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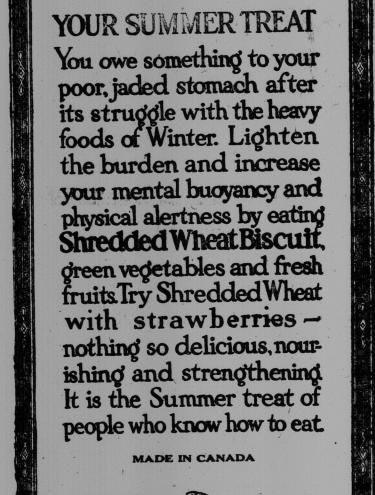
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NOVA SCOTIA COAL

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(Maritime Merchant.)

The man sitting beside us was from Oklahoma, or Kansas (we forget which), and as the train sped through from Yarmouth he asked us an occasional question about the resources of Nova Scotia. "You have some coal in this country?" he said. "Yes," we replied, "we have a little. Hon. E. H. Armstrong, our commissioner of public works and mines, who is sitting on the other side of the aisle, can tell us approximately how much we have." Mr. Armstrong turned his head in the direction of the enquiry and said: "Well, I sup-





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cargo for her ships. And so the time is not far distant when the thing that England did, we should be doing. Six billion five hundred million tons of coal will stand a lot of digging, and if labor is only disposed to be half decent with capital, the development of the Nova Scotia coal fields ought to be one of the world's big industrial successes during the next fifty years. Oh, yes, indeed! we have some coal in Nova Scotia. Not very much, only seven or eleven billion tons!

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up, and all the countryside was fantastically illumined.

Even when the king and the queen and attendant nobility appeared there was only a rippel of applause, consisting chiefly of perfunctory "hear, hears" and a nodding of heads indicating approval. Above this the rancuous cries of the tipsters and the hoarse jargon of the bookkeepers could be heard.

Few persons except those in the stands saw the races and these displayed no excitement, beyond calling out, "they're off" or making premature announcement of winners.

The crowds stood up when the horses entered in the Derby run, but relaxed into lazy attitudes when the winner was known. It was still the middle of the afternoon and few left when the racing was finished. They made it a full holiday, wandering around and over the course, patronizing the venders of sausages, lemonades and fish, or try-your-weight machines, or the three-card man, until night had fallen.

EARTHQUAKES IN TAHITI.

Papeete, Tahiti, June 29—Earthquakes which have shaken the islands of Tahiti, Moorea and Mehetia without more than a week or two intervals since the autumn of 1918, still continue and have increased in frequency and strength. Of late there have been on an average of two or three a day, usually in the early hours before dawn. A recent but unconfirmed report af-firms that the island of Tubuai, about 400 miles to the south of Tohiti, is also

This, it is held, would tend to confirm the theory that the source of the disturbance is a submarine outbreak somewhere to the south and west, in that part of the Pacific where surface indica-

PLAGUE IN THE SOUTH; KILL RATS. IS HIS ADVICE

Surgeon General Cumming Urges Wholesale Extermination to Avert Serious Epidemic.

Washington, June 29-Calling attention to the discovery of bubonic plague in several American and Mexican gulf ports, and renewing his warning regarding the introduction of plague from Mediterranean ports which are known to be infected, Surgeon-General Hugh S. Cumming has urged communities throughout the country, and especially along the coast, to inaugurate rat-extermination and rat-proofing campaigns. "Entirely in accordance with forecasts made by the public health service over a year ago," said Dr. Cumming, "bubonic plague has made its appearance in the United States. At the moment, foci of the infection are known to exist at New Orleans, Pensacola and Galveston and in Tampico and Vera Cruz, Mexico. In Vera Cruz the disease appears to have assumed the proportion of an epidemic. tion to the discovery of bubonic plague

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"With the definite knowledge we now "With the definite knowledge we now possess regarding the transmission of this disease, and especially as to the role played to rats, the situation should cause no alarm or panic among the people of this country. Nevertheless the very real menace of bubonic plague calls for an energetic campaign of extermination directed against the rat and other rodent rests

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"Bubonic pleague is primarily a disease of rodents, especially rats," continued General Cumming, "and the disease can be controlled effectively by measures directed against the rat. The extermination of rats is all the more to be desired because of the tremendous economic damage they cause."

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made by the public health service on the basis of numerous surveys, there is at least one rat for every person in the United States. This estimate coincides with that for Great Britain and Ireland, and with authoritative figures from Denmark, France and Germany. The annual upkeep per rodent was computed by the same authorities as \$1.80 in Great Britain, \$1.20 in Denmark and \$1 in France. The depredations of the rats in the United States will very probably exceed the estimate for Great Britain, One-half a cent a day is considered conservative, but even on this computation it costs the United States \$180,000,000 a year to support its rat population. This does not include mice.

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"The public health service is prepared to detail trained experts to assist communities in organising the fight against rats." said General Cumming. "Many of our officers have had extensive practical experience in this work, and Now to make it really effective. In the seaport cities the work of extermination should be supplemented by bacteriological laboratory examinations to determine whether or not plague infection is present among the rodents. In the inland cities this is not necessary."







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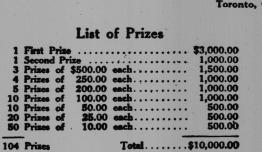
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