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## MODERN NAVIGATION ON THE ST. LAWRENCE

The recent opening of navigation on the St. Lawrence River marks the beginning of another season of shipping on one of the world's largest inland routes for ocean vessels. As a result of work completed recently by the Canadian Hydrographic Service of the Department of Mines and Resources, Ottawa, shipping on this major highway for ocean vessels from the Strait of Belle Isle to Quebec City, a distance of 878 miles, is now provided with a combination of facilities that make it one of the world's best-protected navigation routes. Safe passage is provided by a series of thirty-four coastal and harbour charts, and these are inseparable linked with other aids to navigation such as light houses and lightships, buoys and beacons, fog alarm and storm warning signal stations, and the latest acquisitions, radio beacons and wireless direction finding equipment. Mammoth ocean liners of as much as forty-two thousand tons and thirty-three draught now plough confidently through the St. Lawrence at a speed undreamed of in earlier times.

The charting of the St. Lawrence route stands out as one of the major achievements in the annals of hydrography. It is a story of ships and men. From the time of the early French explorers in 1678 intermittent attempts were made to sound the waters of the river. However, it was not until 1827, when Captain Bayfield was appointed by the British Admiralty to chart the river and gulf, that any marked progress was made in this stupendous task. Bayfield's first schooner, the little "Gulnare," was built specially for him in a Quebec shipyard in 1828. He spent twenty nine years working up and down the river and gulf, and his ships, his work, and his remarkable personality still live in the memory of the seagoing folk of lower Canada.

Sailing in his wake came able successors in the persons of Bullock and Orlebar and Tooker, Chimmo, Maxwell, and Kerr. Until 1904, the shipping of the St. Lawrence was guided by the charts of these intrepid hydrographers, and the combined results of their work are still to be found incorporated in some of the charts issued to vessels to-day.

Shortly after the beginning of the present century, the increase in number, tonnage and speed of vessels and changes in aids to navigation and in harbour facilities, brought demands for more modern and up-to-date charts. The task of charting the St. Lawrence from Quebec to the sea was assigned to the Canadian Hydrographic Service in 1894, and the work has been carried on with few interruptions since that date. While large areas in the gulf are as yet inadequately charted, the completion of the steamship route along the north shore in 1938 marked another milestone in Canadian navigation.

## DOMINION EXPERIMENTAL FARMS

The system of Dominion Experimental Farms in Canada was established 53 years ago with five farms, says "Canada's Weekly." Today it is regarded as the most comprehensive system of its kind in the world. In addition to the contributions to the agricultural industry made by these farms and stations, the physical property now represents one of the valuable assets of the Canadian Government. A report of the recent conference held at the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, is well worth studying. The primary object of the conference was to discuss ways and means of improving the services of the system in the interests of the farming community and the public generally.

An important feature of the work is that conducted by the Illustration Farms at 200 points throughout the Dominion. In the Prairie Provinces

there are also 50 Districts Sub-Experimental Stations engaged on work connected with Prairie Farm Rehabilitation. If Canada has become pre-eminent in agriculture, a fact generally recognized, not a little credit is due to the untiring and diversified activities of the staffs of the Experimental Farms and Stations. The good work still goes forward.

## BETTER ECONOMIC WORLD

The activities and methods of the Financial and Economic Organization of the League of Nations are attractively dealt with in a ninety-page brochure just issued by the Information Section of the League, as No. 11 of its pamphlets relating to matters of present-day importance.

These pamphlets are intended for the study of the general reader and consequently, they eschew as far as possible abstract technical terms which are required by pundits immersed in the statistical and financial material pertinent to their professional labours.

It is important that the general reader should try and grasp what economic research means to him and his community, and the brochure stresses this point admirably in its introduction by showing how the citizens of the modern world are more than ever "members one of another" and how the effects of good or ill fortune quickly spread across frontiers.

The distribution of goods rather than the production is described as the most difficult economic problem of the day. For all normal requirements, raw materials are produced in adequate quantities. There are sufficient means of supplying manufactured goods which are commonly needed and there is no longer anxiety lest food production should be unequal to the growth of population. Science and invention have practically abolished the seasonal factor in the delivery of foodstuffs in almost every part of the earth, but when the world looks at the conditions governing the economic welfare of its population, it finds that defects in financial and economic organization, largely with social and political origins, prevent the consumer from taking full advantage of the efficiency of the producer.

From this problem spring the activities which have been developed under the auspices of the League's Economic and Financial Organization. That Organization offers a meeting ground for statesmen and specialists to exchange ideas and information and to consult on international needs with the help of scientific documentation patiently and intelligently collected.

The brochure thus endeavours to show how this effort has been shaped to meet practical needs and existing conditions. There has been no rigid adherence to a set technique. The Organization has moved away from the practice of framing conventions which in present political uncertainties have seldom much chance of acceptance. It has rather concentrated on drawing up rules of guidance for application when necessary and acceptable. So, in the technique approach to the controversies of the day, whether they concern international loan contracts, measures for dealing with depressions, raw materials, international migration, nutrition, housing and the standard of living, the principle of adjustment to a realist sense of practical politics has been observed.

The organization of the League's instrument for this valuable work starts, of course, with the Assembly and the Council, to which the Economic and Financial Organization's Co-ordinating Committee acts as an appropriate technical adviser with its standing and special committees, the secretariat being provided by the permanent staff of the League of Nations.

## ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

As five of the six prominent factors recorded gains in the first week of May, considerable improvement was shown in economic conditions. Appreciable advances were recorded in carloadings and bank clearings, and the index of common stock prices advanced one point. High-grade bonds showed reaction, reflecting recent developments in Europe.

