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## GROUNDHOG DAY AND ITS VAGARIES

TOMORROW the groundhog will be emerging from his hole in the ground to let us know what may be expected in the way of weather for the remainder of the winter. And whether the groundhog sees his shadow and goes back to sleep for another six weeks or takes a stretch and starts off in search of something to eat, the modern world will have forgotten the next day that there ever was such an animal as a groundhog or woodchuck.

But it wasn't always that way. Our forefathers had faith in the groundhog's forecast. When it went counter to the predictions of the Old Farmer's Almanac, the farmer's calculations were sometimes seriously upset. Planning for spring work was done in winter and when the prognostications didn't make sense, the farmer was troubled. The faith of some farmers in the groundhog's actions was so firm that watch parties were sometimes formed, the lairs were sought out and spies were posted. The neighborhood would be advised of what happened.

The woodchuck is known as the Rip Van Winkle of animal land. Winter holds no terror for him. He is asleep. He gives evidence of his industry only when he is digging a hole. Then he is a prodigious worker and an accurate calculator. There is nothing to be done over when he is through. There is no repairing to do, no alterations to be made. Some naturalists say the woodchuck knows when his time is up and digs his own grave.

## A FATHER'S LIFE-EXPERIENCE

EVERY BOY whose father is living has a heritage that is more valuable than money, a heritage not only of influence (for even the humblest man seeking an opening for his son has more influence that cocky youth would believe) but also in wise counsel, basic principle, and inside knowledge of the way things are done, says Royal F. Munger.

Like education, which is a gold mine that you have to study to work, the son himself will determine in large measure the amount of his father's accumulation of life experience that is used to drive him forward. Few are the fathers who have not high expectations for their sons. They will hope for much, be generous in backing, urge, exhort, take joy in success, and spare neither thought nor effort in helping attain that result. In trouble they will stand fast to the last ditch.

But, for all that, the son is another man, with his own way to make, his own character to form, his own feet to stand upon. Just as a certain loneliness of soul is inseparable from complete manhood, so no man can completely fight the battles of another. If advice is taken, principle absorbed, experience remembered—lo, there is a partner. If not, other activities fill, not very satisfactorily, the place left vacant.

## LABOR SCANS THE RAILWAYS FIELD

IT HAS BEEN understood that Canadian labor was definitely opposed to any change in the country's railway service as inimical to employment. But evidently labor takes a broad and national view of the situation. In a memorandum dealing with many subjects recently presented to the Federal Government the Canadian Federation of Labor expressed its views on the transportation problem. "Realizing that the duplication and overlapping of transport facilities in Canada have greatly increased the burden of public debt," thus lowering the general standard of living and "undermining established conditions of labor," the Federation was of opinion that at this session of Parliament the Government should "bring forward comprehensive legislative proposals intended to reduce the evils of duplication, and to restore competitive equality."

After making recommendations for "uniform regulation of highway traffic," with adequate taxation of those who use the highways; the payment by inland shipping of fair tolls on canal traffic, "with preferential rates for vessels of Canadian registry," and other suggestions, it was urged "that immediate steps be taken to substitute complete co-ordination of the railway systems, under strict Government regulations, for the piecemeal co-operation that has proved inadequate to solve the problem."

Naturally it was urged that in any reform of the transportation system "care be taken to provide fair compensation for workers who may temporarily lose employment as a result of the co-ordination of transport services"; but on the whole the Federation's desire evidently is that whatever is best for the country should be done toward improving the railways situation.

## EXPORT OF CANADIAN LUMBER

DECEMBER EXPORTS of Canadian lumber amounted to 133,294,000 feet valued at \$3,090,659 compared with 184,104,000 of the value of \$4,000,780 in the corresponding month of 1936. The United Kingdom took a large part of the export, the amount being 83,123,000 feet and the United States 28,812,000. Douglas fir planks and boards led in volume, the amount being 54,188,000 feet compared with 79,694,000; spruce, 47,393,000 compared with 62,621,000; hemlock, 11,467,000 compared with 15,866,000; pine, 7,849,000 compared with 9,988,000; cedar, 2,461,000 compared with 4,698,000; maple, 664,000 compared with 1,206,000. There were also 6,899,000 feet of Douglas fir square timber exported to the value of \$128,096 compared with 8,231,000 worth \$149,582. During the nine months ended December total exports of planks and boards were 1,431,746,000 feet worth \$35,745,667 compared with 1,440,205,000 at \$30,581,337 in the same period of the previous fiscal year.

