

## Canada from Coast to Coast

Vancouver, B.C.—Two cargoes of wheat were loaded here recently for export, which are of more than usual interest and indicate the increasing importance of Vancouver as a wheat exporter. One of 5,000 tons was for Vladivostok and the other of 1,000 tons went to Callao, Peru.

Edmonton, Alta.—Final arrangements are being made for the provincial incorporation of the Alberta Co-operative Dairy Producers' Association. The promoters hope to enrol one-third of the producers of the province and it is anticipated that the Pool will be in operation early next spring.

Regina, Sask.—The new wheat champion of the world, named at the 1924 International Hay and Grain Show, held at Chicago, is J. C. Mitchell, owner of a homestead quarter section at Dahinda, Sask. His exhibit was selected from 550 specimens from all parts of Canada and the United States. The winning sample, a bushel of hard red variety, gave Canada her thirteenth grand championship in the fourteen years' history of the show.

Winnipeg, Man.—Canada was a heavy winner in the hard red winter wheat division at the 1924 Chicago International Hay and Grain Show, taking twenty-five out of thirty places. J. C. Mitchell, of Dahinda, Sask., won the championship. Seager Wheeler, of Rosthern, Sask., was second. The

third and fifth places went to the U.S. Other Canadian winners in this division were: A. E. Dowling, Luseland, Sask.; S. Larcombe, Birtle, Man.; H. G. L. Strange, Fenn, Alta.; Nick Taitinger, of Claresholm, Alta.

Toronto, Ont.—Canadian sheepmen were generally triumphant at the fifth International Live Stock Exposition held in Chicago. The blue ribbon for a breeders' entry went to the Champion South Down wether produced by Cecil Stobbs, Wheatley, Ont. First honors in the Cotswold class went to H. M. Lee, Highgate, Ont., one of whose yearlings was picked for the international championship; F. B. Gaspell, Hampton, Ont., took off the big award for a pen of Cotswold lambs.

Montreal, Que.—With the close of Montreal's 1924 season of ocean traffic on December 3rd, the Harbor Master announced that 1,222 ocean and coasting ships had arrived in Montreal in 1924, as against 1,114 in 1923 and 1,194 in 1922, the best previous season. It is believed that a new record has also been established in the number of lake vessels visiting the port.

Perth, N.B.—Potatoes are being shipped at the rate of 5,000 barrels weekly to England from the sheds of a local agency. The prospects are that 1,000,000 barrels will be shipped before the season closes. Messages from England are most complimentary as regards the quality of the shipments.



Yes, this is a real live wolf, which was roaming with a pack around Sault Ste. Marie only a few weeks ago. The animal was caught in a trap by Dr. F. Deaman of that district, and after being in custody for a time became quite tame.

## YOUNG TIME'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

### A Jolly Way to Usher Out the Old Year.

BY JEAN HATHAWAY.

As Father Time turns the last page of his 1924 diary, shall we give him a farewell party and greet the bright New Year with a gay birthday feast? New Year's Eve offers such a delightful excuse for entertaining a few friends and adding to the gaiety of the Holiday Season.

The invitations are written on correspondence cards decorated with a silhouette of Father Time cut from black kindergarten paper and pasted on the cards.

Every Month's invited  
To Young Time's first party!  
Dress to suit from top to boot  
And make his welcome hearty.

Each girl invited to our party will be asked to wear a costume to represent a month in the New Year. She is also requested to keep the name of the month a secret. February will choose a crisp white frock decorated with red paper hearts and will carry Cupid's bow and arrow. March may impersonate an Irish Maiden with emerald green and shamrock proclaiming the feast of Saint Patrick which falls on the 17th of March.

April will find it hard to choose between the April shower idea and the Easter bunny costume. Many of the months can be represented delightfully by crepe paper costumes.

Mystery shrouds the motives of the hostess as she receives and ushers the boys into one room and the girls into another. Each boy is given a card bearing the names of the Months who are attending the party and is asked to choose his partner for the evening. Much merriment is sure to accompany the selection if the girls have guarded well the secret of their costumes. As each month is chosen she is called from the adjoining room and joins her partner.

Next, Father Time, dressed in a flowing robe of black, wearing long whiskers and carrying a scythe or an hour glass—an old-fashioned "egg boiler" will do—enters and is introduced by the hostess. He carries a large document and reads from it the

prophecy for the New Year. The boy who represents Father Time is the humorist of the neighborhood and his prophecy will be a delightful combination of fun and facts for the amusement of everyone.

