

NEW MINISTER ONCE IMMIGRANT.

From Winnipeg comes word that R. A. Hoey has been taken into the Bracken provincial government as minister of education. To those who know the story of Toey it is a most interesting announcement. Twenty years ago he came to Canada, a young Irish boy, penniless and friendless. Six years ago he entered the parliament and promising members of the parliament of 1921. In the course of a debate one night on immigration, when some of his Progressive colleagues were bemoaning the trials and hardships of immigrants in the west, Hoey silenced them, and deeply moved the House with a bit of his own career. He did not say that it was his own life that he was describing, but many knew that it was his autobiography that he was giving to the members.

"We sometimes hear, so one passage ran, of men living on one meal a day. This particular immigrant lived for four days on one meal. I remember on one occasion he lived for five days on one meal, and in the last six weeks of the year in which he graduated he lived for ten cents a day."

"He was denied the privilege of writing home to his parents because he did not have the money for postage. He graduated, and is to-day a member of the Dominion parliament. He is still in his thirties and by no means a physical wreck."

Now this young Irishman, who washed and stretched hides in Montreal for seven dollars a week, and who later worked in Fort Frances for \$400 a year, saving enough out of his earnings to put himself through college, and finally entering parliament, has become a minister of the crown.

No better example could be offered of what courage and thrift and industry can do in this land of opportunity.—Ottawa Journal.



Sir Charles Madden
Who succeeds Earl Beatty as first sea lord and chief of the naval staff. Earl Beatty had been in office nearly 8 years.

Shadows.

I passed him in the night
And moving on
He knew me not.
Yet there,
Clothed in the tattered rags
Of poverty,
Was mine own brother
Under God.

For that he was a man
We two are kin;
Nor race nor color,
Pride of place
Or other false assumptions
May excuse
My arrogance—
I passed him by.

—Charles Abel.

Canada and Pan-Americanism.

Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph (Ind.): Possibly the Pan-American Union is designed for the preservation of the Monroe Doctrine and for the concentration of the attention of states of the American Continent on affairs peculiarly belonging to this part of the world. Canada, however, as opposed to all the other states of this coterie is a member of a world empire and can well afford to divorce herself from purely American entanglements, just as the United States refuses to become a member of the League of Nations.

The "United Front" Against Bolshevism.

Paris Victoire: (The world owes the decline of Soviet power in China to the prompt dispatch by Great Britain of the Shanghai Defence Force.) Civilization will once again owe a notable debt to Great Britain. . . . Under the leadership of Great Britain the "united front" against Bolshevism is now being organized in Europe. . . . If, in May, 1928, we are ready to join the anti-Bolshevik front being organized by Great Britain, the Red Czars of Moscow. . . will have to start packing bag and baggage to prepare for their imminent departure.

Water-power is the source of over 88 per cent. of the total output of central electric stations in Canada.

WHEAT GROWING AREA INCREASED

Large Australian Tracts Made Productive by the Use of Irrigation.

Sydney, N.S.W.—Australia is adding by irrigation to its wheat-growing areas. It is able to export considerable quantities of the crops as now grown, but the passing of the years may not see any greater volume going forth, owing to the fact that the population of the country must be added to with increasing rapidity. There is general recognition of the fact that a country that can maintain 100,000,000 may not be permitted to retain that area for the support of a few more than 6,000,000.

The states of Victoria and South Australia adjoin this state—New South Wales—and they have already brought large areas of lightly wooded territory (called mallee country) under wheat by means of irrigation. The locking of the Murray River, which runs through the three states, will enable much more to be done, and there will likewise be subsidiary schemes. One of the latter is now having attention. The proposal is to lock a smaller river in New South Wales known as the Lachlan, and from it to irrigate an additional 620,000 acres of land that with this aid will grow wheat with profit to the farmer.

Step by step the wheat area will be increased by similar works in other districts. It means farming with safety. There are large areas of such land to be treated, and as it is excellent soil, merely requiring the certainty of watering at the right time, many more prospering families will be maintained on the land.

Some of the water taken from the Murray for irrigation purposes is applied in Victoria and South Australia to subtropical and subtropical crops, as well as for fruit raising generally, and in instances to alfalfa cultivation. There will be like development in the western and south-western portions of New South Wales.

Telephoning to a Dog.

How a lost dog recognized his master's voice sixty miles away by telephone is told in The Daily Province (Vancouver, B.C.). An animal answering to the description given was found in Vancouver, and the owner was called by telephone. "Let me speak to the dog," replied the owner, according to the newspaper, which adds:

The receiver of the telephone was placed to the ear of the animal, who from a state of deepest grief and depression was translated to one of glee and ecstasy. Leaping from those who held him at the instrument, he searched beneath tables and desks and behind cupboards and doors for the master whose voice he knew so well. Apparently satisfied that the telephone was really the source of the voice he hurried back to it, and for several seconds attentively listened at the receiver. "I told him I would soon have him home," telephoned the owner, and apparently the dog understood, for he is now eating ravenously and appears quite content to await developments.

