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On the Miramichi

If the provincial government can complete the negotiations now being carried out by the Fraser Companies, Ltd., for the operation of a pulp mill on the Miramichi, the government will have accomplished something that will be of great benefit to the people of that section of the province. It seems very likely that the negotiations now underway will be brought to a successful completion within the very near future.

The Miramichi folk deserve better luck than they have had during the last few years. The condition which exists at the present time in the county of Northumberland is not the fault of the present government, but is a combination of circumstances which have been aggravated by the depression.

It is understood that the present visit to Montreal of Hon. Premier Dymally is for the sole purpose of having the Fraser Companies operate a pulp mill on the Miramichi. The day of the long lumber when sawmills like those that were operated by the O'Briens, the Lynches, the Fleets, the Burchills, and others, have passed owing to changing conditions. This brought unemployment and conditions have not yet been remedied. The mills have not yet been replaced by other lines of employment. It is hard, nay, it is almost impossible, for any government to immediately and without study meet these changing conditions, but the present government is doing its best to bring about a change for the better.

The Nightshirt Club!

A few months ago there was a flood of propaganda in the Canadian news papers about nightshirts. The good old nightshirt was coming back, we were told. Men were learning that there was more solid comfort in an enveloping garment in which they could wrap their feet on cold nights. There was dignity in the nightshirt, and economy, and its revival was just one more proof that our grandfathers were wiser than their grandsons, who button themselves in pyjamas with a cord or a tight band around the waist. This was the story.

Sooner or later almost anything can be proved or disproved by Government figures, and today we have something definite on this matter of what the well-dressed man wears when he climbs between the sheets. It is a report on the men's furnishings industry by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, and it gives little cheer to the nightshirt lads. In the year 1935, it says: Canadian factories produced a total of 7,323 dozens of nightshirts or—if we assume there are four million males in Canada out of the cradle—one nightshirt for every forty-six male persons in the country. But the same year 82,578 dozens of pyjamas were made, of cotton and flannelette, and 249 dozens of silk and artificial silk, which works out to about one suit to each four males.

Curiously enough, in both classifications fewer articles were produced than in 1934, but the percentage of recession in nightshirts was much greater. This, while pyjama-production fell from 94,381 dozens to 82,578 dozens the output of nightshirts dropped from 9,808 to 7,323. There was a marked increase in overalls, work shirts and pants, in most other classes, which may indicate that men were spending less time in bed than in the preceding year and thus had to make less frequent replacements of their night garments, but the figures show that when such replacements were imperative the chances were forty-six to four that they bought pyjamas.

We think this settles the question. Some people prefer nightshirts, just as there are those who would rather drive a high-spirited horse than a sixteen-cylinder car, but they are fighting a losing battle.—Ottawa Journal.

Japan Paying the Piper

Japanese military leaders are facing a crisis, not merely in China, but at home. The bill for the imperialistic programme has been brought home to the people and ugly unrest grows.

Up goes the price of rice and fish and when rice and fish become costly to the Japanese masses, cabinets tremble.

"Never before has the fate of the country been so dark as at present," says a resolution passed by the biggest party in the Japanese House of Representatives.

Further worry comes to Tokyo over the ending of the Washington and London naval treaties. These treaties Japan denounced and now she finds herself unable to compete in a world-wide arms race.

The fireworks are about to start, set off by introduction of the new budget. The voices of industrialists and workers and farmers will be heard throughout Nippon, muttering ominously.

Meanwhile China watches.

A Job for the Schools

Canadian educational authorities should be interested in the remarks made recently by C. Egerton Lowe, F.T.C.L., International Examiner of the Trinity College of Music, London, on the slovenliness and mispronunciation of Canadian speech.

Mr. Lowe instanced such words as 'choob' for tube; 'doo,' for due; 'becos,' for because; 'aisaspades,' for ace of spades, and 'vi-lin,' for violin.

One might enlarge the list indefinitely, and might add to it an indictment of Canadian grammar. 'I'm gonna' and 'I binna' are the common substitutes today for 'I'm going to' and 'I've been to,' while 'He's jest went out' or 'She's jest came in' are more usual than the correct 'He's just gone out' and 'She's just come in.'

And, curiously, while 'gonna' and 'binna' obviously are the result of laziness, the users of those terms frequently will go to unneeded trouble to mispronounce other words, so that column becomes 'col-yume' and figures 'fig-yuers.'

The usual reply of those who defend such corruptions of a beautiful language is that speech changes inevitably, and a national tongue becomes altered with the passing of time. The excuse is not a legitimate one. Language does not change and develop. New words are included and old ones are dropped or take on new meanings; but improvement seldom is brought about by untidiness, and the change to which Mr. Lowe takes exception is the result only of mental untidiness and lack of taste.

