## BLONDIN USED NIAGARA FOR A THRILL BISHOP LLOYD REPLIES

### French Tight Rope Walker's Feat as Exacting Now as It Was on August 19, 1859

gara Falls today on a tight rope."

news. Well, the falls did fail. It was in midair. done with ice cakes. Then there was the anniversary of the first bridge to span the falls. So, now that it is already in the news, the bringing to light of the old etching with Blondin's name autographed below it, is also interesting.

Blondin was the man who walked across the falls on the tightrope. Only Blondin wasn't his real name. It was Jean Francois Granele and he was a Frenchman, who has mastered the art of tightrope walking and rope dancing. After he had given France its fill of thrills, he decided to come to this country and try Niagara Falls. The story of the preparations he made is a long one, but since the real interest in him is in his feet, the story as told by a contemporary journalist contains all the thrills. But first it should be stated that the stretching of the cable was story:

"The morning of the crossing both his coolness and courage looked death men were perfectly cool and confi- in the face and heat it. din's shoulders.

Maybe, among the old letters and perceived, at each step forward. Bepapers that have come down to you low the two men the thunder of the from your grandfather, there is a falls rolled up and the ghostly mist diary that goes back to 1859, or, as wreaths curled up and swam around in the case of a family at Pleasant- them. The sunlight fell in floods on the real issue and misquote so much giving to the Railway special authville, an old etching of Niagara Falls the green volume of the waters hur- of my letter in order to provide a ority to recruit immigrants.' How you pasted on a piece of cardboard with rying down the gorge and the cliffs basis for your defense of the super managed to wheedle that special the name "Blondin" written under and surrounding points of observa- patriotism and rectitude of the C.P.R authority letter out of Robb we do neath. If it happens to be a diary tion were black with people. Each look into it and see if there is a nota- step seemed to them as a step nearer taste' in the reference to the 'unde- til the product began to pour into tion somewhere around August 19 to death. Few that looked on be- sirable character of the non-British the West. They came by carloads 1859 which may read something like lieved that the feat would prove pos- immigration brought into this coun- and trainloads and your railwaymen this: "Saw a man walk across Nia- sible. Men's faces whitened as they try &c. But this is not in my letter. declared they hated to go into the breathlessly watched the two man It is only your mischievous interpre- cars because they smelled so badly. If you've got something of that sort, swaying on the rope and pausing now tation of what I said. It may pass you've a treasure. It's a memento of and then for readjustments. Many muster in Montreal where, I am told, migration Department told the H. of as thrilling an occasion as it is pos- men and women in the crowds faint. your three daily newspapers printed C. Committee of having to 'fumigate' sible to find in the books. Niagara ed. The forms of the two men seem- your unctuous letter in full but did and 'delouse.' Your Railway Agree-Falls has been much in the print of ed liliputian and the misty vague not print a word of mine, though ment immigration needed it. late. "When the falls fail," as an ness of their frail life line gave them they received it before they received editor put it several years ago, that's the appearance of being suspended yours.

tervals to descend from Blondin's and southern Europe. back to rest himself, so great was in trying to keep his weight on the Government immigration literature. shoulder muscles of Blondin, the walk- It is a polite word which really er. This action caused a shudder of means something much strongerfear to run through the crowd-a fear that we don't want these central and that some great tragedy was about to southern Europeans in this country overtake the men and that one, per- at all. At the bottom of the first haps both, were doomed to death. page in my letter to you I said: Audible prayers went up for their safety from women thrilled to the lighest pitch of excitement.

