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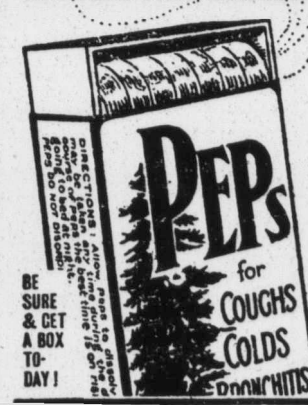
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CANADA LEADS NATIONS IN RAILWAY BUILDING

Despite the fact that so many of Canada's troubles are attributed to the fact of overbuilding of railways official figures just published show that in proportion to population there is no other country building anything like as much new mileage as Canada. As far as can be learned, Canada, in an absolute sense is building more than any other country.

The railway figures for 1923 issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics show that at December 31 last the total number of miles under construction which includes everything from the earliest to the latest stages was 2273. This does not include, of course, the 800 miles of Canadian National branch lines authorized this year. Adding these the total mileage either way or to which the country is committed for early construction is 3,000 miles.

The latest figures for the railway mileage in the United States shows that instead of increasing, it has decreased about 4,000 miles during the last eight years. The total single track mileage in Canada is given as 40,094 or one mile for every 222 people in Canada as compared with one for every 423 in the United States.

Saskatchewan now stands second among the provinces for railway mileage, having 6,517 miles to her credit. Ontario is naturally first with 10,956. With the new construction either under way or provided for, it is quite plain that Ontario's lead will soon be cut to 2,500 miles. Quebec stands third with 4,787 miles; Alberta is fourth with 4,787; Manitoba fifth with 4,521 miles. Then follow British Columbia with 4,395 miles; New Brunswick with 1,947; Nova Scotia 1,447 and Prince Edward Island with 272.

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SHORT SKIRTS ARE RETURNING

London, Nov. 7.—Fashion experts for the last two weeks have been smothering the Autumn girl with a bewildering mass of style predictions but out of the confusion of conflicting opinions there seems to arise an agreement that the super-short skirts, which seemed "dead as a do" when the "slinkers and wraparounds" caught the snapper fancy of a year ago, now are triumphantly returning despite Paris edict to the contrary.

That does not mean that "slinkers" are disappearing, for the new modes include narrow tubular affairs without waistlines, some of them even narrower than the summer styles.

To satisfy the British athletic girl who refuses to shorten her long strides, pleats and godets are cunningly inserted to give the necessary elasticity.

Long tunics and seven-eighths length coats revealing only two or three inches of dress below the knee are also important features. Another result of a fortnight's orgy

Here and There

A contract has been let in Alberta for the erection of fifty cottages for Hebrideans who are coming in the spring, on the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, between Edmonton and Red Deer, and on the Hardisty line, as far east as Strome.

The dances, customs and folklore of Old Quebec are still alive and show no signs of decline. Thousands of persons recently witnessed a performance of these at the Monument National, Montreal, and joined heartily in the well-known choruses which have made the picturesque aspect of Quebec world-famous.

The piledriver Tarzan is rapidly nearing completion at the B.C. Marine, Vancouver, B.C., and will be ready for launching soon. This piledriver will be the largest in the world. It is being built for the Sydney Jenkins Company for use in the construction of the new pier L-C for the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Erected at the cost of \$200,000, one of the handsomest marine terminals of the Canadian Pacific Railway was recently completed at Victoria, B.C. The terminal houses the general offices of the British Columbia Coast Service of the Canadian Pacific. The main building is 122 feet long, 54 feet wide and three storeys high, with a fourth storey erected centrally over the structure.

Russia will never again rival Canada as a wheat exporter, according to L. W. Lyde, Professor of Geography at London (England) University. He believes that grain growing in future lies with the Canadian farmer. Russia cannot properly supply its own needs. Pre-war export of wheat was purely artificial, drawn, not from a natural surplus, but from the needs of a very poor and ignorant peasantry.

A twenty per cent increase in the business over the Dominion Atlantic Railway, serving Nova Scotia, was the approximate summary of the summer's travel recently given by F. G. J. Comeau, General Traffic Agent of the line. This is attributable to the growing appreciation of the beauties of the Annapolis Valley and the charm of the Evangeline county among tourists everywhere.

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Premier Wants Early Session in Parliament

With the return of Premier King who is expected in the capital the second week of November, preparations will be made for the next session of the present Parliament. Or orders have been issued to the deputy ministers of departments to have their estimates ready as soon as possible for the consideration of the Cabinet, which means that it is in the mind of the Premier to call Parliament together as soon after Christmas as possible. From well informed sources it is learned that the Government would like to have the opening of Parliament take place during the second week of January and have business completed before the summer sun would cast its rays on Parliament Hill. Last session did not commence until February and concluded late in July, but an effort will be made to have an early opening of next session and an early closing.