The next feature is pinning the hands on the clock. The face of a clock is drawn on an old sheet and hung on the wall. Each guest is blindfolded in turn and given a cardboard hand and told to pin it on the face of the clock with the hand pointing to midnight. The winner of this contest is given a favor.

Cards are now passed and each guest is requested to write a New Year's resolution for the person seated at his right. Many resolutions will suggest themselves when the boys and girls know each other's little peculiarities. Then the cards are collected and the resolutions read aloud.

What is a party without a feast!

Since we are honoring the birth of the New Year, let's have real birthday refreshments. Ice cream, birthday cake, popcorn balls, fruit, candy and nuts would be good, don't you think? And shall we have red and green balloons floating over each place? These may have the names of the guests painted on with water colors and serve as place cards. Partners change at the supper hour. Red and green crepe paper ribbons form a canopy over the table, and evergreens are attractively arranged for additional decoration.

When places have been found and all are waiting expectantly to be seated, the New Year, a little boy dressed in white, enters carrying a wonderfully big birthday cake with the year 1925 written in red icing across the top and having one candle.

When the last piece of cake has dwindled away, the midnight chimes are heard and the New Year is "danced in" to the gay strains of an old-fashioned Sir Roger de Coverley in the midst of merry laughter, flying confetti and an entanglement of serpentine.

### Commander Gooden Succeeds Brabant at Halifax

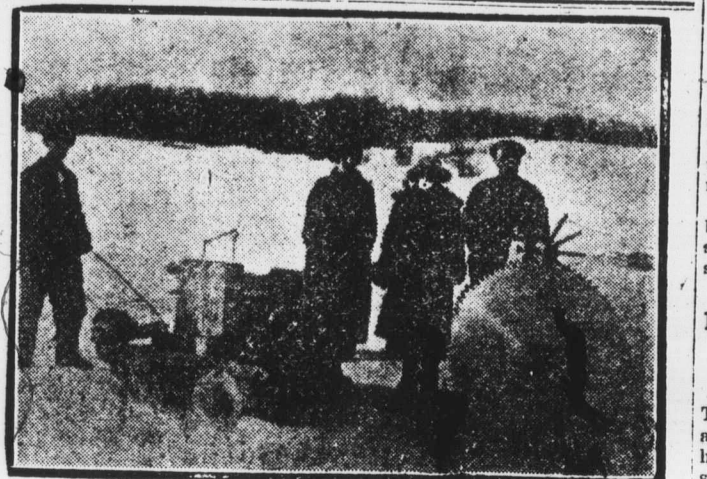
A despatch from London says:—Commander Massy Gooden, D.S.C., is being lent the Royal Canadian Navy for duty in succession to Commander F. H. Brabant, who commands the depot ship *Stadacona* at Halifax, at which port he is senior naval officer.

Commander Gooden was formerly second in command of the cruiser *Constance*, of the North America Station, and was also first Lieutenant-commander of the *Raleigh* when she was lost by stranding off the Labrador Coast. He served afloat all through the war in the battleship *Prince of Wales* and the battle cruiser *Courageous* in 1916-18. The Distinguished Service Cross was conferred on him for service in action during the landing at Gallipoli.

### France Placing Emphasis on Christmas Festival

New Year's Day is yielding precedence to Christmas for exchanging gifts in France, the children apparently having prevailed over their elders' preference for the *etrennes* of the first of the year, says a Paris despatch. Thus Noel this year is being observed in the traditional manner more than ever, and the shops have been crowded with fond parents in quest of jumpjacks, toy trains and dolls, and shop managers claim their holiday sales have been record breaking.

The French child, however, does not know what it is to hang up his stocking, for the custom here is to put out the wooden shoes for St. Nicholas to fill. New Year's gifts will consist of jewels, as usual.



Occupying his leisure hours in building an ice cutter, simply because winter and some old machinery are at hand, S. C. Kilpatrick, of Bredenburg, Sask., found a satisfactory living in selling ice. He handles about 1,600 tons every winter.

## The Week's Markets

### TORONTO.

Man. wheat—No. 1 North, \$1.86 1/4; No. 2 North, \$1.85 1/4; No. 3 North, \$1.76 1/4; No. 4 wheat, \$1.65 1/4.  
Man. oats—No. 2 CW, 71 1/2c; No. 3 CW, 68c; extra No. 1 feed, 70c; No. 1 feed, 68c; No. 2 feed, 66c.  
All the above c.i.f. bay ports.  
Am. corn, track, Toronto—No. 2 yellow, \$1.41 1/2.