"It seemed as if the steps would never begin the ascent of the rope to the Canadian side. At the center was a naked space of 40 feet of rope to which no guy rope was attached. And here the onlookers suddenly were no small matter. Railroad car axles startled to see Blondin begin to run sunk deep in the ground held the rope fast on the Canadian side and a that he thought Blondin really lost huge windlass was the anchor on the his balance there and started to run American side. At the last moment to recover his equilibrium. But there Blondin announced that to make a was a still greater thrill ahead. As great feat out of his entertainment, Blondin reached the next guy rope he proposed to carry a man across after a run of 40 feet, and put out his on the rope, strapped to his back in foot to steady himself to a walk, the a chair. He found a daredevil from guy rope parted and almost at the Chicago named Henry A. Colcord, who same time the guy rope on the oppoagreed to be the man on the back. site side gave way and again Blon-People shuddered at the thought of din was compelled to run another 20 Countries of Central and Southern it, but more than 100,000 of them lin- feet before he could recover his ed both banks of the river to witness stride. But Blondin's nerve was supthe spectacle. Scores of men and erb. He said nothing to Colcord about women fainted even while Blondin the parting of the guy ropes until and his passenger were getting they were safe on the other side. ready. But here is the eye-witness's Great beads of perspiration stood out on his forehead during the ordeal, but

The descent was made from | "The crowd tried to cheer as Blonthe American side. Blondin was at- din recovered his stride after the tired in the conventional tightroper's run, but the cheers seemed frozen on suit of tights and wore chamois skin their lips. The roar of the waters moccasins on his feet. Colcord was appeared to them to grow louder and dressed in a full dress suit, swallow angrier as the acrobats neared the sociation says bring them in. Those tail cut and all, but no top hat-he Canadian shore. The shore was from 'enemy' countries are not rewent bareheaded. He placed his crowded with excited people, swarm- ferred to at all because that will hands on Blondin's head after they ing closer and closer to the ropes as come up later. Bt let me quote again started, using them as a fulcrum to the men neared the end of their per- from your letter: throw the weight of his body on Blon- ilous trip. Three times Colcord had to descend from Blondin's back to his out that, under the Railways' Agree-"The start was made while the vast chair to rest his strained muscles and ment, our attitude has been the simmultitude was motionless with awe each time the people turned their ple one of desiring to assist the Govand foreboding. The rope swayed heads away, fearing to see him tum-

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# TO SIR EDWARD BEATTY

#### Open Letter Sent to The Daily Mail by Former Bishop of Saskatchewan

ish immigration as such, but with "Slowly Blondin's steps neared the your misuse of the Railway Agreebottom of the deflection midway in ment, bringing in shiploads of 'UNthe rope. Colcord was obliged at in- PREFERRED' people from central

I am not the author of the word

"When Sir John Macdonald risked would not have had one cent."

I have printed the word 'Unprefermisunderstand what is being discus-

On page two I said the National

"That practised by the C.P.R. unler the railway agreement of 1926-7-8 form. -Open gates wide-bring them all in by shipload—as it is easier to get them from the 'UNPREFERRED' Europe, that is where we will get them-it will help the railway to pay tion wants the C.P.R. to stay out of dividends-we cannot be bothered the obnexious work and redeem its We have had very much more than enough of such an unpatriotic policy.

On page three you were told what the National Association was working for at the present time. Begin, it says, by bringing in British, together Hornby Plan with Norwegians, Icelanders, Danes and Swedish and no others except French from U.S.A. These surely are non-British and yet the National As-

"For your information I may this policy into effect."

gara. The minutes dragged past- lutions favoring the immediate re his swaying pole neared the end of Canada under the Hornby plan. the rope. Colcord shouted a warnple seem mad with excitement. Be ferent bodies before whom Mr. Pot careful.' Men grabbed the adventur- ter spoke, were the need for a greaters from the rope, wild with sup- er British immigration to Canada to pressed excitement. One man dragnot look at anything like that again the present state of the world situa-

the two men. The autographing start- nowers to cast covetous eyes in her ed. For two days it continued until direction and attempt to still further both men were lame from writing. aggravate the present feeling of un-Old scraps of paper, letters, pieces of rest. board, diaries, anything that would ice. A woman tore one of her under- times," Mr. Potter said. garments into bits to receive autothe pockets of Blondin and Colcordseveral thousands of dollars.

