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IT FIZZLED OUT

"The birthday party" is over. It fizzled out. The night was cold and the party was a frost in other ways, even the kiddies being disgusted with it. Citizens generally expressed the opinion today that the racket was the worst farce ever presented to a suffering public.

The fault seems to be that the affair was hurriedly done and that the proper time and attention was not given to the celebration to make it a success. It was not worthy of the Capital City and it was not worthy of an organization of the pretensions of the York & Sunbury Historical Society, which really in the past has been responsible for some good things.

The celebration should have been held indoors, or some other suitable arrangements could have been made.

All honor to the Governor, the Premier and to the Mayor, who did their best to save the situation. Even the amplifiers supplied for the speeches did not work and made some of the speakers sound like a buzz saw. They should have been tested before the speech-making began.

It is to be hoped that when we have another celebration the committee appointed will be able to give sufficient time to the job to make a creditable showing.

The trouble here is that our city lacks the community spirit, which made us lose the big celebration last summer. Last year the citizens did not get behind their committee and Dr. Webster came up from Saint John and captured the celebration. This year our birthday party was so hastily gotten up that sufficient consideration was not given to the details and it fell down so hard that everybody is laughing at it.

BUSINESS CONDITIONS

Speaking generally, the attitude of business during the past month has been one of watchful waiting, attention being given chiefly to two factors the legislative programme of the Canadian Government and the possible effect in Canada of a new disturbance in the American currency situation as a result of the Supreme Court's judgment on the question of gold contracts. The Bank of Montreal reviewing the situation says that in view of the judgment which has been rendered, the fears regarding the American currency situation have been removed. Notwithstanding the uncertainties which have prevailed, the economic index compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics stood thirteen points higher in the second week in February than in the corresponding week last year, this representing a gain of one point over the preceding week. The customary contraction of employment at the close of December was much smaller than usual, the contraction in factory employment being the smallest noted in any year since 1929. Among the favourable features of the month has been a marked increase in automobile production; a production of electricity that is surpassing all records; general activity in the production and shipment of primary metals and in forestry industries; sharp gains in construction contracts; continuation of the improvement in car loadings; external trade at a higher level than a year ago and a resumption of buoyancy in Dominion ordinary revenues. A feature of the business record of recent weeks has been the improved showing of many industrial corporations and companies whose annual statements have been published. The record is not uniform, but the number of organizations whose profits have increased or whose losses have been substantially reduced is well above the total of those whose statements compare unfavourably with earlier showings.

The programme of the Canadian Government as exemplified in new legislation consists of the Employment and Social Insurance Act and an amendment to the

Farmer's Creditors Amendment Act 1934, an amendment to the Canadian Farm Loan Act and provision for an eight hour day and forty-eight hour week in industrial undertakings, and for a weekly day of rest in the same field. The Employment and Social Insurance Act provides for the creation of a Commission to deal with unemployment and for the establishment of an unemployment insurance system upon a basis of contributions by the employee, the employer and the State, the State assuming the entire cost of administration estimated at a minimum of 12 per cent. A number of labour classes are excluded from the operations of the proposed insurance system but, based upon the census of 1931, the project will cover a working population of 1,701,834, while the excluded classes number 864,167. Amendments to the two bills affecting the finances of farmers are intended to liberalize the provisions of the existing acts to the further advantage of distressed agriculturists.

In the Maritime Provinces, Trade, both wholesale and retail, is slightly better than a year ago. Collections have improved. The potato market continues dull, but prices to farmers have advanced since the regulations of the Eastern Marketing Board went into effect recently. Apple shipments overseas from the Annapolis Valley to date have not been as large as last year. The dried fish markets continue unsatisfactory. Fresh fish is plentiful but markets are weak. The lobster catch in Nova Scotia for December was large and prices are satisfactory. Woods operations are now drawing to a close, the cut being well up to that of last year. Local demands for lumber are light. The English market continues depressed. Coal production in January was some 24 per cent in excess of the tonnage for January 1934, and ingot production at Sydney is still in excess of last year.

SNAPSHOTS

The birthday celebration last evening got a cold reception from the weather man.