## CANADA'S TRADE IN 1937

THE YEAR 1937 saw a marked advance in Canada's international trade, the reported value being \$260,296,000 higher than in 1936. The total value was \$1,923,388,837 compared with \$1,663,092,798. This substantial gain was reflected in the value of both exports and imports. Domestic exports were worth \$1,099,724,651 compared with \$1,015,205,435 in 1936, crossing the billion dollar mark for the second year in succession. Total imports were appraised at \$808,896,325, recording a marked gain over the total of \$635,190,844 reported for 1936. Duties collected during the year totalled \$104,670,170 compared with \$87,775,082 in 1936.

## SNAP SHOTS

Deputy Mayor David McCaughey says that he is opposed to the City Council being dictated to by the Town Planning Commission. Considering that the Deputy Mayor is one hundred per cent behind the Police Commission is he consistent in regard to the Town Planning Commission?

The ordinary bricks and boards do not often appear in poetry, but they often exert an influence in community affairs.

If some of the old timers who have passed on could see two horses all wrapped up in blankets and standing on a truck and getting a drive, they would think that they were living in another planet.

Who is the young man from Carleton County who started to drive his car down the railway track at College Hill and thought that it was a main city street? It is a good thing that he kept away from the bumpway.

A free country is one where seventy per cent of the people have no influence, because thirty per cent make more noise and who have never enough to take control of things.

It is hard to understand why people will continue to drive a car on dangerous ice in the face of the many fatal accidents of the past week or two.

Some people are strangely constituted. They persist in doing things to suit themselves even when those things are wrong. Then when they are pulled up short, they blame every person except themselves.

What is the difference between skiing on Sunday, and in going for a walk on a Sunday? The Lord's Day Alliance have a lot of violations of the Sabbath which they could take up without bothering the skiers. We could give them a whole list of things The Alliance does well to assist in keeping Sunday holy but some of them go about the thing wrong end to.

Before you decide on a mountain or seashore vacation next summer, remember that Government scientists have just discovered the ocean is from 140,000,000 to 340,000,000 years older than they had previously figured.

## HISTORY MAKING

(Continued from Page One) as public welfare officials, social service bodies and from the statistics collected by Government agencies at Ottawa who obtain these facts from various sources across the country.

The Dominion Government plans to act upon the recommendations of the National Unemployment Commission, which investigated the situation from every angle for the past 18 months, and it is reported that these public spirited citizens suggested that the Government should formulate concrete plans whereby everyone in Canada who can employ someone should be enabled to obtain that person, with no charge for this service to either one of the parties. In other words, there must be a proper equipment and setup in Canada to bring closer together the employer and employee. Youth Training courses, which have already been started, should be operated on a far vaster scheme, so that indifference and docility may be decreased among the dependents of the unemployed. A comprehensive and elaborate housing scheme will be further encouraged by the Government, and it is known that efforts in this direction during the past few months has caused an estimated \$60,000,000 to be placed into circulation for building and repairs to houses, which recommends the continuation of this policy.

But there is one question that has not been answered on this matter of a public relief policy by the Dominion Government. What will happen if Canada should slip into another economic depression in her present relict-weakened state and what vital defence is proposed by the Government against such an eventuality? It is recognized by the Government that in good times or bad, "winter relief" in Canada must go out to some 300,000 to 400,000 persons. It is an annual problem that cannot be escaped. It is recognized by the Government that in face of a economic recovery during the past four years, actual recipients of relief money have not been decreased in numbers in proportion to the changed conditions. Therefore, the Government proposes to build up vital defences against this national eventuality by the establishment of a national unemployment insurance fund. Everyone admits that something must be done that will help Canada to fight off any attack of unemployment or she may go under the pressure, but there is a difference of opinion on the methods that should be adopted to reach this goal and the value of unemployment insurance is doubted in certain quarters. This question of unemployment insurance and our relief program will be answered in next week's column, when the pro and con will be given as it is seen along Parliament Hill.

## SOUTH

(Continued from Page One) sively in Venezuela, Colombia, Cuba and Panama, and had never seen conditions as bad as those described by Mrs. MacBeth.

"You can go into our slum sections here and find most deplorable conditions—go into the slums of New York and no doubt you would be appalled. Certainly there are bad conditions in South America, too, but they would not be typical of the country," he said.