Millfeed—Del. Montreal freights, bags included: Bran, per ton, \$35.25; shorts, per ton, \$37.25; middlings, \$42.25; good feed flour, per bag, \$2.45.  
Ont. wheat—No. 3 white, 48 to 60c.  
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Barley—Making, 84 to 89c.  
Buckwheat—No. 2, 89 to 93c.  
Rye—No. 2, \$1.18 to \$1.19.  
Man. flour—First pat., in jute sacks, \$9.60, Toronto; do, 2nd pat., \$9.10, Toronto.

Ont. flour—90 per cent. pat., \$7, in bags, Montreal or Toronto; do, export, 45c, cotton bags, c.i.f.  
Hay—No. 2 timothy, per ton, track, Toronto, \$14.50; No. 3, \$12.50.  
Screenings—Carlots, per ton, \$9.

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Cheese—New, large, 19c; twins, 19 1/2 to 20c; triplets, 21c; Stiltons, 22c.  
Old, large, 23 to 24c; twins, 24 to 25c; triplets, 25 to 26c.

Butter—Finest creamery prints, 89 to 40c; No. 1 creamery, 37 to 38c; No. 2, 35 to 36c; dairy prints, 28 to 30c.  
Eggs—Fresh extras, in cartons, 68 to 70c; loose, 65 to 66c; storage extras, in cartons, 48 to 49c; loose, 47 to 48c; storage firsts, 44 to 45c; storage seconds, 38 to 39c.

Live poultry—Hens, over 5 lbs., 20c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 18c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 13c; spring chickens, 2 lbs. and over, 23c; roosters, 12c; ducklings, 5 lbs. and up, 18c; geese, 20c; turkeys, 35c.

Dressed poultry—Hens, over 5 lbs., 26c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 23c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 16c; spring chickens, 2 lbs. and over, 28c; roosters, 18c; ducklings, 5 lbs. and up, 25c; geese, 21c; turkeys, 37c.

Beans—Can. hand-picked, lb., 6 1/2c; primes, 6c.  
Maple products—Syrup, per imp. gal., \$2.40; per 5-gal. tin, \$2.30 per gal.; maple sugar, lb., 25 to 26c.

Honey—60-lb. tins, 13 1/2c per lb.; 10-lb. tins, 13 1/2c; 5-lb. tins, 14c; 2 1/2-lb. tins, 15 1/2c to 16c.  
Smoked meats—Hams, med., 25 to 26c; cooked hams, 37 to 38c; smoked

rolls, 18 to 20c; cottage rolls, 21 to 22c; breakfast bacon, 23 to 27c; special brand breakfast bacon, 29 to 31c; backs, boneless, 29 to 36c.  
Cured meats—Long clear bacon, 50 to 70 lbs., \$17.50; 70 to 90 lbs., \$16.00; 90 lbs. and up, \$15.50; lightweight rolls, in barrels, \$33; heavyweight rolls, 37c.

Lard—Pure, tierces, 18 to 18 1/2c; tubs, 18 1/2 to 19c; pails, 18 1/2 to 19 1/2c; prints, 21 to 22c; shortening, tierces, 14 1/2 to 15c; tubs, 14 1/2 to 15 1/2c; pails, 15 1/2 to 16c; prints, 17 to 17 1/2c.

Heavy beef steers, \$6 to \$8; butcher steers, choice, \$6.50 to \$7; do, fair to good, \$5 to \$6; do, com., \$4 to \$4.75; butcher heifers, good to choice, \$6 to \$6.75; do, fair to good, \$4.50 to \$5.75; do, com., \$3.50 to \$4.75; butcher cows, choice, \$4.25 to \$4.75; do, fair to good, \$3.50 to \$4; canners and cutters, \$1.50 to \$2.50; butcher bulls, good, \$4 to \$5; do, fair, \$3.75 to \$4; stokers, \$5 to \$5.50; do, fair, \$4 to \$5; stockers, good, \$4 to \$4.75; do, fair, \$3.50 to \$4; calves, choice, \$10.50 to \$11.50; do, med., \$8 to \$9.50; do, grassers, \$3 to \$4; milch cows, choice, \$70 to \$75; fair cows, \$45 to \$50; springers, choice, \$80 to \$100; good light sheep, \$6.50 to \$7.50; heavies and bucks, \$4.50 to \$6.25; culls, \$3 to \$4.50; good ewe lambs, \$11.50 to \$12.50; bucks, \$9.50 to \$10; do, med., \$9.50 to \$10; do, culls, \$8 to \$9; hogs, thick smooths, fed and watered, \$9.60 to \$9.85; do, f.o.b., \$9 to \$9.25; do, country points, \$8.75 to \$9; do, off cars, \$10 to \$10.25; select premium, \$1.88 to \$1.88.

