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Royal Bank of Canada

Business is undoubtedly on the upgrade, was the encouraging statement made by Sidney G. Dobson, general manager of the Royal Bank of Canada at the 68th annual meeting of the directors of that body. Mr. Dobson reported over \$56,000,000 increase in deposits in his bank alone, which should be a barometer of better times. The address of Morris W. Wilson, president and managing director, stressed the need for orderly recovery and warned against the dangers of a speculative boom. These were the outstanding features of Mr. Wilson's address. He claimed that recovery was well on the way, and there could be little doubt that we were almost around the corner. Even the most sanguine would a year ago have hesitated to predict a progress as great as that which had been accomplished in 1936. According to the statements made by the directors of this bank and a review of conditions in Canada and other countries in which the bank has branches, indicates a definite improvement not only in this country but in practically all foreign countries in which the bank is represented. The pleasing announcement is made that business is undoubtedly on the upgrade and that businessmen and financiers look upon conditions with much more confidence than has been the case for some years.

The Royal Bank of Canada is one of the solid institutions of our country and it is in the hands of men who have safely steered this institution through the strenuous times we have experienced in recent years. While financial institutions across the line have toppled and fallen into the ditch, Canada's banking institutions, like the Old Empire, has weathered the battle and the breeze. And not least among these was the Royal Bank of Canada.

Students Teach Teacher

Following the modern fashion of reversal of precedent, the students of Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., appear to have been teaching their teachers, with noticeable success.

This is made evident by recent remarks of Dr. Helen Rand Miller, of that institution, who, surveying some 1,337 students, finds modern youth has no taste for poetry and the classics, preferring in their place books "about sports, automobiles, aviation, fashion, stamps and moving pictures."

Apparently Dr. Miller has accepted this new set for values, for she is reported as declaring that it is "silly" for teachers to attempt to lead children to the classics, and as asserting that these latter are not even read by teachers themselves. "Children can enjoy classic literature only as it relates to modern living," she comments.

Reading her remarks, one gathers that the student body today is entirely utilitarian, for she states emphatically that the rising generation is eager for books telling how to do things.

However, when she departs from generalities to deal with particulars she becomes less convincing on this point, for she admits that fiction is the favorite reading of the modern student, books of adventure coming second and plays third.

Moreover, one cannot avoid a suspicion that Dr. Miller is not so thoroughly converted to the student view as apparently as she would have one believe. Declaring the interest in sports outranks that in any kind of literature, she makes the significant suggestion that "through a study of modern Olympic Games students can come to an appreciation of Greek and Roman classics." It is the pedagogue speaking, and her words reveal a secret hankering after the old, "silly" idea of leading children to the classics.

But one finds it hard to see on what she rests her hope. Here is a brief extract from current comment on one branch of modern Olympics:

"Shkolnik spun him around and sent him to the floor for nine. Rising, he walked into a honey of a left to the chin, which bounced his noggin on the mat and raised a cloud of resin. Bob was through for the night."

It is difficult to discover anything in that which is likely to create a taste for Homer, Horace or Virgil.

Hitler Wins Again

The announcement that Portugal is returning to Germany the latter's former colony of Kionga is scarcely a matter for surprise, though it may well occasion some uneasiness.

The territory involved is but small, comprising some 400 square miles; but the fact that it has, apparently, changed hands secretly and without reference to the League of Nations makes the transaction a momentous one.

In addition, it is reported, Germany expects to share with Portugal in the exploitation of Angola, Portuguese West Africa, and if this hope be realized she will have effected a footing on both the Atlantic and Indian Ocean coasts of Africa and a position of considerable strategic value in its relation to the British territories of Bechuanaland, Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

Portugal's growing friendship for Germany and Italy has been evident during the course of the Spanish civil war, for she has been a willing clearing house for the munitions and supplies which it is no longer denied have been sent by the two Fascist nations to the Spanish insurgents, and for this reason, as has been said, the present announcement can cause little surprise.