It is all in the point of view: We overheard two small boys discussing the birthday celebration last night. One said having a birthday cake made of snow that you could not eat was foolishness. The other said, "Oh, use your imagination."

The Lieutenant Governor, Our Premier and the Mayor delivered dignified addresses at the birthday party. The Governor and the Premier appealed particularly to the kiddies. Otherwise the whole thing was a fizzle not worth turning out in the cold to see.

Children across the river who had not read The Daily Mail thought that the birthday cake candles were another fiery cross.

The same amount of time and trouble would have produced much better and more satisfactory results. Perhaps our next birthday celebration will be better prepared.

The Lieutenant Governor and the Premier saved the situation and they did not get a fair show in their speaking facilities.

Chief Polchus hopes to be on hand again when we celebrate our next sesqui-centennial.

Many happy years, Chief.

The director of the York and Sunbury Historical Society who was hell bent on taking our Museum to St. John, is still a director, but he has not yet succeeded in getting his colleagues or the directorate to agree with him in this "artificial line, otherwise their mentality seems about the same.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23—A flat statement from Senator James Byrnes an Administration spokesman, that the public works program of the \$4,880,000,000 relief bill "is dead" threw United States Senate circles in a turmoil of speculation late yesterday as to the ultimate outcome of the legislation.

GRADUALLY SINKING
The condition of William P. Gran- nan, veteran fireman, who has been critically ill for some weeks, remained serious today and he was gradually sinking.

CHURCH SERVICES

Brunswick Street Baptist
Prayer meeting at 10.30.
Morning Worship at 11 o'clock. Subject "Philathea."
Sunday School and Brotherhood at 2.30.
Evening Worship at 7.30. "With the Home Folks." A special service at which the out-of-town students and other young people of this congregation, will worship with their home folk by radio. Song service 7 to 7.30. Both morning and evening services broadcast over station CPNB.
Gerald W. Guio, Pastor.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian
Rev. George E. Ross D. D., minister.
11 A. M., Public Worship.
Rev. John Linton, M.A., will preach.
2.30 P. M., Sunday School and Bible Class.
7.00 P. M., Public Worship.
Rev. W. N. Byers will preach representing the Lord's Day Alliance.
A cordial welcome extended to all.

St. Paul's United Church
Sabbath services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at the morning service. In the evening Rev. Clifford Grant, M.A., B.D., of India, will speak on "Presenting the Christian Message in India." Sunday School and Bible class at 2.30 p.m. Rev. George Tel- ford, B.A., B.D., minister

Parish Church
Sexagesima Sunday, Feb. 24th.
Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
Morning prayer, 11 a.m.
Sunday School, 2.30 p.m.
Confirmation Class 3.45 p.m.
Evening Prayer, 7 p.m.
In the morning there will be a special service for the Girl Guides and Boy Scouts

Wilmot United Church
John W. Bartlett, Minister.
11 A. M., Public Worship.
Preacher, Rev. Clifford Grant, of India.

2.30 P. M., Sunday School. Brotherhood in Pythian Hall. Speaker, Hon. R. B. Hanson
7 P. M., Evening service. Monthly Book Sermon, "Mutiny on the Bounty." The story of men against each other, against the sea and against God.

Devon Baptist Church
Morning prayers at 10.30 a.m. Morning worship at 11 a.m. and evening worship at 7 p.m. Church school and brotherhood at 12.15 p.m. Rev. David L. Kennedy, B. Th., will speak at all services.

HIGHER STANDARD MOTION PICTURES

A total of 261 film subjects were submitted to the Ontario Board of Motion Picture Censors during the year ended on October 31 last. But only 1,309 were approved without change. Thirty-six were rejected altogether and 816 underwent "certain deletions and revisions."

The figures remind us again and again that even if the League of Decency nods, the censors are always on the job with authority to make the films fit for all of us, adult and adolescent, to see. Is there really much to fear that we shall be corrupted?

But since the League of Decency campaign began, the Ontario censors note a "higher standard" in Hollywood products. They add:

It is quite noticeable that many films reviewed since July have been based on themes which are less objectionable to public taste and public morals. In many cases, they have been free from any offensive sequence or dialogue.