Blondin gave several exhibitions in of Trade. this country and then returned to France. He died about 40 years ago of old age. Colcord, an artist, capitalized on his experience and painted pictures until he reached a ripe old

Commons says: "The Committee has It is too bad that you should avoid some doubt as to the desirability of You charge me with want of 'good | not know. We heard nothing of it un-

No wonder the officers of the Im-

It was the odious working out of that first (Robb letter) Railway Agformation of the National Association, and through its protests, the Investigation Committee of the House of Commons.

This is what the Committee said: "Railways' Continental Agreement. the strain on his arms and shoulders 'unpreferred.' It is used throughout There was in the evidence, considerable criticism of certain features of the Railways' Agreement. The Committee has some doubt as to the desirability of giving to the Railways special authority to recruit immigrants, but as certain restrictions are imposed in connection with the renewal of the Agreement in October, his premiership to help you finish 1927, the Committee is of the opinyour line do you think he ever dream | ion that, in order to ascertain the re- Included in the figures given by Hon. ed that you would fill the new West sults of its operation under the new David A. Croll, welfare minister, are with so many 'UNPREFERRED' Eu- conditions the present Agreement ropeans, Mennonites and others, that might be continued according to its it would become almost a non-British | terms, but with this exception-that | 1935, and \$9,061 received since then area? Not if I knew Sir John. You the system of nominations of immig-under contracts made by the former rants from non-preferred countries guardians but not renewed. under the Railways' Agreement red' in capitals so that you will not should be confined forthwith to the following degree of relationship, father or mother, husband or wife, son or daughter, brother or sister, of any Association would do its utmost to individual who is now engaged in oppose you in your extreme position, farming in Canada, and further that the existing Railways' Agreement should be renewed in its present

> If that is not condemnation enough I do not understand the English language. But you may say, it was the 'Agreement' which was criticised. Quite so. And the National Associaabout its effect upon the Nation's character and good name from the blood, character and homogeneity." taint of these 'Unpreferred Central and Southern Continental Europeans."

Very faithfully yours, GEORGE EXTUS LLOYD.

## Getting Hearty Support in Canada

MONCTON, N. B., April 8-Where ever I have visited in the Maritimes I have met with whole-hearted support for the Hornby British immigration plan declared H. S. Potter of S., who is engaged in presenting the plan before public bodies. Mr. Potthe immigration policy in effect at Maritimes visited Moncton, Amherst, walked and it gave slightly, it was "Half an hour passed. Women faintrepresented the policy of the Gov- icton, St. Stephen, Kentville, Windernment, and this Company played sor and Charlottetown speaking bean honest and loyal part in putting fore Service Clubs, Board of Trade and discussing the matter with mem If what you did under that Robb bers of the Governments of the three letter of 1925 (railway agreement) is provinces. The plan as outlined by what you now call an honest and Mr. Potter embraces the setting up in loyal part in putting this (Robb) pol- the various provinces of Canada of icy into effect, then it is quite evid- British immigrants on selected farms ent that your company should be under proper supervision and propercarriers only and should not be trust- ly financed. Under the plan neither ed to recruit any immigration into of Dominion nor provinces are call this country. It is putting it very ed upon to contribute any financial moderately indeed when the Investi- assistance the plan being financed engation Committee of the House of tirely by British capital. All of the members of the Maritime Governments contacted signified their willed by the score. Men cried out and ingness to assist through their agriuttered oaths, the strangest commit- cultural and social service departants of the weirdest signt that had ments in every way possible, and the ever distrubed the majesty of Nia- various Boards of Trade passed resothey seemed hours, as Blondin, with sumption of British immigration to

