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**HERES A QUESTION OF THE HOUR**

**Are Canadians Cultivating Extravagant Tastes?**

Are Canadians loyal to their own vegetable and fruit growers asks the Natural Resources Intelligence Service of the Department of the Interior.

A glance at the reports of foreign vegetables and fruits imported into this country gives reason for serious thought as to whether we are not cultivating an extravagant taste for out-of-season and imported vegetables and fruits.

For instance, in the month of January of this year, we bought from the United States 2,086,665 pounds of ordinary potatoes, valued at \$25,372, in a year when there were ample supplies of Canadian potatoes available, while in January of 1921 we bought but 95,865 pounds, valued at \$2,341. We bought \$2,342 worth of cabbage in January this year, against \$1,730 last January. In the past fiscal year we bought outside of Canada 1,034,866 bushels of ordinary potatoes, valued at \$835,497, and cabbage valued at \$253,379 or more than a million dollars spent outside of this country for these two vegetables while we had plenty of them at home.

For canned vegetables, such as beans, peas, corn and tomatoes, we spent \$801,675 in the twelve months outside of Canada. In fruits, we bought in the United States in the twelve months 172,101,064 pounds of dried apples, worth \$32,906, or \$900,832 for imported apples while Canada holds the world's record for quality, and has ample supplies. Other fruits which we bought in large quantities were, plums, \$835,212; strawberries \$764,593; Pears \$507,859; peaches \$608,318; grapes \$862,298. For bananas we paid \$4,194,017, for oranges \$7,409,805 and for lemons \$1,029,569.

This large quantity of vegetables and fruit was purchased by Canadians in large part while the growers of these products in Canada were searching for markets in which to sell their products.

Canada is so geographically situated that she is for a portion of the year, dependent for variety in fresh fruits on more southerly countries but there appears to be a tendency to unduly cultivate the taste for imported fruit. Undoubtedly a great portion of the money sent out of Canada for these products could be sent with our own vegetable and fruit growers, to the benefit of the original growers, and of the country as a whole. It would be worth while for dealers to give this matter serious thought and try to intensify the demand for Canadian produce.

**PACT NEGOTIATIONS EXPECTED SHORTLY**

That formal negotiations for a security pact were likely to begin within a few days was announced in the course of a debate in the House of Lords, which threw little additional light upon the British government's views on that ques-  
tion.

The debate, initiated by the Earl of Oxford and Viscount Grey turned largely on the subject of arbitration and Lord Balfour for the government, deprecated Great Britain's assumption in eastern Europe of any responsibilities beyond those already undertaken under the League of Nations.

With that proviso, said Lord Balfour, no dispute could arise between France, Belgium, Germany and Great Britain which could not be submitted to arbitrate or declined to carry out the arbitral decision and restored to force, then the other parties to the pact would be bound to throw their whole strength into defending the nation subjected to each outrage and gross violation of international morality. On the general question, Lord Balfour said: "We desire nothing that can reflect on Germany's position; nothing that German pride or policy need object to."

**Their Opportunity**

Prorogation of the Federal House on the 27th ultimo will cast the members adrift for the summer season and give them an opportunity of dropping around to visit their constituencies and electors. It will enable the ones who are so fortunate or so persistent as to secure substantial money grants for public works in their constituencies to explain that their labors for the constituency entitle them to renomination at some early future date. The members who did not insist and secure similar grant may have some explanations to make, but all in all that should not entail any serious consequences, as under existing conditions the member who has not insisted upon something for his particular locality, irrespective whether or not the grant were a pressing one, is in the better position, as he may truthfully assign as his reason, financial stringency and economy.

"There will not be more than one session after this." Contains a vast store of indefinite information as to when we may expect a Federal election. The impression however, is that the election may not take place this fall. Be the impression what it may, there is ever present the possibility that some unforeseen eventuality may bring about an election with a suddenness which none had expected. Elections often come like a "bolt from the blue" and should it come before "one session after this" many would not be surprised and few would be disappointed other than such as would lose another sessional indemnity.

**MARKET IN GREAT BRITAIN FOR CANADIAN FISH**

Present indications are that daily supplies of 500 to 1,000 tons of fresh fish from Canada could find a market in Great Britain, declared J. J. Howie, of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa, speaking before the convention of the Canadian Fisheries Association. J. J. Harpell, also of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa, urged the necessity of developing the cooperation spirit in the fishing industry. Honesty, intelligence and cooperation, he contended must be taught. The producer, he stated, should have a reasonable thought for the consumer with whom cooperation was necessary. Mr. Cowie in making his plea for new markets, for Canadian fish, said it was his opinion that the question of shipping Canadian fish to Great Britain was one well worthy of serious consideration and full investigation. "If we were able," he said, "to secure a foothold in the British market for the fresh product, it seems that this would go far towards preventing the outflow of our young fishermen to the United States." He advocated that this new market for Canadian fish could be developed by such methods as would employ the individual fisherman all along the Atlantic coast and that care should be taken against glutting the England market. There was no reason, he stated, why the trade could not be developed if sufficiently low freights could be arranged. The advisability of shipping fresh fish from Halifax to Liverpool and London markets, he added, has already been proven by practical shippers.