That is all to the good, even if one is inclined to raise a point over the phrase "public taste" which seems to be used in a far less definite sense than it might be. It shows that sex is not the beginning and end of romance or tragedy.

The public has probably noticed it itself that a good picture is not necessarily one preoccupied with the amorous psychology of lovely but totally unimportant ladies with unlimited clothes and limited minds. The producers have gone to history and to literature for their material, and the result has been a number of pictures which are not only wholesome but entertaining as well.

OUR MAIL BAG

SHE WASN'T HUGGED!

Fredericton, Feb. 21, 1935.

Dear Editor:

Kindly correct that news you printed in the Daily Mail at the first of the week concerning police protection on Argyle, Victoria Streets via C. P. R. station it is very incorrect. There has not been any man attacking woman and girls, as I have lived here for sometime near that part of the town and have never heard of the like. It is only some one's imagination from a swell head and the person sent that news to the paper should be very careful about publishing things that are not true. It does not sound right for our part of the town and the people living out in that part of the city did not think much of such publicity.

Your very truly,

WOMAN RESIDENT.

(NOTE: Too bad your part of the town was neglected. Ed. Mail).

EMPLOYS MANY MEN AT BARONY AT LUMBERING

Thomas Bourque, native of Lincoln, who is carrying on extensive lumbering operations at the Barony—35 miles above the city on the Saint John river—is doing "his bit" to help out unemployment conditions in that section of the province this winter. He has employed a number of men, many of whom are farmers and out of work and his individual lumbering efforts have been a boon to that area.

Mr. Bourque is cutting one million feet of hardwood in all, where last year he only cut in the vicinity of 300,000 feet. The Lincoln man has a Rotary mill in operation so that he is able to manufacture and export his commodity by C. N. R. immediately.

Edward Feeney of Newmarket has been in charge of activities for the Lincoln man.

Late Mrs. Rutledge To Be Buried on Monday

OROMOCTO, Sunbury Co., Feb. 22—The death occurred this morning at Oromocto of Mrs. Margaret T. H. Rutledge, widow of Robert Rutledge, after a few months illness, at the age of 88 years, her birthday being yesterday.

Mrs. Rutledge was before marriage Miss Margaret Holland, and she was a graduate of the Provincial Normal School. She taught school until her marriage, and again took up teaching some few years later, carrying on until advancing years made it necessary to retire. She taught three generations of Oromocto, many who learned the rudiments of education from her are now occupying high places. For some time past she lived with her sister-in-law, Miss Mary Rutledge, and until her illness she entered into activities of every kind. She was kind and courteous and one whose influence for good will long be felt. She is survived by a son, Robert Rutledge, of Farnham, Que., and several nephews and nieces.

The funeral will be held Monday morning, with High Mass of Requiem at St. Vincent de Paul Church, Oromocto, at ten o'clock by Rev. Dr. C. T. Boyd. Interment in St. Vincent de Paul cemetery.

Fredericton Scene of Novel Birthday Party

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Anthem, Chief Noel Polches of the Devon Indian Reservation, who was in his official regalia, expressed thanks on behalf of his fellow Indians for the invitation to be present.

Mrs. MacLaren and Miss Margaret MacLaren were present with the lieutenant-governor at the ceremony, as well as Major T. C. Barker, private secretary and aide-de-camp. Mrs. W. G. Clark was present with the mayor at the ceremony also.

Those in charge of the arrangements which were carried out through the cooperation of the York-Sunbury Historical Society, Limited, and the Fredericton City Council, were Mayor Clark, Alderman Moses Mitchell, Alderman T. Earle Doohan, D. J. MacLeod, C. A. Taylor, Mrs. J. Brown Maxwell, Mrs. A. E. Mathewson, City Engineer J. D. MacKay, and Fire Chief Karl A. Walker.

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NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 23—At least 17 thoroughbreds were burned to death in a fire that swept through "Barn F" at the Fair Grounds race track here causing damage estimated between \$60,000 and \$75,000.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23—The House yesterday passed the \$378,000,000 War Department appropriation bill.

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