The underlying motives of the plan ing to Blondin-Look out, these peo- which had a great appeal to the difsettle the great open spaces which ged Colcord to the solid ground, say- would lead to a greater development ing, with tears in his eyes, 'I would of the Dominion and the fact that in tion, Canada as now populated offers The crowds stormed to the side of a great temptation to land hungry

"There can be no doubt of the carry a mark was pressed into serv-strong British sentiment in the Mari-

Mr. Potter left here last night on graphs. And the money rolled into Maritime Express of the Canadian National Railways for Ottawa after sreaking before the Moncton Board

ITALY STARTS AIR SERVICE

ROME, April 7-An Italian Air service between Italy and Palestine was started today by way of Athens.

## COMMERCIAL TRIBUTE TO QUINTUPLETS FUND CLOSE TO \$1 MILLION

### Net Wealth of Babies Already Exceeds \$500,000

candlestick makers have poured a stantially in excess of this figure. ion level within a few years.

The net wealth of the Quintuplets | iod of 21 months. at the start of this year was \$535,423 The general expenditures included and the total of their actual and potential assets, including guaranteed officers and other members of the I was not dealing with non-Brit- reement which brought about the future payments under unexpired con- staff at the hospital; supplies, equiptracts, was \$822,806. Both amounts ment and general maintenance of the incude the capitalized cost (\$57,654) hospital; legal expenses in connecof the quints' modern hospital-home tion with contracts and guardianship; at Callander, Ont., as well as net telephone and telegram costs; fuel, residual revenues from sale of mo- bank charges, freight charges and tion picture, photo, advertising and customs duty on donated shipments manufacturing-selling rights.

> but not including the value of gifts of liums. clothing, toys, equipment and supplies, has amounted to \$573,764, according to a return tabled in the Ontario Legislature in receipts and expenditures under the Crown guardianship established by statute in 1935. receipts of \$30,590 taken in by the former guardians prior to April 30,

The babies are assured of minimum additional revenue during the next three to five years of \$287,383, in amounts unpaid under stated-sum and telegraphs to which job he had contracts or under percentage and been transferred last September. ually received by the time the quints perhaps violently. are eight years old (five years from | Small loss, in any instance

Canada's butchers and bakers and now) will have reached a sum sub-

stream of gold into the laps of five Total expenditures in behalf of the baby girls who have yet to celebrate quintuplets since they were brought their third birthday. From produc- under protection of the Guardianship ers of lolly pops and tooth paste, mov- Act in May, 1935, amounted to \$95, ies and soap flakes, oatmeat and dish- 996. Of this, \$57,654 was the cost of es, and a wide variety of other ar- hospital and other building construccicles, the Dionne Quintuplets have tion, equipment and building supplies received through their guardians tri- and this amount was capitalized and oute for the use of their names and the hospital listed as an asset. This likenesses that will near the \$1 mil- adjustment left the net amount of general expenses at \$38,341 for a per

items for the pay of nurses, police of soy bean milk and clothing (720); Gross revenue from such contracts, fire insurance and surety bond prem

> During the period covered by the eport, payments included one of \$4.-060 as the professional salary of Dr Dafoe the quints' physician.

#### **OGPU** Former Head Arrested

Russia's terrifying secret police, the OGPU, were long headed by Genrikh Yagoda. He brought fear to the nearts of many a communist, death to many a person suspect.

Now he himself is accused of "criminal activity" as commissar of posts

royalty contracts with a minimum Tired of using Yagoda as a tool for guarantee provision. Thus the gross wreaking their terror, Soviet big-wigs actual and potential revenue has now deal with him as many a tool in reached a total of \$861,147, with every politics and business has been dealt asurance that the gross revenue act- with; they discard him, disdainfully

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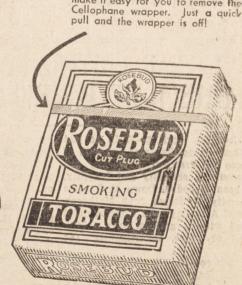
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