Germany's advantage from the arrangement is evident, but the benefits accruing or likely to accrue to Portugal are less obvious; for by it she is sacrificing her 300-year-old friendship with Britain in favor of vague promises to "protect her independence" made by Germany and Italy.

It would seem probable that Portugal's fears have been played upon, and that the failure of the League of Nations to protect Ethiopia and China has not been without its influence in bringing about her surrender of Kionga. More than one small nation was alarmed by the mandates fiasco, and possibly Portugal thought it the safest policy to endeavor to buy off the Powers which apparently could defy the Geneva impunity.

Germany has carried on an assiduous propaganda campaign, both in her own territory and abroad, for the return of her former colonies, and among the latest converts to her views, apparently, is Viscount Elibank, a former Administrator in Africa, who caused considerable discussion when, on a visit to the Dominion, he urged the subject of Canadian defense.

Writing to the London Times recently, Lord Elibank declared he saw no objection to the return to Germany of Togoland and the Cameroons—now mandated to France—and invited Portugal, the Netherlands and Japan to contribute toward satisfying Germany's colonial aspirations.

His Lordship, of course, speaks only for himself in this matter, but before further concession is made to Germany it is to be hoped that all the mandatory Powers will be consulted; that there shall be an inclusion of sufficient safeguards in any revision of existing treaties involved, and that any arrangement shall receive the approval of the League.

Germany's recent invasion of Morocco does not make for tranquility regarding her intentions in Africa, and pacts such as she has concluded with Portugal are a menace to, rather than assurance of, peace.

SNAPSHOTS

Who is stealing all the money from the coats in the girls' cloak room at the High School? Girls who leave money hanging around encourage crime. Why not stick it in their stockings, then they can be reasonably sure who steals it.

A young lady writes asking us if it is not possible to have a six foot two hundred pound man go to the Coronation to represent the citizens. She does not like men the size of Ewart Atkinson and Willard Kitchen and General MacLean. There is a certain good looking policeman whom we might suggest. Two or three good looking bachelors might also be mentioned. The Premier who is going to represent the province, is of good size and nice appearance. Then we have the good looking Minister of Agriculture. If he couldn't go he might suggest sending Mr. Hicks. Eh, what!

They say that there was something doing when one of the Ministers got angry at certain doings at the departmental buildings a few days ago. Someone was chasing the can or rushing the growler.

Portuguese Will Settle Their Own Boundary Troubles

(Special to The Daily Mail)
LISBON, Jan. 20—The Portuguese government today issued a report in regard to the boundary dispute. They said that they are quite capable of settling boundary troubles themselves and that they are not prepared to agree to any international interference.

Is Work on the

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approaching tracks. The word that came this morning is rather a shock that the work had been suspended. A representative of The Daily Mail called up Engineer Evans this morning and he informed him that he and his crew are returning to Moncton today. He intimated that his work here is not complete, but declined to discuss the reasons for his sudden call back to the regional headquarters in Moncton.

The Daily Mail got in touch with the chief engineer's office at Moncton. There we learned from the chief engineer that he did not care to discuss the situation. There seems to be something mysterious in regard to the matter but this will probably be explained from Ottawa in the course of a day or two. There may be no foundation for the rumor that work on the bridge has been held up because there was no money placed in the estimates for that purpose. The Daily Mail is inclined to doubt the authenticity of this rumor, and we believe that there is some other cause for the suspension of the work and the calling to headquarters of the engineers. It is understood that communications between this city and Ottawa have taken place and that a definite word will be received from those in high authority as to just when the work will be proceeded with and continued without interruption or delay.

At two o'clock this afternoon, Hon. J. E. Michaud, cabinet minister from New Brunswick, wired The Daily Mail from Ottawa as follows: "Your telegrams re bridge received. Minister of Transport busy and matter being looked into."