Teachers, of course, lay the blame for much of this careless speech on home environment; but is sufficient emphasis laid on correctness even in the schools? There are teachers who talk habitually of their 'stoo-dents' and of the 'chhool-dren' or 'chuldren' in their classes; and one has heard normal school graduates refer to the larynx as the 'larnicks,' and incredible as it may seem, to Mahatma Gandhi as 'Manhattan.'

Correct speech does not imply either pedantry or affectation in the speaker. It is an even more certain indication of culture and refinement than is correct dress. The fact should be emphasized in schools of all grades.

SNAPSHOTS

"No Kissing One Way to Avoid Flu," says headline. A young lady we know thinks that it is the hard way.

We hear that some members of the cast "Gold in the Hills" are down with the dread malady.

The police went back to see if the villain would again return to the scene of his crime.

Are the kiddies getting the right break at the Arctic Rink? The citizens are paying the money for the skating. It is up to the Council to see that everything is O. K.

A guest at a dinner in the Manhattan Opera House was stabbed to death, and the whole gathering was detained while the police conducted an investigation. Thus truth makes another effort to catch up with fiction, for the idea was used several years ago by Ellery Queen in "The Roman Hat Mystery."

If you remember the time when nearly all the houses on the back streets had a fence in front and a front gate that clicked and warned the housewife that it was time to put the kettle on, you look younger with your hat on.

Germany is

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circles over the reported acquisition, which some said would be by outright purchase rather than lease. Others said the agreement will be for exploitation of the Angola territory by German monopoly under Portuguese sovereignty.

Many young German engineers and technicians said they already had made definite plans to go to Angola soon after the Reichstag session.

Opposed by Britain

Efforts to acquire Mozambique, on eastern African coast, have been abandoned, it was said authoritatively, because of strong British opposition.

Angola contains 476,712 square miles and is rich both in agricultural and mineral resources.

A list of the territory's resources coincides strikingly with that of raw materials which Germany has sought most in recent years—gold, silver, manganese, copper, cotton, rubber. Other commodities are palm-oil, ivory, cattle and hides and dried or salt fish.

Meat is not plentiful in Germany this winter, so the cattle of Angola are looked upon with pleasure, the Nazis admit. And there is iron in Angola; also petroleum deposits.

Will Make

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The fellowship in the institute, conferred in recognition of outstanding success in the interpretation of science to laymen, was awarded to Mr. Davis "for interpreting to the people of the nation the rapid progress of science upon which modern civilization depends and for the organized dissemination of research findings as news," the announcement continued.

One of the pioneer industrial organizations for scientific research, the Bell Telephone Laboratories, Dr. Wendt said, developed and perfected many of the valuable means of modern communication, and field in which it has pioneered. Trans-oceanic and ship-to-ship wireless telephone service, which enables persons to converse with privacy; long distance wire telephony which spans continents by using vacuum tube amplifiers; high fidelity, high power voice and sound transmission and recording applied to sound records, talking motion pictures and public address systems; and commercial transmission of pictures are among the many results of the work of the research organization. The award will be received in the name of the more than 4,000 men and women of the Bell Telephone Laboratories by Dr. F. B. Jewett, its president.

WHEAT POOL IS CRITICIZED

WINNIPEG, Jan. 23.—Present pressure of Argentina in selling wheat on world markets was not causing Canadian exporters any concern, said Sidney T. Smith, President of Reliance Grain Company, Limited, in detailing export operations to the Turgeon Royal Grain Commission today. Light supplies of Canadian wheat and the probability of most of it being sold before the 1937 crop is ready to market, were major factors in putting Canadian wheat prices at their present premium over Argentine wheat, he said.

Besides hearing further comment on the report of "short" interests in barley being forced into settlement on the Winnipeg Grain Exchange last December, the Commission heard criticism of Canadian wheat pool and stabilization operations. Both Mr. Smith and George Mathieson, Vice-President of the Norris Grain Company, Limited, advised disposal of as much wheat as possible as soon as possible after harvesting.

If Canadian supplies were great, then exporters would be forced to reduce prices to compete with Argentine offerings, Mr. Smith said. With supplies light and a carryover at July 31 likely to be normal, the situation did not cause Canadian exporters any concern.

No Decisive Action at Madrid

MADRID, Jan. 23.—No decisive action is reported today around Madrid. Government forces claim several successes on the north-west front. In southern parts the insurgents have launched an attack in several directions towards Malaga. They are now busy working through the mountains. An insurgent air raid was driven off by government planes but not before several bombs had been dropped. The British Consulate at Malaga has been ordered closed.

Hope Lochinvars

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ciety and Mrs. Mann, who acts as historian, sailed for the Orient in the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Asia last Tuesday.

Primarily intended for the collection of rare animals for the zoo, the expedition found itself turned into a "lonely hearts society" in the interests of Washington's orang-outangs, Suzy, at the last minute.

