

# Questions and Answers

All About Canada

READ UP ON THE COUNTRY YOU LIVE IN

### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

**Q—What are the chief features of Prince Edward Island?**  
A—Prince Edward is the smallest province in the Dominion, being only 150 miles in length, and varying in breadth from 2 to 34 miles. The isolation of the island from the mainland has been overcome by the maintenance by the Canadian Government of a ferry service which operates the year round and carries railway freight cars and without the necessity of unloading. Charlottetown is the capital city. The proximity of every part of the island to the sea, not only enriches the air but moderates the heat of summer and the cold of winter. The air is bracing and healthy. The soil of the island is very fertile and 85% of the entire area is cultivatable.

### FISH EGGS

**Q—It is said that Canada does a big business in fish eggs? What is meant by it?**

A—Fish eggs to the number of more than 1,122,000,000 were collected by the Hatcheries branch of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, during 1921 according to a report made by the Deputy Minister of Fisheries. In addition to the eggs collected by the department, 600,000 rainbow trout eggs and 980,000 speckled trout eggs were purchased from commercial farms; 507,000 rainbow trout eggs, 200,000 cut-throat trout eggs, 800,000 speckled trout eggs and 85 brown trout eggs were reformed from federal and state departments of the United States in exchange for Atlantic salmon eggs.

### BATTLE OF LUNDY'S LAKE

**Q—When was the battle of Lundy's Lake fought?**

A—On July 25, 1814, the Battle of Lundy's Lake was fought. The wheat was growing in the tiny clearings on the Canadian shores of Lake Ontario, and the Americans were invading, to destroy it, and by famine force Upper Canada to surrender to them. It holds the world's record of being the battle in which the largest percentage of the men engaged were either killed or wounded.

### SASKATCHEWAN

**Q—What are some of the outstanding features of Saskatchewan?**

A—Saskatchewan is the very centre of Canada's prairie land, covering an area larger than France. Regina is the capital city. The atmosphere of Saskatchewan is clear and bracing. There is an abundance of sunshine and usually a sufficiency of moisture. The fertility of the soil is almost inexhaustible and holds in store great wealth for those who till it for the production of wheat and other grains, or use it for the pasturage of their live-stock. Only a small part of the vast agricultural lands of the province has been brought under cultivation. It is estimated that there are over 72,000,000 acres suitable for agriculture without clearing forest land, etc. The cattle industry has reached an important place in the life of the farming community. Saskatchewan has now over 6,000 miles of railways. Few of the established settlements are more than ten to twenty miles from transportation.

### THE WORLD'S LARGEST COPPER MINE

**Q—Canada has the world's largest copper mine. Which and where is it?**

### THE DRUG EVIL IN CANADA

**Q—What is the extent of the drug evil in Canada?**

A—According to the Census Bureau convictions for offences against the Opium and Narcotic Drug Act in 1922 were 1858 in 1922 and 1866 in 1921.

### JUVENILE DELINQUENTS

**Q—What is the number of juvenile delinquents in Canada?**

A—Per a recent Census report, the convictions of juvenile delinquents for major offences totalled in 1922, 4,065, an increase of 838 over 1921; and for minor offences, 2233 a decrease of 163 over 1921.

### THE TRACTOR

**Q—To what extent is the tractor used in the Canadian West?**

A—No less than 35,000 tractors are in use in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Ten years ago they were practically unknown.

### GOAT RANCHES

**Q—Has Canada any goat ranches?**

A—A Swiss, in Alberta, is making a financial success of a goat ranch, with 100 animals, the products finding a ready sale. They thrive in the hilly or broken lands.

### CANADA-UNITED STATES TRADE

**Q—What is the present trade between Canada and the United States?**

A—Canada stood third among the countries to which the United States exported goods during April. Cuba headed the list and Great Britain came second. During April Canada received from the United States goods valued at \$36,248,859 as compared with \$21,206,458 during April 1922.

