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## VITAL FIGURES IN N. B.

The six principal causes of death in New Brunswick in 1933 and the last year in which a report is given were as follows: Disease of the heart 657; Cancer 451; pneumonia 400; tuberculosis 352, old age 305, cerebral hemorrhage, 229. All other causes 2514.

The total number of marriages in 1933 was 2,380 or 164 fewer than in 1932.

After a period of steadily declining general death rate reaching a low point of 11.0 in 1932; the rate for 1933 increased to 11.7 per one thousand population. There were 4,908 deaths recorded or 354 more than in the previous year. The increase was pretty general throughout the province all but two counties showing a slight increase.

The population of the Province as estimated by the Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa, for the year 1933, is 420,000; while that for 1934 is 426,000. The estimated populations for the various units will be found in the Tables in the individual sub-district reports — Appendix III.

For the safekeeping of the more than 300,000 original records of births, marriages and deaths since 1920 on file in this office a commodious vault has been built and equipped and, at the time of writing, practically all of these records have been transferred to it. All records covering a ten year period (1920-29) have been found, and the balance systematically filed. On completion of this transfer there still remains the task of finishing the indexing of these records which is so necessary for facilitating searches. The value of these records is becoming more evident each year, as requests are received from practically all parts of the world for certified copies and their safety, which is now assured, is a matter of paramount importance.

In the various statistical Tables found in the Report there is much of interest and value to those interested in the public health, but space will permit of but brief reference to some of the salient points.

The total of births recorded for 1933 numbered 10,037 or 773 fewer than in 1932. This represents a decline in the birth rate to 23.9 per 1,000 of population, the lowest yet recorded for this Province. The decline in birth rate has been very general of late years throughout the civilized world, and has been a subject for much speculation.

The Counties of Gloucester, Madawaska, Restigouche and Kent still maintain their respective positions with the highest birth rates but each shows some reduction from previous years; while Kings, Queens, Saint John (City and County) and Charlotte are in lowest positions in the order named.

There were 3 sets of triplets and 117 sets of twins born in the Province in 1933. The percentage of illegitimate births rose slightly from 3.4 (1932) to 3.6 per cent.

## SMART BOY

An examination prepared by the Farm Credit Administration of the United States included a couple of trick questions put to applicants for jobs. The nifties were "How long is a piece of string?" and "How far can a dog run into the woods?" The applicant was expected to write "No answer" after each of these.

But an Iowa University student, taking the examination, replied to the first, "A piece of string is twice as long as the distance from the center to either end", and to the second, "A dog can run only half way into the woods. After that he is running out".

It is our idea that the master mind who invented the questions should be fired forthwith from the public service and the Iowa youth installed in his stead.

## SNAPSHOTS

Cultivating intimacy is the road to trouble.

Bachelors' sewing is awful, but it holds.

An "indispensable modern convenience" can also be a nuisance.

Half of good manners are born in the heart, the other half are acquired by observation.

Don't bother about your symptoms. Of course, you've always got something. That's life.

People don't answer letters because letters are too abundant. It's not always impolite any more.

Whistling in a newspaper office is practically unknown. The other desk workers throw paper weights.

"There are just as big fish in the sea as ever got away". Why, of course, if they got away, they're there.

One may feel that he has just enough gump for his own welfare; and doesn't feel called upon to supply it for others.

Modes, customs and manners may change, but lovers never change! The cool-headed, sophisticated young woman and the cavalier, unsentimental young man of today play the same old love game, get the same old jolts, suffer from the same old inhibitions and wind up at the same old altar as did the naive lovers of the mauve decade.

## ANDREW MELLON MAKES LARGE GIFT TO CHILDREN

PITTSBURGH, March 4—Andrew W. Mellon by gifts to his children reduced his personal fortune more than \$120,000,000 in 30 days in 1931, it was revealed in court Saturday.