Suzy is lonesome in captivity and has made the fact known in the dulcet tones used by lady orang-outangs in search of bread winners. A microphone, picked up her lamentations and a gramophone record air mailed to Dr. Mann at the Empress of Asia dock will be played in the jungle by the scientist in the hope that gay simian lochinvars will come out of the treetops.

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OTTAWA USES 15,000,000 POUNDS SAND

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DEUL CHALLENGE ALLEGED IN NORTH

COCHRANE, Jan. 23.—Believed to be a unique case in Canadian Criminal annals since Confederation, Wallace Szczepkowski was charged here in court with issuing challenge to duel to Andrew Madziel. Szczepkowski was released on bail pending the hearing of the charge next Monday.

Disagreement over political beliefs in their native Poland is reputed to have been the cause of the alleged challenge. The men are home steading in the Driftwood area, eighteen miles west of Cochrane. It is understood the alleged challenge note left a wide option of weapons open to the challenged.

Six Deaths

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The deaths were recorded in Vancouver. Only a few cases were reported in Calgary, Regina and Brandon, Man.

Eight Nurses Ill

A meeting of the Vancouver Health Office staff was held, to decide what measures will be taken to combat the outbreak. Dr. J. W. McIntosh, Health Officer, said: "Six deaths due to influenza pneumonia have been recorded. I am satisfied the epidemic has arrived."

Dr. McIntosh could give no estimate of the number of cases in the Coast city. It was learned more than 80 nurses were absent from Vancouver General Hospital with severe colds. Forty-two cases of influenza were being treated at Oakalla Prison Farm there, with visitors banned from the institution.

In Edmonton, Hon. W. A. Fallow, Alberta Public Works Minister, and Hon. W. N. Chant, Minister of Agriculture, were ill with "flu." About 5,500 of the city's 16,000 school students were absent, many of them remaining away as a precautionary measure. Business staffs were not greatly affected.

All schools were closed at Wetaskiwin, about fifty miles south of Alberta's Capital, where about 25 per cent. of the population was ill. Schools in Camrose, in the Edmonton area, closed last week, were expected to reopen next week. A survey indicated the epidemic was concentrated south and west of Edmonton.

Greatest Flood

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mounting reports of peril.

Greater Cincinnati, with 750,000 inhabitants was the largest city affected in Ohio. Fully 955 per cent. of the city's population was safe in hilltop homes—but that only told part of the story.

"It probably will keep on at least seven days more," said W. C. Devereau, U. S. government flood expert here. "It will be that long at least before the river returns to its banks."

Relief forces mobilized in Cincinnati and all along the Ohio to minister the possibilities of disease, hunger and other evils.

Industrial plants whose payrolls are the lifeblood of a vast territory.

Temperatures around 20 above zero brought misery to many of the homeless, but at the same time brought hope that rains were ended. Hope rose, too, with the official report that the river's rate of rise had slowed appreciably here. A crest of 72 feet was forecast for Saturday or Sunday.

Cincinnati's schools were ordered closed to their 65,000 pupils. Its power supply was imperilled as waters crept toward generating plants protected by sand bags. A gasoline shortage threatened.

DIED

BONNAR—At Fredericton, January 23, 1937, Mrs. Beatrice May Bonnar, aged 48 years.

The funeral will take place on Monday afternoon with service at 3:30 o'clock at the home in this city, and will be conducted by Rev. W. J. Bate. Interment will be made at Rural extension.

GREER—At Fredericton, January 22, 1937, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Greer, aged 48 years.

The funeral will take place on Monday afternoon with service at St. Dunstan's church at 2:30 o'clock and interment will be made at the Hermitage.

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(Special to The Daily Mail)

PALESTINE, Jan. 23.—The last members of the British Royal Commission which has been in Palestine for some time looking into the situation, has left for England. The Arabs are endeavoring to select a delegation to go to London to present their side of the case and it is thought that the Jews are taking steps along similar lines.

Mackenzie

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"It is the intention of the government," said the prime minister, "to ask the leaders of the government and the opposition in the Senate to be guests of the government and also the Speaker of the House of Commons and the Speaker of the Senate."

"There will be other representatives of the membership of both Houses, some of which will be selected by the British Empire Parliamentary Association."

Mr. Bennett said he would advise Mr. Mackenzie King later if he would be able to accept.

Germany Refuses

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Skelton, Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, said today.

The Government has accepted an invitation to appoint a representative, and his attendance at the committee inquiry will be contingent on the time the investigation is held.

Dr. Skelton said at the last League Assembly it was decided to inquire into the validity of complaints received from time to time concerning difficulty of some countries in having access to raw materials.

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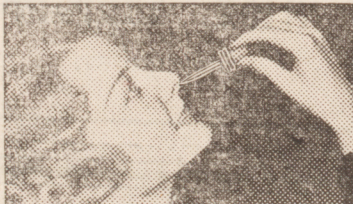
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