### CANADA'S STATUS IN THE EMPIRE

**Q—What is Canada's status in the Empire?**

A—Canada is one of the self-governing dominions within the British Empire. In Canada the King is represented by the Governor-General, who receives his appointment at the hands of the Imperial Government. Canada is entirely independent so far as her domestic affairs are concerned, and to all intents and purposes in all other matters, the Imperial Government having the right to interfere in Canadian affairs only in cases where action taken by Canada would clash with the interests of the Empire as a whole.

### ALEXANDER MACKENZIE

**Q—Who was Alexander MacKenzie?**

A—On July 22, 1793 a white man with a few Indians, standing on the Pacific shore, in what is now British Columbia, painted in big scarlet letters on a rock, "Alexander MacKenzie, from Canada, by land, July 22, 1793!" The great feat had been accomplished; the first white man had crossed the Rockies! And he was a Canadian—a fur-trader of Montreal.

### THE WHALING INDUSTRY

**Q—What is the extent of the whaling industry in Canada?**

A—Canada's whaling industry is on the Pacific coast; with four stations. 187 were captured in 1922. Most of the whales caught run from 20 to 90 feet in length and weigh, on the average, a ton to each foot. Different parts of the carcass produce oil, guano and glue. Fertilizer and the bone is utilized in corset and comb factories. An average whale is worth about \$1000.

### THROUGH THE ANNAPOLIS VALLEY

(An extract taken from the description in the Pictou, Ont., Gazette, of the Weekly Newspaper Men's trip to Nova Scotia)

Digby is situated at the southern end of the famous Annapolis Valley. This valley is one of the finest apple growing sections of the world. It extends from Digby, a distance of about 75 miles, in a north easterly direction to Windsor, with an average width of not more than five or six miles. To the southeast lies the mainland of Nova Scotia a rocky mountainous country with some commercial timber in certain areas and dotted with small lakes, very similar in appearance to much of the northern part of Old Ontario. To the northwest a narrow ridge called the North Mountains separate the Valley from the Bay of Fundy. At the south the Annapolis Basin, which is really an inlet from the Bay of Fundy, stretches for 15 miles up the valley to Annapolis Royal. Here the Annapolis River which rises almost at the Minas Basin at the north and flows down through the Valley, empties.

From Digby the press party travelled to Halifax by the Dominion Atlantic Railway, operated by the C. P. R. At St. John, Mr. A. H. Lindsay, Advertising Agent, C. N. R., Moncton, joined the party and from Digby they were accompanied by General Manager Graham and Tourist Traffic Manager F. G. J. Comeau, of the D. A. R.

The first stop was made at Annapolis Royal where a visit was made to the old fort, the scene of many struggles between the French and British in the early days. The Fort is now being preserved as an historic museum, the old barracks having recently been restored. An interesting bit of the old fort was the powder magazine, with four foot stone walls, built two hundred years ago.

From Annapolis Royal to Windsor a distance of some fifty or sixty miles, is almost one continuous orchard. The apple trees were in full bloom at the time of our visit and it was truly a splendid sight. There are villages every two or three miles with immense apple warehouses and the country with its com-

fortable homes and well kept orchards bears evidence of prosperity.

At Kentville a town of about 3000 people and the business centre of the Valley, a stop was made the party transferring to motor cars for the ten mile drive through the heart of the apple country to Wolfville and Grand Pre. The Dominion Experimental farm at Kentville was first visited and then by a good motor road, part of the Provincial Highway, to Wolfville one of the prettiest towns in Canada. Here we are in the country made famous by Longfellow. Grand Pre the scene of the Expulsion of the Acadians, is only two miles away to the north, along the Minas Basin. Thousands of tourists visit the Evangeline country every year and Wolfville is

the nearest town. It is also a well known educational centre with two large Baptist institutions, Acadia College and Acadia Seminary situated there.

A half hour stay was made at Grand Pre where the church, recently restored on the site of the chapel where the Acadians were assembled at the time of the expulsion, was visited. Here also is pointed out Evangeline's Well and in front of the church is a statue of Evangeline. Sixteen acres here have been set aside and consecrated as "Evangeline Park". Standing on the steps of the church, recently erected by the descendants of the Acadians, Mr. Comeau gave a short talk on the historical associations and natural attractions for the tourist. Just a short distance away

and in full view was pointed out the birthplace of Sir Robert Borden, one of Canada's greatest sons.