Butcher No. 1, pasteurized, 35 1/2 to 36c; No. 1 creamery, 34 1/2 to 35c; seconds, 33 1/2 to 33 3/4c. Eggs, storage extras, 48c; storage firsts, 48 to 44c; storage seconds, 39 to 40c; fresh extras, 70c; fresh firsts, 55c. Potatoes, per bag, car lots, 60 to 65c.  
Good veals, \$10; med., \$8, fairly good lambs, \$12; do, poorer ones, \$11.50; hogs, mixed lots of good quality, \$10.25; poorer quality and lighter hogs, \$10 and \$10.15; selects, \$10.50; sows, \$8 to \$8.25.

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Oats—No. 2 CW, 75c; No. 3 CW, 73c; extra No. 1 feed, 70 1/2c. Flour—Man. spring wheat pats., firsts, \$9.60; seconds, \$9.10; strong bakers, \$8.90; winter pats., choice, \$6.90 to \$7. Rolled oats, 90-lb. bag, \$3.85 to \$3.95. Bran, \$36.25. Shorts, \$37.25. Middlings, \$48.25. Hay, No. 2, per ton, car lots, \$14 to \$14.50.

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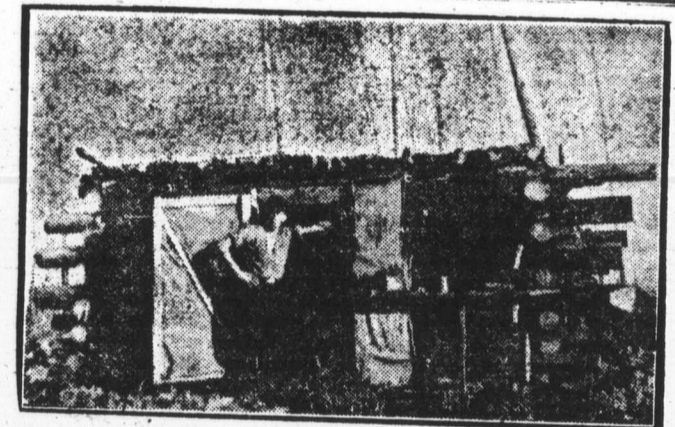
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Here is one of the crude but serviceable cabins in which prospectors make their homes for part of the year. In the photograph is William Empey of Ingersoll, Ontario, taken nine miles southwest of Timmins.

### Last Black Maria is Retired from Service.

A feature of London streets since 1838 passed recently when the last of the old horse-drawn prison vans was scrapped. Henceforth all prison vans will be motor ones, says a London despatch.

The Black Marias, as they were called, were closely covered, black painted vans, very hard and very uncomfortable, and they were used to convey prisoners from the court to prison, and vice versa. The sight of a Black Maria (they were never called anything else) always was cause for a crowd to collect, and very often groups of small boys would follow it from one place to another. Being horse-drawn they never attained any great speed. The vans were big. They contained twelve little cells, six on each side of a passage way, and with cells full, as frequently happened during the suffragette days and also during the war, the Maria held fifteen-twelve prisoners, a matron, who sat at one end of the passage dividing the cells; a sergeant, who sat with his back to the door, and the driver, perched on his box seat outside.

What will happen to this old relic (officially Black Maria No. 20) no one seems to know at present. The proper place for her, it is thought, is the Black Museum at Scotland Yard, where all sorts of criminal relics are collected, but there is no room for her there. It is rumored that a prospective purchaser has been after her for weeks. This man wants, it is said, to take away the cell partitions and make a cosy caravan.

Although Black Maria No. 20 has been on the roads almost forty years, she was so soundly constructed that she shows practically no signs of wear.

### 120,000 Barrels of Canadian Flour Shipped to Russia

A despatch from New York says:—Two full cargoes of Canadian flour, aggregating 120,000 barrels, were sold here for immediate shipment to Russia. One cargo, it was said, would go to the port of Batum, on the Black Sea, and the other to Leningrad. Shippers believe that this demand is a definite evidence of shortage in broad grains in Russia.

Antelopes in Alberta.  
The reports of the state of the antelope herd in the antelope reserve maintained by the National Park Branch at Nemiskam, Alta., continue most satisfactory. There are now 119 of these animals in this reserve, the numbers having increased by 50 in the past year.

### BOY PERISHED IN QUEST FOR XMAS TREE

#### Fort William Turned Out to Search for Lad Overcome by Storm in Bush.

A despatch from Fort William says:—Responding to Mayor Edmeston's appeal to the citizens of Fort William to help in finding Ernie Elvish, over 300 men and boys massed under the leadership of City Engineer Symes at 9 o'clock Thursday morning for the most thorough search of the area where the 7 1/2-year-old boy perished in a wild snowstorm Monday night.