Railways Vital

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a hundred years ago, the railways have been of tremendous importance in the development of the country, Mr. Gardiner pointed out. "By shortening distances, they brought the people into closer contact," he said. "These closer contacts brought about better understandings, due to this, one may claim, with justice, that the railways made possible the confederation that followed—that confederation which gave us a Dominion from sea to sea, at whose eastern and western gates lie two great oceans."

In addition to their normal service as carriers, the railways had made large contributions to the progress of Canada. The colonization and industrial branches of the railways had added very materially in the growth of the Dominion, and for decades before the provincial and federal governments undertook to cultivate what had now become one of the country's major industries, the tourist trade, the railways carried on this effort unaided.

Depression and the coming into the field of new forms of transportation had tried the railways sorely. However, they had passed the crisis. They were going ahead and "faced the dawn with valiant hearts unafraid."

JOBS IN 1936 ARE HIGHEST IN SIX YEARS

OTTAWA, Jan. 20 — A generally higher level of industrial employment in 1936 than in any year since 1930 was reported today by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in its annual review of the employment situation.

It was estimated employment increased 4.3 per cent. in 1936, compared to 1935. At the 1936 peak, Nov. 1, the index stood at 111.0, the maximum for the past six years.

Public works were of diminishing importance in the employment situation during 1936, and the more favorable situation which exists gives evidence of a natural revival in business resulting from a greater public demand for commodities and services rather than from artificially stimulated activity, the review said.

Improvement recorded during the past year was evidenced in practically every type of manufacturing. Logging, mining, services and trade reported considerable advances.

Employment at Jan. 1, 1936, showed the contraction customary during that month, but the shrinkage was on a scale less than average, it was reported. A further moderate decline occurred at the beginning of February, while in March the trend was seasonally upward, and from April 1 the movement was favorable without interruption until Nov. 1. There was a seasonal slump in activity at the beginning of December.

The review said the situation in every month of 1936 was better than in the same month of 1935, although the fluctuations in the two years differed.

Manufacturing, employing more than half of the total workers, included in the survey, experienced a period of interrupted expansion during 1936.

Quebec Leads List
Of Canada's five economic areas, Quebec led the list with an employment increase of 5.6 per cent. The Maritime Provinces were next with 5.5 per cent. increase. Ontario showed an increase of 3.3 per cent., Prairie Provinces 4.3 per cent. and British Columbia 3.5 per cent.

Vancouver led eight Canadian cities included in the survey with an increase of 7.3 per cent.

In Ontario, manufacturers reported greater activity throughout the past year, employment generally being in larger volume than any time since 1930. Heavy industry in Ontario experienced a greater measure of recovery than in Quebec, while indices in lumber and textiles continued substantially higher in Quebec than in Ontario. Logging and mining in Ontario were particularly active with employment in mining reaching an all-time record in the early winter.

CAN DRINK KING'S TOAST WITH WATER

LONDON, Jan. 20—One may drink King George VI's health in water.

His Majesty so informed the London Temperance Association today. Edward VIII, had likewise assured prohibitionists "a loyal toast will be honored with equal acceptance in water or any other non-alcoholic beverage."

Quebec Members

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things—the necessity of more adequate measures of defence and the hostility of some Government supporters. Consultations have been frequent.

Not a few members from Quebec have given interviews to the more nationalistic press, particularly against participation in any external war but also against the whole theory of increased military expenditure. Two of them have questions on the order paper suggestive of dissent from any such programme.

Quebec members met in caucus today but it was called before the estimates were tabled and is a regular institution. Nevertheless, there were early indications of murmurings in that quarter. Tomorrow, a full caucus of Government supporters will take place when the whole question will have an airing and unanimous support will be sought.

DUKE OF GLOUCESTER WILL ASSIST THE KING

(Special to The Daily Mail)
LONDON, Jan. 20—The Duke of Gloucester has resigned his post as Major General of the Tenth Hussars in order to assist the King in his duties.