### RETAIL PRICES ON THE DECLINE

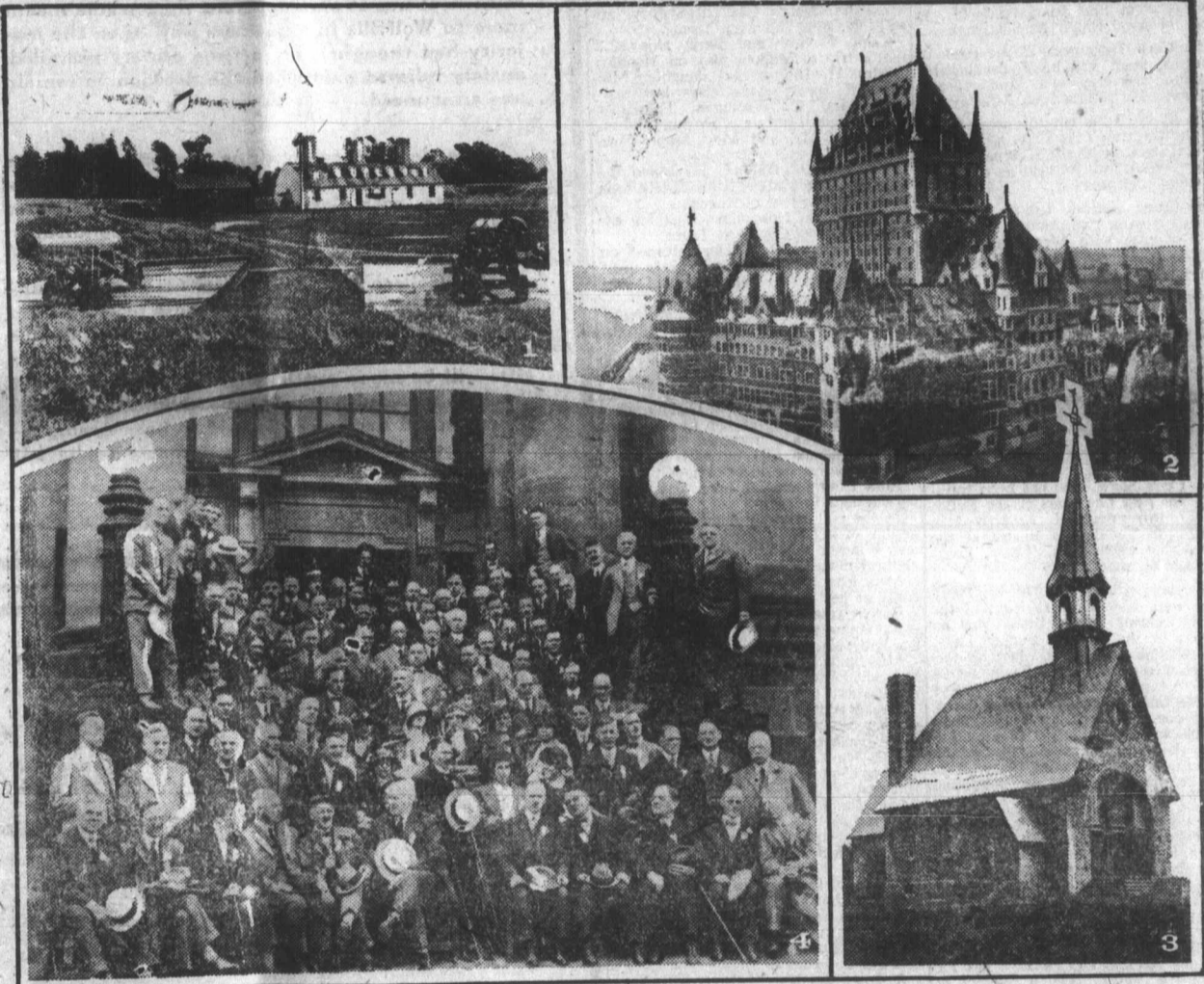
OTTAWA, July 16—The decline in average retail prices of food, which began in April, continues, the figures for June being lower than for May, owing chiefly to a seasonal fall in the price of dairy products. The average cost of a list of 29 staple foods in terms of the average price in some sixty cities was \$10.23 at the beginning of April, as compared with \$10.36 for May; \$10.18 for June, 1922; \$11.16 for June, 1921; \$16.02 for 1920 (the peak), and \$7.49 for June 1914.