The disclosure was made by his confidential secretary, H. M. Johnson in the Government's suit to collect \$3,000,000 additional 1931 income taxes. The Government claims Mellon evaded taxes through "shadow" stock sales. Johnson testified that tax exempt bonds owned by Mellon on December 1, 1931, totalled \$9,368,046.01, or "less than five per cent of his personal wealth". The figure indicates that Mellon's personal wealth totals \$200,000,000.

Last week Johnson testified that on December 31, 1931, when Mellon closed his books to pay his income tax he was worth \$97,000,000.

After December 1, when Mellon was worth \$200,000,000, the Coalesced Company was organized by his children, Paul Mellon, and Mrs. Ailsa Mellon Bruce. Mellon poured \$68,000,000 into it, but the government contends that he maintained control of that money.

The Government also brought out other huge gifts to his children.

Frank J. Hogan, Mellon's counsel, resumed questioning of Johnson, after F. R. Shearer, associate Government counsel, had conducted a routine questioning concerning Mellon's Pittsburgh real estate holdings.

Hogan scoffed at the Government's claim that Mellon conducted a "short" sales while he was Secretary of the Treasury, asserting that Mellon did not claim losses on certain stock sales "because he could not legally do so". He also disclosed that the Mellbank Corporation, which controls 19 Pittsburgh district banks and belongs to the Mellon family, had never paid dividends.

Hogan read a United States Supreme Court ruling on definition of short sales. He then explained that when Mellon made \$72,000 on a "short" sale of 1,250 shares of Westinghouse Electric in 1933, he had 11,103 shares of that stock in his "pouch".

NORTH BAY, Ontario, March 5—J. Harry Marceau, Liberal candidate last night won the Ontario Nipissing by-election by a majority of more than 3,000 votes, defeating E. J. Lawrence C. C. F. candidate.

## Council Increased Assessment for 1935

(Continued from Page One) was granted the same amount as last year, \$7,200.

This is in addition, making total for school purposes \$110,500.

At the conclusion of the making up of the estimates Ald. Dr. H. S. Wright made the suggestion that if there is any increased taxation this year that it should be on income and not on real estate.

Ald. Moses Mitchell made the sweeping statement that the citizens "will likely make an outcry if taxes are any higher."

### Cost of Birthday Party

Ald. Moses Mitchell wanted to know just how much was spent in Fredericton's birthday party recently. He understood it only cost about \$10.

His Worship gave notice of the receipt of the Report of the City Auditor and the School Board. The Council, after discussion on the Municipal Home, and notice by His Worship that Lieutenant Governor MacLaren will attend the regular Council meeting tonight, took up the budget for the ensuing year. The full Council Board was present, including Ald. F. S. Mundle, who has just returned from Florida.

Department	Levy, 1925.
Schools .....	\$103,300.00
Vocational .....	7,200.00
Principal Interest and Sinking Funds .....	46,273.00
Victoria Hospital .....	5,000.00
Maintenance Public Health .....	2,860.00
Municipal Home .....	30,000.00
Street Light .....	6,000.00
Fire Department .....	13,500.00
Roads and Streets .....	23,000.00
Public Works .....	3,000.00
Administration of Justice ..	15,000.00

	\$255,073.00
City Government and Contingencies	
City Hall .....	2,000.00
Contingencies .....	8,500.00
General Interest .....	6,000.00
Assessing and Collecting ..	4,000.00
City Government .....	6,000.00
Wilmot Park .....	400.00
Local Improvement .....	750.00
Children's Aid .....	1,800.00
Victorian Order .....	750.00
Insurance .....	3,000.00
	\$ 33,200.00
Tourist and Publicity .....	750.00
	\$ 33,950.00
Total Estimates .....	\$289,023.00
Less Reserve .....	18,000.00
Total Assessment .....	\$271,023.00

## Puerto Rico Wins Debate Over U.N.B.

(Continued from Page One) cism over democracy. Regarding Italy's war tendencies he closed by attempting to show that Italy is the greatest preserver of world peace.

### W. B. Morrissey

W. B. Morrissey, the last speaker for the negative, exposed Fascism on the grounds of its cancelling all civil liberties of those exposed to it. He mentioned socialism, even, as a better substitute for Fascism. He pointed out that the laboring class loses most by Fascism and that the system tolerates national purging.

