother sent in two \$2 bills with a letter describing her family's discussion as to whether the money they sent would make any difference and gave the answer of the smallest daughter "when it is all added up together it won't look very small".

"The children's spending money is earned by helping around the house making their beds, washing or drying dishes, dusting and other small household duties taken in turn. There are usually many ways of spending it" she explained, then added: "They persuaded their father and me to contribute and herewith please find \$4 sent in heartfelt appreciation of the work of courageous men".

Nova Scotia also passed another milestone as far as communication is concerned. For the first time, pictures were transferred from Halifax to New York by telephone. In one of the rooms of a hotel at Halifax sat a New York newspaperman, and by means of special telephone equipment attached to an ordinary telephone sent pictures to Boston and New York.

PUBLIC HEALTH NOTICE

Landlords and tenants of houses and premises in the City of Fredericton are hereby notified and required to forthwith cleanse their premises and have all nuisances removed on or before the 6th day of May, 1936.

By order of the Fredericton Sub District Board of Health.

A. C. FLEMING,
 Sanitary Inspector.

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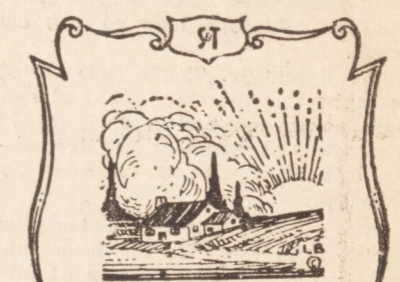
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