The standard of education in these Latin countries, he said, as, "if anything, higher than ours."

"Go into any home, even the poorest, and you would find that 75 p.c. of the children in any of these countries are well educated, and in hardly any home would you fail to find a child well able to entertain you on the piano or violin."

## MODEL

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8:00 p.m.—Meeting of the governing bodies of the conference for the purpose of drawing up draft conventions for submissions at the next day conference.

9:30 a.m.—Submissions of proposed draft conventions by chairmen of the delegations. This will be followed by debating and voting on each separate draft convention and the debating and voting will continue in the afternoon at 2:30 and in the morning, if necessary.



LATE HON. W. L. WALSH,  
Former Lieut.-Gov. of Alberta



# "I'm for Peace,"

... said Mr. PICOBAC

A benign expression spread over Mr. Picobac's countenance. Removing his pipe, he leaned against the desk of the Essex Centre Grand Central Hotel, and gazed at his audience of two.

"I'm a peaceful man," repeated he. "I try to be a good neighbour, same as President Roosevelt does . . . and Mr. Baldwin. But . . ."

"You don't like people to walk on you," suggested George Boniface, genial proprietor of the hostelry.

"Peace with self-respect," agreed the Burley tobacco patriot. "Canada is a self-governing, self-respecting Dominion in the British Commonwealth of Nations. She's not looking for trouble. But I'll say she will hold up her end if trouble ever starts."

"Well, don't start anything around here," advised Gus, who drives the bus that meets all the trains.

"Don't worry," rejoined Mr. Picobac, puffing in great content. "I won't. As long as I have enough Picobac tobacco for a mild . . . cool . . . sweet smoke, there'll be no trouble with me. I'll keep the peace and be a friendly neighbour."



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Allan Lane, Heather Angel in

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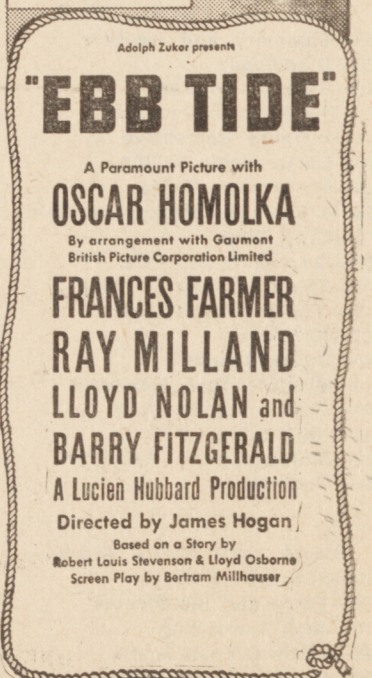
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Leslie Banks, Flora Robson, in  
"FAREWELL AGAIN"

ALLAN G.

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chairman of the Saint John Liberal Association; W. A. Ross, secretary of the county association (federal); Reginald D. Kerstead, secretary of the county association (provincial); Mr. O'Leary and Mr. O'Brien.

The candidate, who will resign today from his position as assistant port manager here with the National Harbors Board, has been active with the party for many years. He was a former chairman of the Saint John—Albert Liberal Association executive and served as treasurer in the last federal campaign. Defeated along with Mr. Ryan when they formed the Liberal ticket for the constituency in 1930, Mr. McAvity supported Mr. Ryan's nomination in 1935.

Born in Saint John in 1882, Mr. McAvity's education was received at the Rousesay Collegiate school and Harvard University. A marine engineer, he set up plants at Montreal and at Kitchener, Ont., as organizer of the Canadian Buffalo Forge Co. In 1915 he became a member of the Imperial Munitions Board and was named director of production of shells for the Dominion. He joined T. McAvity & Sons, Ltd. in 1917 and became a director. He established the Canadian Independent Oil Company, supplying bunker oil to Canadian Pacific ships at Montreal, Quebec and Saint John, with head office here, but sold out to the Imperial Oil, Ltd., in 1930. In 1932 he concentrated on the Fundy Fur and Feather Farm at Little River, later becoming assistant port manager.

The Conservative have not yet nominated a candidate and a contest is uncertain.

## 11 DROWNED

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An official communique said the vessel was attacked by "a submarine in the service of the Insurgents."

The reported position apparently placed the attacked freighter on the high seas outside Spanish territorial waters.

British policy throughout the Spanish civil war has been to protect her merchant craft on the high seas but they enter territorial waters at their own risk.