### Rebuttal

In their rebuttals the speakers for both sides excelled themselves. Norman McLeod delivered the rebuttal for U. N. B. and Arturo Morales-Carion for Puerto Rico. The former was scathing in his remarks of fascism and some of the points of the arguments for it.

But, Mr. Morales, quick to see the lack of authentic data and statistics in the affirmatives argument attacked them with the vehemence of a revolution leader, tearing the negatives argument to ruins around them.

Dr. C. C. Jones acted as chairman and in his opening remarks offered a cordial welcome to his honor the Lieutenant-Governor and the Puerto Rican team. An impromptu address was given by one of the Puerto Rican team.

After the debate Mrs. H. F. McLeod entertained in honor of the Lieutenant Governor and the Puerto Rican team.

The Puerto Rican team leaves today for Montreal where they will debate with McGill team on the same subject.

## VICTORIAN EXPONENT IS A FATHER AT 75

LONDON, March 5—Sir Walter Gilbey, 75 years old, sportsman and upholder of Victorian ideals, was a father today. His thirty-nine year old wife gave birth to a son Tuesday, it was learned.

Sir Walter's first wife divorced him in 1926 after forty-two years of married life. He married Mrs. Marion Broadhead last year. His only son by his first marriage is heir to the baronetcy.

Sir Walter is insistent on his ideas of correctness in women's dress. He is frequently critical of the women riders in Rotten Row, and of women generally who, in his opinion, use too much makeup and smoke in public.

## FLIES PREFER ORANGE TO ANY OTHER COLOR

BERKELEY, Calif., March 5—It's this way with fliers—they'd rather sit on an orange than a cucumber if the choice depends on color.

Such was the deduction announced at the University of California observation of color preferences of thousands and thousands of fliers.

A huge checkboard with 11-inch squares in various colors was hung up in a dairy barn of the university's college of agriculture. The fliers were invited to come and express their personalities.

## White Comm. Would Give N. B. \$300,000

(Continued from Page One) present on a five percent per annum interest basis, capitalized sums of Nova Scotia, \$16,000,000; New Brunswick, \$18,000,000; and Prince Edward Island \$5,500,000.

Chief Justice Mathieson gives as his reason for dissent that the report minimizes the importance of "fiscal need" as a guiding principle. The first requisite from the early days to granting additional aid by the Dominion to a province, he states, is proof of fiscal need arising from the causes for which the province was not responsible. He also expresses belief the proposed increase would give only partial and temporary relief.

Carefully considered and comprehensive briefs were filed on behalf of the governments of the Maritime Provinces and the Dominion. The Maritime Provinces were represented before the commission as follows:

Nova Scotia—Hon. Angus L. Macdonald, premier; Arthur S. Barnstead, deputy provincial secretary and clerk of the executive council.

New Brunswick—Hon. L. P. D. Tilley, K.C., premier; Hon. W. H. Harrison, attorney general, and Nigel B. Tennant.

Prince Edward Island—Hon. W. J. P. MacMillan, premier; and Hon. H. P. MacPhee, K.C., attorney and advocate-general.

Here is what the representatives of the three Maritime Provinces asked in subsidy increases in briefs presented before the White Royal Commission on Maritime claims:

Nova Scotia—An increase in subsidy of \$5,236,12 over and above the present fixed subsidy of \$653,000. This request was based on fiscal need and if fiscal need was not to be considered the governing factor, an increase of \$4,451,124 was asked.

New Brunswick—This province claimed a minimum increase of \$1,844,425. This amount was in addition to the interim subsidy of \$600,000 recommended by the Duncan Commission of 1926, and the regular yearly subsidy of \$650,000, making a total of \$3,094,425.

## PUBLIC MEETING

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Prince Edward Island—A minimum increase of \$600,000. In addition this province also claimed \$162,500 by way of addition to the province's yearly subsidy, on the submission it was entitled to a greater debt allowance.

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