**"BUY AT HOME"**



**Monster Tuna Taken in Canadian Waters**

As a writer of stirring tales of the border and the mid-western states in the early days, Zane Grey has made an enviable record for himself, but now along he comes with another—a fish story—and better still, presents the proof in photograph, so that his yarn does not take on the semblance of a dream or a good bit of story-telling.

Tuna, weighing nearly half a ton, are the reward of ambitious anglers who fish in Nova Scotian waters, particularly in St. Ann's Bay, off Cape Breton. Three mammoth tuna have been taken from this locality, each holding the world's record in turn. Captain Laurie D. Mitchell's 710 pound tuna held a record for a number of years, till along came J. E. L. Ross of Montreal, well known as an owner of racing horses, director of the Canadian Pacific Railway and his skill as a fisherman. He landed a tuna after a 3 1/2 hours fight, that measured 9 ft. and 2 in. in length, and 6 ft. in girth, and tipped the scales at 712 lbs. thus winning the honour of record tuna fishing from Captain Mitchell by 2 lbs.

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**BATHURST CURLING CLUB MAKES PLANS**

At a specially called meeting of the Bathurst Curling Club, it was decided to make some alterations in the curling rink. The special committee who have been looking into the condition of the building brought in a recommendation to rearrange the club rooms and also change the curling area. These were accepted by the meeting and a committee named to proceed with the work at once. Under the proposed change there will be three sheets of ice instead of four. These three sheets will be available all the curling season, while under the present layout only the two centre sheets are in use all the time. The club rooms will be located at the front of the building on St. Andrews street instead of the rear as now.

**Here and There**

"Barring accidents, we are in for the greatest wheat crop in the history of Canada," says Andrew Kelly, of the Western Flour Mills. Mr. Kelly thinks the prairie wheat crop this year is off to the best start it ever had.

The first lot of Scottish boys enrolled as farm apprentices for Canada arrived recently on the Canadian Pacific Liner "Metagama." They were brought out under the auspices of the British Immigration and Colonization Association in cooperation with the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Canada's progress in the world of letters is illustrated by the fact that there is a Canadian literary section as one of the features of the Canadian pavilion at the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley. It presents French-Canadian and English-Canadian literature from the earliest dates down to 1924.

Ten conventions, comprising almost 3,000 delegates, will be held in Montreal between now and August 31, according to an announcement by the Montreal Tourist and Convention Bureau. It is hoped to obtain the 1926 Kiwanian Convention for this city which would mean that some 7,000 Kiwanians will visit Montreal next summer.

The Crystal Gardens, the splendid new pleasure resort for the city of Victoria, B.C., will be opened at the end of June and will form one of the unique attractions of that city. It will be both a winter and summer garden and possesses a salt water swimming tank, claimed to be the largest on the continent. Citizens of Victoria are already using the Gardens prior to its official opening.

Screening at the Capitol Theatre, Montreal, of the scenes through which the University of Montreal across-Canada trip and the similar journey of the Teachers' Federation of Canada will pass, attracted a large and appreciative audience. The film was a revelation of the beauty of Canadian cities and scenery. The University of Montreal trip will start from that city July 7 and will return July 28. The trip of the Teachers' Federation will commence July 20 and will conclude August 10.

Frank W. Ashby, secretary of the Manufacturers' Association of Australia, a recent visitor at Banff, said he found Canada to have a most delightful climate and "cities which are more modern than our own." Mr. Ashby said the impression in Australia had been that Herschell Island and Baffin's Bay were linked up municipally with Montreal and Winnipeg, and thought that the best way to correct these geographical misconceptions was to encourage more tourist travel from other parts of the Empire.

That 4.4 beer now selling in the Province of Ontario had met with approval and was considered quite satisfactory by people of the province was the statement of Premier G. Howard Ferguson prior to his departure recently for England on the Canadian Pacific Liner "Empress of Scotland." Mr. Ferguson will endeavor to interest British and foreign capitalists in the industrial development of Ontario province.

W. J. Uren, Assistant General Superintendent, Quebec District, Canadian Pacific Railway, recently presented thirty employees of the system with certificates of First Aid, covering first to fourth year work. Mr. Uren said about thirty per cent of Canadian Pacific Railway employees had passed examinations in First Aid and he was gratified to think that no accident could occur on the system without the high probability of there being some person on the spot who could afford expert First Aid.

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