TEN PER CENT. WAGE INCREASE IN BELGIUM

BRUSSELS, Jan. 20—The wages of all workers are to be increased ten per cent. on Monday. A further increase of five per cent. will be given in three weeks' time to all except the diamond workers.

DESCRIPTION OF KIDNAPPER FITS WITH SUSPECT

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 20—United States agents sent flying squads on the trail of scores of fresh "tips" in their hunt for the kidnap-slayer of little Charles Mattson tonight while Portland, Ore., police questioned a man they said fitted "perfectly" the description of the actual abductor.

Detective Captain J. Keegan announced the detention at Portland of George Wilson, 38. He said the man raged against families of wealth and mentioned specifically that of Dr. W. W. Mattson, Charles' father.

Bellingham authorities continued to hold Leigh Haskell Fowler, 36, convicted robber. An authoritative source said Fowler was being forced to grow whiskers, and indicated it was in preparation for a visit from Virginia Chaffield, one of the children who witnessed the abduction.

Shown Fowler's picture, Miss Chaffield said it did not appear to be a likeness of the be-whiskered man who snatched Charles from his palatial Tacoma home on Dec. 27.

Captain Keegan said the Portland police would go deeper into Wilson's affairs.

"This man certainly resembled the published description of the kidnapper," he said. "We will know better about him, of course, when the Mattson children see his picture."

TRAPPER FAMILY WILL FLY BACK TO CIVILIZATION

GERALDTON, Jan. 20—Late today Nipigon Airways officials returned to Nakina after a flight to Dog Lake and reported they had prevailed upon the Gagneir family, hardy French-Canadian trappers, burned out more than ten days ago, to return to civilization.

It is expected the plane will return to the isolated trading post at Dog Lake tomorrow and bring to Nakina on the first trip Mrs. Gagneir and her infant daughter.

The child was born of a bed of spruce brought in 20 below zero weather after the family had been forced to flee their burning cabin. Both mother and child are reported to be in fair condition after the harrowing experience, although two of the other nine children suffered from frost bite and exposure. For six days the family existed on two rabbits and a barrel of flour.

When rescue planes first reached the Gagneir family they refused to be brought back to civilization, and the pilots were compelled to leave, after assisting Gagneir to repair a deserted shack.

Today, however, air officials were successful in a second attempt to persuade the family to abandon the remote trading post and return for the winter to Nakina.

DR. R. C. WALLACE IS GUEST SPEAKER

TORONTO, Jan. 20—A well attended formal dinner was held by the University Women's Club of Toronto on Saturday evening, when Dr. R. C. Wallace, Principal of Queen's University, and Mrs. Wallace, were the guests of honor.

Mrs. George S. Young, President, introduced the speaker, who addressed the members on some of the problems that confront the modern educator.

In the first place, the ever-expanding fields of knowledge make it extremely difficult for the student to get a view of the whole, he said. "The written history of mankind is only like a few hours passed in relation to the history of the universe, yet we are demanding that the student assimilate in detail what is only a few seconds in time," he affirmed.

Dr. Wallace discussed the problem of getting the student to see the whole. The best way, in his opinion, is that educators should begin by breaking down the barriers between fields and showing how they relate to each other. Educators should not confine themselves to their own department, but should, for instance, be reasonably good models in English, as well as good instructors in mathematics and science. The speaker felt that knowledge should be accurate, though not necessarily detailed.

He ventured the opinion that men are more freely allowed in every professional field than women, because they are more governed by intellectual judgment, and women more by emotion. Thus, greater educational advantages were achieved in allowing students to work together. "Fraternalities and sororities have more influence than some care to admit," he stated. This indirect method of education, and with an educator of personality (one who best blends the intellect and emotions) has the most influence on a student, Dr. Wallace felt.

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Dated this fifteenth day of January, A.D. 1937.

PETER FARRELL,
Chairman of the Board of
Assessors of Taxes.