

# GEORGE WILL SIT FOR HIS CROWNING OVER ANCIENT STONE OF CONTENTION

LONDON, May 1—The most famous chair in European history will be used by King George VI when he is crowned in Westminster Abbey on May 12.

It is known as King Edward's chair, and has been used at the coronation of English sovereigns for 600 years. In a special frame beneath it is the famous Stone of Scone, or Stone of Destiny.

Won 600 Years Ago

King Edward I captured this stone, on which were crowned the ancient kings of Scotland, after a battle with the Scots in 1296. He sent it to London as a trophy of war; Scottish nationalists have waged a 600-year campaign for its return, but have met with no success.

Only once has the coronation chair been removed from Westminster Abbey. That was when it was carried into Westminster hall for the installation of Oliver Cromwell as lord protector of the commonwealth (1657).

George VI will be the 36th English monarch to be crowned within Westminster Abbey. And the historic chair has been used at every coronation since Edward II's, save that of Queen Mary I, who used a chair sent by the Pope.

William the Conqueror was crowned at the abbey in 1066, and it has been the scene of the coronation of every British sovereign since except that of the boy king, Edward V (who was murdered in the Tower of London.)

Built on Island

The Abbey of St. Peter, West Minister—to give it its correct title—is the most widely known church in the British empire. It was called West Minister to distinguish it from the East Minister of St. Paul's Cathedral. It formerly stood on the island of Thorney, surrounded by marshes and tributaries of the river Thames. With the growth of London all trace of both island and marshes has disappeared.

An ancient church was built on the site of the present church by Sebert, king of the East Saxons.

The present abbey was begun in 1050 by Edward the Confessor, whose shrine stands in the centre of the building behind the high altar.

Many parts of the edifice have been rebuilt and added since the Confessor's day, but a little of his original work remains.

# FINDING OF BODIES SOLVES MYSTERY

BOSTON, May 1—Boston police said today that the mystery that cloaked the disappearance of three Nova Scotian mariners March 21 apparently had been solved by the finding of two bodies in Boston Harbor.

They said a body recovered near East Boston Monday apparently was that of Captain Calvin Merriam, 38, of Parrsboro, N. S., Master of the schooner Irene and Myrtle. The second body, found today in almost the same place as the first, they said, resembled the description of Wallace Parker, 23, of Yarmouth, N. S., a member of the crew.

A third man, George Surette, 18, vanished with the other two after the three left their schooner March 21 to row ashore in a small boat. The empty rowboat and one oar were found later, but exhaustive dragging by harbor police for days afterward failed to yield any clue to what had happened to the bodies. Police said the rowboat apparently had been overturned accidentally.

## Baseball's Big Six

Paul Waner of the Pirates, collecting three hits in six times up, regained the leadership in the National League batting race yesterday in another general re-shuffling of baseball's hitting "Big Six." Waner boosted his mark five points to .483 as Ducky Medwick of the Cardinals, leader of the previous day, went hitless in four chances and fell to third with .441. Frank DeMaree of the Cubs, with three hits in four chances, boosted his average 40 points to .469 to take second place. In the American League race, Gerry Walker of the Tigers and Rick Ferrell of the Red Sox both lost ground, but retained their one-two positions.

Joe Cronin, Red Sox manager, banged out five-for-six to boost his mark 111 points to .500 and replaced Luke Sewell of the White Sox in third place.

League leaders (first three in each league):

	GABRH Pct.
Walker, Tigers	.627 8 16 .593
R. Ferrell, Red Sox	.519 4 11 .597
Cronin, Red Sox	.524 5 12 .500
P. Waner, Pirates	.729 7 14 .483
DeMaree, Cubs	.832 6 15 .469
Medwick, Cardinals	.834 8 15 .441

# STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF CANADIAN CONSTRUCTION

Highest in Five Years---New Brunswick Amongst the Leaders

Contracts awarded for all Canada during the month of April as compiled by MacLean Building Reports, Ltd., amounted to \$24,426,600, the highest monthly total since November 1931. This is an increase of 52.3 per cent. over the March total of \$16,058,100 and an increase of 149 per

cent. over April 1936, the total for that month being \$9,815,100.

For the first four months of 1937, contracts awarded amount to \$55,835,700 as compared with \$41,942,300 for the same period of 1936, an increase of 33.1 per cent.