The railway freight movement recorded acceleration in the 17th week of the year, the index of carloadings advanced 5.4 p.c. to 79.7. Five of the eleven commodity groups showed advances during the elapsed portion of the present year over the same period of 1938. The total movement was 703,000 cars against 754,000 one year ago.

A constructive factor of the week was the gain in wholesale prices, the general index advancing from 73.5 to

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## AGED FARMER HELD IN FOUR YEAR OLD BREAK

PICTON, Ont., May 16. — Provincial police investigated the past four years of the life of a 60-year-old Picton district farmer to determine if he was responsible for the methodical robbery of a bank at the nearby village of Wellington in 1935.

Oscar St. Pierre was brought to jail here from his Hillier township farm last week and charged with breaking into the Wellington branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia in March four years ago and robbing the vault of \$1,190 in silver. Remanded until tomorrow for court appearance, he did not apply for bail.

The gas tank of St. Pierre's automobile was broken into by mechanics, acting on police information that the man who took the silver from the bank tried to smuggle some of it into the United States in his car. Police alleged the money was carried in the tank encased in a rubber bag.

## QUARREL BRINGS TIP

A quarrel with a friend was understood to have led to St. Pierre's arrest. Allegations were said by police to have been made against the farmer in the argument, involving him in the four-year-old robbery.

Sergeant Harry Thompson said the information was the first substantial lead police had been given towards solution of a break-in that took long hours of work to carry out. To reach the bank vault, the robber had to delve diligently through a four-foot brick wall, then replace the bricks one by one to conceal the deed.

## MONEY RECOVERED

The robbery was discovered about two weeks later when bank officials looked for the money to ship it to another point. It was revealed then that the robber had worked under the cover of a coal shed beside the bank and must have known his digging would lead him directly into the vault. A few days later \$750 of the stolen money was found in the basement of an old bank building across the street.

It was the job of one who had a great deal of patience and a clever mind," Sergeant Thompson said. "This man was a genius at making tools."

73.7. Four of the eight main groups showed increases while three were fully maintained. The level of wholesale prices, having been practically unchanged for eight months, is now showing signs of raising. The gain in wheat prices on the Winnipeg exchange was continued. No. 1 Northern wheat averaging 65½ against 62 in the preceding week. Other coarse grains, except flax, were at a considerable higher position. Metal prices were steady on the London exchange, electrolytic copper remaining unchanged at £47 5s. The price of zinc moved up from £13 8s 9d to £13 12s 6d. Concessions were made in copper on the New York market, while tin, lead and zinc were fully maintained at the quotations of May 2nd.

The decline in high-grade bond prices continued in the first week of May, an index based on capitalized yields showing a decline of 0.8 p.c. on the week and 3.1 p.c. from the same week of 1938. After reaching a new high for a period, prices have shown a declining trend for the last seven weeks. Prominent issues were uneven on May 9th as compared with May 2nd, the 4½'s of 1946 advancing from 110½ to 110.

The advance in common stock prices was extended in the week under review, moderate gains having been shown in the last three weeks. The general index was 97.8, one point higher than in the preceding week. Advances were recorded in each of the groups of the official classification except in communication stocks. The index of fifteen power and traction stocks advanced from 58.4 to 59.3.

## Just in Jest

"More words cost nothing declares a politician. But how about 'What's yours?'"

## SHOWN OFF

"Miss 1939 Shows New Bathing Suits," reads a heading. Or in other words, "New Bathing Suits Show Miss 1939."

## Out Of It

Teddy—"I wish I hadn't licked Jim my Brown this morning." Mamma—"You see now how wrong it was, don't you, dear?" Teddy—"Yes, 'cause I didn't know till noon that his mother was going to give a party."

## Pessimist

He—"You understand what a margin in stock is, don't you?" She—"Oh, yes. That's the money you put up and lose."

## He Always Wins

"So," said the visitor, "you intend to become a physician when you grow up."

"Yes, sir," said the youth. "And why have you decided upon the medical profession?"

"Well, a doctor seems to be the only man that keeps on getting paid whether his work is satisfactory or not."

## Inside

"Everyone has some secret sorrow," says a philosophising friend. "Even the fattest and jolliest of us has a skeleton in his midst."

## For All To Hear

Bill—"Have you ever done any public speaking?"

Joe—"I once proposed to a girl over the telephone in my home town."

## Nothing To Hand

After a scene at the night-club, where some men had started fighting with chairs, a policeman asked the Irish doorkeeper: "But why didn't you do something?"

"Sure," replied Pat, "an' there wasn't another chair."

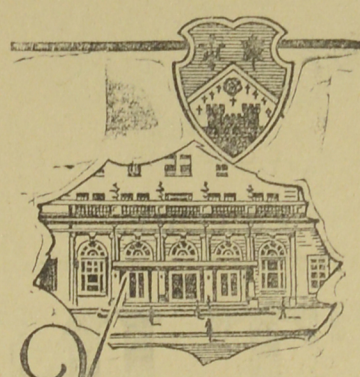
## Too Much For Them

Twelve sick men were in the ward of a hospital. One was a Scotsman and there didn't seem the least likelihood of his recovery. To sooth his last moments he expressed a desire to hear the skirl of the pipes again. The house surgeon, being of a kindly disposition, found a piper and instructed him to march up and down the ward playing to his countryman "The Blue Bells of Scotland" and other Scottish airs. In the morning the kindly surgeon inquired of the head nurse how the Scotsman was. "He's all right," said the nurse, "but all the other eleven patients are dead!"

The weekly index based on six prominent factors advanced from 106.0 in the week of April 29th to 107.9 in the week of May 6th, the increase of 1.8 p.c. representing gains in each of the six factors except capitalized bond yields. The standing was only slightly below that of the same week of 1938, when the index was 108.8. Appreciable gains were shown in carloadings and bank clearings in the longer comparison, while the other four factors were at a lower position.

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