Scaring Capital.

F. A. Carman in the Dalhousie Review: The situation in which Canada finds herself to-day in regard to enemy property is one in which the dictates of civilization and of business point the same way. At this distance from the Peace, we ought to be able to approach this problem with minds clear of war-time bitterness, and to consider it with a view to the best interests of our own country and of civilization. For us in Canada the problem ought to be simpler than for some of our allies and associates. Whatever may be the case in other countries, there is no doubt that this Dominion is in need of foreign capital for its development. In such a case, it would seem obvious that only folly could dictate a course of action which would serve notice upon the world that foreign investments are not safe in Canada.

The Awakening of India.

Sir Frederick Whyte in New York Foreign Affairs: The political agitation which has turned Asia into a melting pot of constitutional experiment is accompanied by other significant phenomena. Popular education stimulates it; economic forces assist in the assault upon established tradition; the emancipation of women makes a wide breach in ancient custom; and the prevailing spirit of renaissance in Asia gives the whole movement the zeal of a crusade. In India, as elsewhere in Asia, we must acknowledge that, if this ancient land has not forsaken the past, her people have a vision of the future.

The advantage of intending members of the World's Poultry Congress sending in their applications as soon as possible is emphasized by Secretary Ernest Rhoades. Possession of a membership card on arrival at Congress opening will greatly facilitate the work of officials, as its presentation at once entitles the holder to official badge, programs and invitations. As many foreign delegates will only arrive in time for the opening, Mr. Rhoades is anxious that all possible cards be issued before that day, so as to avoid congestion.



WOULD ZIP MAIL THROUGH BY PLANE.

How Toronto would get its overseas mail 24 hours earlier under new Ottawa proposals is shown in this map. The postmaster-general has asked tenders for an air mail service between Father Point, P.Q., and Quebec, where by mail from Great Britain will be landed from the British liners at Father Point and rushed by airplane to Montreal, the plane arriving 24 hours before the ship gets in. The mail bags would then speed Toronto-ward with their usual celerity of eight hours or thereabouts. In reality all Canada would benefit by the move, in which the approximate distances involved are shown.

NEW POLITICAL PARTY FORECAST

South Africa Nationalists Said to Be Taking Steps for Reorganization.

Capetown.—The hopes of General Hertzog that the results of the Imperial Conference would produce a new Republic Party in South Africa have not been entirely confirmed by recent events. Ever since General Hertzog's return from England, and his pronouncement that, being now convinced of the complete independence of South Africa within the Empire, he had definitely renounced the Republican issue, there have been rumblings of disapproval among certain of his followers.

Now it is learned from a very authoritative source that a movement is definitely on foot for the formation of a new Republic Party in South Africa, to be composed of both young and old Nationalists who are not satisfied with the British connection.

If this movement finds any great measure of support the cleavage in the ranks of the Nationalist Party will, it is thought, probably result in the return to power of the South African Party, of which General Smuts is still at the head.

The fear of General Smuts is probably the one thing that might delay any precipitate action on the part of the Nationalist malcontents, but for all that, there seems every indication that the spirit of revolt will one day break out and create a political upheaval of considerable magnitude.

In the meantime the Government is pushing on its Flag Bill, the three provisional designs of which all exclude the Union Jack. A meeting of the Transvaal Nationalists to be held shortly will consider "whether the Government shall be asked to take into consideration the introduction of a clause in the Flag and Nationality Bill which provides that misuse of the national flag and the use of the flag of any other country for election purposes shall be a punishable offense, and that any candidate who is guilty of such offense shall be disqualified and, if he is elected, his election shall be null and void."

A Kitchen Convenience.

One of the most useful things imaginable in the kitchen is a piece of heavy washable material, 2 feet wide by 3 feet long, covered with pockets of various sizes, like those sometimes used for shoes. Tack the cloth firmly against the inside of some kitchen closet door, and use the pockets for twine, cleaning cloths, scrub-brushes, kitchen scissors, paper bags, and so on.

An agreeable man is one who is willing to be told many things he already knows.

SCOTTISH FOOTERS

Latest News of the Scottish Football Association Canadian Tour—May 21 to July 16.

The Canadian Pacific Steamship Company has issued the following circular:

As the football season in Britain draws to a close, many clubs and associations in the Old Country are making their preparations for overseas or continental tours, which now are regularly made during the summer months. Last year Canada was visited by the Football Association's touring team from England; this summer at the invitation of the Dominion of Canada Football Association, a strong team representative of the Scottish F. A. is coming to Canada, and will encounter the chosen sides of the Dominion's leading clubs.

The party, consisting of 18 players, chosen from 9 Scottish clubs, and 4 directors of the Scottish F. A., are due to arrive in Montreal on Saturday, May 21, on board the Canadian Pacific S.S. Melita from Glasgow, and will stay at the Windsor Hotel. The first game of the tour will be played in Montreal on May 24.

Of the eighteen players, eight are members of the two outstanding Glasgow clubs, the Rangers, habitual champions of the League, and the Glasgow Celtic, prolific winners of the Scottish Cup.