Ontario accounted for \$11,385,700 of the April figures; Quebec, \$4,544,800; New Brunswick, \$4,460,100; Manitoba, \$1,489,800; Alberta, \$912,700; British Columbia, \$877,800; Nova Scotia, \$611,800; Saskatchewan, \$127,100; Prince Edward Island, \$16,800.

Contracts awarded in Toronto and suburbs amounted to \$3,346,700 and \$1,621,700 for Montreal Island. Contemplated work, reported for the first time in April amounted to \$38,434,600 bringing the total for the year to date to \$173,172,700, as compared with \$90,868,500 for the same period in 1936.

# TAME MINK WILL NOT MATE, BUT BUILDS NEST

(By Anabel Parker McCann)

Mrs. Gertrude Fox knows the ways of minks. But although she has raised thousands of them at her minkery in Maine, only one of all the thousands has become tame. Her "Minkette," most famous mink in the world, recently was seen on the screen in New York.

"I have never been able to decide," said Mrs. Fox, "whether Minkette is a moron of her species or an animal of superior intelligence. She is now six years old and I can handle her as I would handle a kitten, although minks are expected to become savage when about five months old."

Hand Raised

"Minkette's story is like that of an incubator baby. She was one of a litter of ten, whereas five or six is the usual number. I heard a good many mews in her mother's nest, and one day I saw the mother with a woefully tiny kit in her mouth come out and dip it in water. Sensing that all was not well, I shut the mother out and examined the nest."

"Seven of the litter were dead for lack of nourishment, and the three living ones were only a quarter normal size. So I took the three and began feeding them with a medicine dropper. Minkette was the only one that survived, and she had to be given beef juice every two hours day and night and be tended on an electric pad."

Refused to Mate

"Even after she became strong enough to be kept out in the yard she was in the house more or less every day and would play around like a kitten and take her bath. I would clap my hands and she would come running to me. Minks mate the first year, but Minkette would snarl and bite if any male approached. She would not mate, but, like the other minks, she built a nest in the hay with great care. And when fed she would save some of the food and carry it in to the rubber rat I had given her to play with. This she adopted as her baby. She would drag it out by its tail, since she could not get her teeth around its neck, and give it a bath."

"One night an uncanny noise came from the minkery a weird whistling sound that I had never heard before. My husband switched on the flood-light and went out to investigate. He could find nothing and the noise stopped. But after he came in it started again and I took a flashlight and followed it to Minkette's box. When I turned the light in, there she was, lying on her back, holding the rat in her paws, squeezing in to make it whistle. She had just discovered that it could make a noise and appeared delighted with this accomplishment of her infant."

Builds Her Nest

"Minkette has always scorned the male of her species and always refused to mate," continued Mrs. Fox, "yet each spring, at the mating season, she builds her nest with the greatest care and watches over the rubber rat. I can put my hand in and take her out at any time and she does not scratch or bite."

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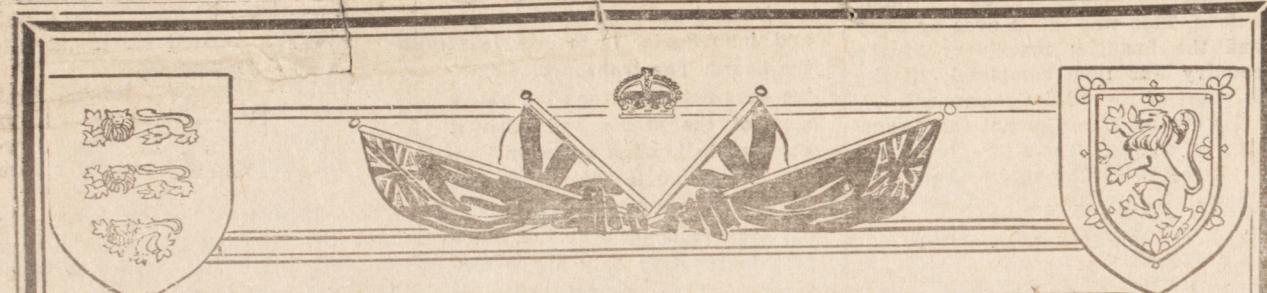


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