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## EDITORS VISIT MARITIME PROVINCES



Important places visited by Weekly Newspaper Association on the way to convention at Halifax: (1) The historic fort at Annapolis Royal; (2) The recently completed Chateau Frontenac, where the travellers were entertained at lunch; (3) The Evangeline memorial chapel at Grand Pre, N.S.; (4) Some of the editors and their wives at Halifax.

ONE of the important annual events of the year is the convention of the Canadian Weekly Newspaper Association when the editors of the weekly papers gather from all parts of the country, hold their annual meeting, and travel together to the convention city. Two years ago they went to Vancouver, a year ago to Ottawa, and this year to Halifax, where they spent two days after a ten-day tour of the Maritime Provinces. Never was convention tour more completely successful. The party, including ladies and children, totalled about 180 people. The editors left Toronto in a special Canadian Pacific train of twelve cars, and in their journey-

ing through the East became acquainted with that important part of Canada and learned much of the viewpoint of Easterners. Therein lies the special value of these annual trips. The influence of this weekly newspaper press of this country is great and it is important that the men who produce them should have the widest possible viewpoint on Canada and Canadian affairs. To Western editors the journey through the Maritime Provinces was tremendously informative. They not only had a close view of the country's tremendous resources, but heard leading citizens explain the eastern attitude in reference to national questions of the day.

Fredericton, N. B. was the first maritime stopping place, and here the travellers were given a motor drive by the citizens and welcomed by the Lieutenant Governor and the Premier. At St. John the party embarked on the Canadian Pacific steamer "Princess" for Digby, N. S., having a most pleasant sail across the Bay of Fundy. From Digby to Halifax the Dominion Atlantic Railroad carried the party through the Annapolis Valley where the wonderful apple orchards were still in bloom. Two days were spent at Halifax in convention business and in sight seeing, and the party returned home via the Canadian National Railroad.

The Canadian Pacific special train was made up of standard sleepers, diners, baggage car and observation coach. The trip was arranged by E. Roy Saylor, Manager of the Association, and from Toronto to Halifax the party was accompanied by W. B. Howard, Assistant General Passenger Agent, and J. Harry Smith, Press Representative of the Canadian Pacific Railway. On the return journey a stop was made at Quebec and the party was entertained at the Chateau Frontenac where they had an opportunity to inspect the new tower wing of the famous hotel. Next year it is expected the convention will be held at Quebec and after it is over as many of the members as can will go to England to visit the British Empire Exhibition, and perhaps to France to see the battlefields.

### DUTY OF THE PRESS

It is a generally accepted fact that the press of the country possesses a tremendous power which it can exercise for good or evil. Fortunately, most of the men in whom such power rests are faithful to the trust imposed upon them, for it takes brains to acquire such power, and a high sense of morality almost always forms a part of intelligence. In the commendable desire to be a guardian of the public welfare the press as a whole is coming to realize that it must be independent of class, creed and politics. Any publication which is a slave to any of these is failing in its duty, for service is the greatest privilege of the press.—Farm and Home.

### CANADIANS USE MOST WHEAT

MONTREAL, Que., July 7—Canadians are the greatest per capita consumers of wheat in the world. Figures issued by the United States Department of Agriculture show that Canadians consume 9.3 bushels per capita annually. France is second with 7.9 followed by the United Kingdom with 6, Australia 5.5, United States 5.3, Argentina 5.2, Chile 3.4, Sweden 2.5, Mexico 2, Germany 3.2, British India 2.8, and Japan .5.

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