Penetrating the area near the power line about a mile from the Davidson & Smith's elevator at 4:10 o'clock Thursday afternoon, a party of searchers found the boy's body, half hidden by a mantle of snow.

The report of the discovery was flashed to city headquarters a few minutes later, and was followed by the tolling of the bell in the dome of St. Paul's church. The flag at the masthead of the City Hall was lowered to half-mast.

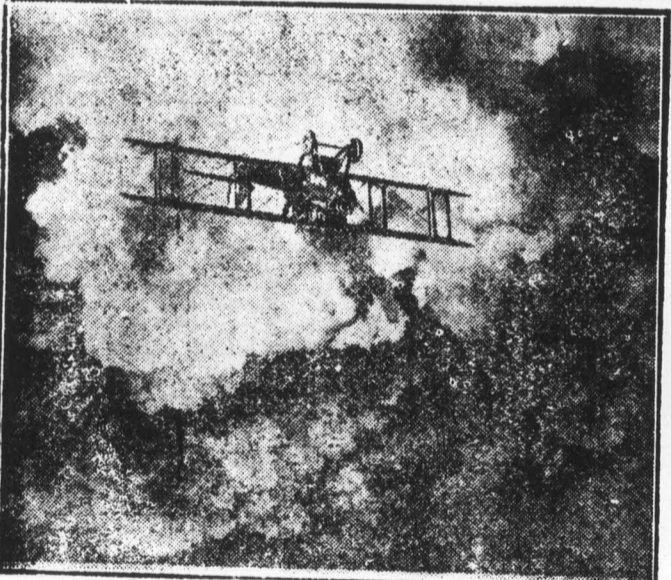
The distance from the spot where the child's body was found to the place where he and Jackie Saunders separated last Monday evening is nearly a mile, indicating that the child had wandered with the wind at his back, unable to face the storm.

Hunters in the search were called together by signals and returned to the city. More than 250 men and boys were engaged in the successful hunt.

The finding of the body brings to a close the hunt for a child that had been lost since Monday evening, a quest in which all Fort William participated.

Apart from the mother and father of Ernie Elvish, there is no other who feels the loss more keenly than Ernie's young pal and companion on the hunt for a Christmas tree on the fatal Monday evening.

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This U.S. army airplane, equipped with the new radio compass, flies through clouds almost out of sight of land. The new instrument enables a pilot to know his exact location while in the fog without the use of landmarks.

### No German War of Revenge, Says French Prophet

A despatch from Paris says:—France's most active prophet, Prof. Raymond, predicts a Japanese-American war some time between 1942 and 1950.

His annual prognostication for the ensuing year has just been published, but it is so thin, he finds it necessary to explore the future for a generation ahead to make up for the unevenness of 1925, which he sees as more peaceful than any year since before the war.

There will be no war of revenge between Germany and France, he predicts, but rather a rapprochement between 1934 and 1938. President Coolidge will soon call an international financial conference with the participation of big American banks to put finances on a sound basis. In a few years inter-allied debts will be settled commercially in a way practically relieving the debtors of all payments.

Prof. Raymond sees Bavaria a monarchy again under the Wittelsbachs and protecting Austria. Earthquakes in Italy, Russian entrance into the League of Nations in 1926, tightening of American relations with Europe, and a railway catastrophe on a Pacific railway in the United States are among the predictions.

The United States produces 40,000 tons of borax a year.

### Cossacks Desire to Establish Homes in the Dominion

Colonel Vladimir Kishinsky, of Manchuria, is a visitor in Winnipeg, his mission in Canada being to obtain sanction for the entry of 2,000 Cossack families that wish to settle on lands in the West. Colonel Kishinsky is proceeding to Ottawa, where he will present a petition from the Cossack colony residing at Harbin, Manchuria, since the revolution in Russia.

The colonel said his compatriots in China all had been land owners under the Czar's regime; that they were accustomed to this life and sought to prosper in Canada. The colony at Harbin has organized a governmental group of its own, with a president and legislative body, and from them Colonel Kishinsky carried a power of attorney to the Canadian Government.

"We were driven out to look for peaceful homes; we fear God; we will never disobey your government, and all the Cossacks have a high opinion of your national history," the colonel said.

It doesn't do to be too finicky. Be willing to try new foods. There are many good foods used and enjoyed in one section of this country that are almost unknown in other sections. Try the new things and have a variety on your table.