The Decline in Manners.

Manchester Guardian (Lib.): A hostess has just been complaining in a London paper that the younger generation to-day use a private house with no more ceremony than they would a restaurant, and that in particular they litter and scorch carpets, mantlepieces and table-tops with cigarettes half-consumed and hastily discarded. The fact is part and parcel of a general and marked decline in manners in this country in the last decade. Its causes are clear enough, but the remedies for it are not so easy to come by. She post-war years have seen a sad and probably a permanent lessening of private hospitality. Except in the largest houses of all, and they grow steadily fewer, there is little or no counterpart today of the private features of the hotel ballroom and the palais de danse absorb the young people whose dancing, when the century opened, was done in each others' homes. . . . But the spacious responsibility of public dancing is bought at too dear a price when it carries its manners into the home. The hostess who is compelled to hang on her ballroom wall a notice requesting her guests to use the receptacle provided for litter may well feel that a social code that was worth preserving is outraged by the need.

Dog.

A cool wet nose that searches for your hand;
The venture of a tongue that asks: "Why linger?"
A question that is also a command
Worded by gentle teeth on captured finger;
A begging paw to conquer with its charm,
Enslavement to a personal appeal;
A leap ahead that seems to say: "What harm
To follow me no matter how you feel?"
A pause, a quick discarding of such means
Of drawing lazy humans out of doors;
A challenge, an insistency that seems
A brow with ancient care—a gaze that scores
A victory demanded by the whole
Weight and pressure of a brown-eyed soul.

—Charles R. Murphy.

The Chinese Front.

Dr. Legendre in the Paris Review des Vivants: What we have to get into our heads is the fact that by defending our prestige in China it is India-China itself that we are defending. Everything depends on the present crisis. If the Powers are ready to bow down to the rule of Moscow under the guise of Chinese nationalism, India itself will no longer be in security. What a short-sighted policy it is therefore to take no count of the Chinese attacks on the British, under the Indo-China orders! The defence of the Philippines, and even of the Philippines, just as much as the defence of our interests in China would surely be better organized if there were a mutual entente, both now and for the future.



Cairn at Adolphustown

Where Sir John A. Macdonald first became a Canadian after leaving Glasgow in his youth. A cairn is also to be erected as a Confederation recognition of the great Conservative statesman. On its face will be a bronze tablet telling the story of the young Scot, who became a great and outstanding Canadian statesman.

My Garden.

A garden is a lovesome thing, God wot!
Rose plot,
Fringed pool,
Ferned grove—
The veriest school
Of peace; and yet the fool
Contents that God is not—
Not God! in gardens! when the eve is cool?

Nay, but I have a sign;
'Tis very sure God walks in mind.

—T. E. Brown.

World's Deepest Hole.

A hole reaching more than a mile and a half into the earth has established a new world's record in oil-well drilling near San Diego, California.

FARM PRO STANDARD

Recommended Before plying to Many Items

"Eventually it will have with all farm products," stated J. J. Morrison, United Farmers' Company, when asked on his opinion of Premier's announcement that the hoped, in the near future its policy of "standardizing" Ontario agricultural products.

"It is being done now milk, fruit and wheat," he we have for some time extension of the policy produce. We would have such a move."

The standardization had been recommended farmers to the late agricultural committee. Contending that Premier Ferguson indicate whether or not to include their products, the secretary of Industrial Packers' Association, Todd, declined to discuss the remarks.

"There has been nothing standardizing our products nothing to say, because it is not from another source, to standardization."

Gold Fish

There are two facts to note about goldfish, in general, live in plenty of shade and are entirely absent. The fish are put into tanks which admit all the light from all directions.

not cover their eyes with a shady place in which to hide objects, such as water plants, pieces of wood, and stones, sold by stores, can be put in bowls to make shadows.

The other is that the water where fish live aerated water is a necessity for fish. Water in globes free from air and globe means water plants and aerated water. The use of aerating bubbles into the water is better. Growing the most desirable.

The water must be aerated. Fish in still water swim around with gasping for breath, actually smother for lack of air.

People who enjoy globes and who allow enjoy watching them, consider the virtue of animals, even toward may, on second thought, the possible injury amused by the in confinement, is of even than consideration. These statements verified by one of the titles on fish.

China and the

London Observer: Communist control of history yet, and is limited to 500 formations. The unity of China Britain will know we are only er events world-hist Other P brought out. The own Govern been acc discharged far-sight to apol.

Encour

Toronto Mail: The question of people establishing the greatest moment of Country and to ought to be easily pe five years to add to million self-helpful British Isles. The settlers to their own or swim, has hindered this country. Until here two or three be objects of pu encouragement the right kind ask no odds they are m our Canada or city them, and are not nee

San Springs

Although salt springs brines are scattered over and parts of New Brunswick discovery of rock salt was Malagash by diamond drilling. Mining of this bed was year and had proceeded present.

ADAMSON'S ADVENTURES—By O. Jacobsson.