The chances of a general election next fall are being canvassed and such a contingency upon what occurs in Parliament next session. The western Progressives will make more demands for tariff cuts and the Prime Minister will have to decide upon the course he will take. If he wishes to remain in power until 1926 he will accede to their demands but will at the same time cause further dissatisfaction in the ranks of his protectionists followers. He is not deceived by the result in St. Antoine which was more a matter of Conservative disorganization than approval of the Robb budget. It is believed that the Prime Minister has gone the limit in the matter of tariff reductions and will say no to the Progressive demands. The result will be a general election as the Progressives will be willing to sacrifice one sessional indemnity for the chance of being returned for another Parliament. They can tell the electors that they refused to be bribed by the King Government by another sessional indemnity. The same crafty game of fooling the prairie farmers will be played in the next election as in the past by Progressive leaders. Mr. King is certainly not in favor of free trade and what he means by "freer trade" has not yet been made clear. However, talking revenues, unemployment and idle factories have shown the present Government that "freer trade" as enunciated by the Robb budget is a dangerous principle if even Mr. King will next session advance any further along the road of tariff reduction.

Hon. E. M. MacDonald, Minister of National Defence, will soon return to Canada from the Geneva conference and from consultations with the British Cabinet. Hon. T. A. Low, Minister of Trade and Commerce, accompanied

by Hance Logan, M.P. for Cumberland will leave this month to consult with the Government in the West Indies on the matter of better trade relations with Canada and the West Indies. Last session an illuminating debate took place on that subject initiated by Mr. Logan who thinks better trade relations would unquestionably help the Maritime Provinces.

It is likely that the question of further Cabinet reconstruction will not be discussed on the Premier's return and that Mr. King will wait to see how the cat jumps next session before deciding to make changes in his Cabinet.

The Progressives will arrive in the capital for next session with blood in their eyes. They are angry over the recent decision of the Railway Commission on the Crow's Nest rates and not at all pleased that the present Government will not complete immediately the Hudson Bay Railway. Mr. King will have no picnic next session with Mr. Meighen attacking him in front and his Progressive allies attacking him in the rear.

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SUPPLYING CANADA'S TABLE WITH FOOD

Development of Natural Resources Closely Associated With Provision of the Nations Food Supply.

Three meals per day for the 3,775,553 people in Canada in 1921 would mean 26,327,559 meals daily; or 9,609,458,035 yearly.

What a quantity of foodstuffs is required to supply these meals and what a variety must be provided.

Where it all comes from, and the interests represented in its collection and distribution, would make a most interesting story, says the Natural Resources Intelligence Service of the Department of the Interior. The object of this article, however, is to direct attention to the effect of the development of our natural resources upon the provision of our food supply—the means whereby it reaches our tables, and what natural resources enter into its preparation.

Canada's chief food supply, of course comes from the farm, consequently it is upon the development of Canada's greatest natural resource—the land—that our people depend for sustenance. Agriculture supplies us with our bread and butter and our meat and vegetables, our dairy and poultry supplies and our fruits.

Of the total wheat crop of 369,786,000 bushels in 1923 170,104,000 bushels was consumed in Canada. How much of this was converted into flour is not as yet known but in 1923 there was 81,413,649 bushels milled from which was produced 17,833,131 barrels of flour. Of this flour 8,633,078 barrels was consumed in Canada, slightly less than one barrel for each person.

Of the 491,239,000 bushels of oats grown in 1923 there was consumed in Canada 467,678,000 bushels. The quantity of oats used

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total power 25,105 horsepower was developed by hydraulic turbines and waterwheels, while 53,365 horsepower was provided by electric motors, practically all supplied with current from hydroelectric power developments. Natural and artificial gas used for milling amounted to 334,958,000 cubic feet while 38,236 tons of lignite as well as other coal, in addition to large quantities of other fuels including 12,599 cords of wood, were used.

The development of Canada's forest resources, second only in importance to her lands has a very direct bearing upon the provision of foodstuffs to the country's table. Containers are necessary for distribution, and of these there are made annually approximately 860,000 apple barrels, 182,000 sugar and flour barrels, 2,800,000 butter

BRIGHT OUTLOOK FOR THE LUMBER BUSINESS NOW

The bottom of the slide in the lumber market has been reached and there is a brighter outlook for the future of lumbering interests, in the opinion of Sir Keith Price director of the Price Lumber Co. Ltd., of England who is now in the Maritime Provinces looking in to general conditions. Sir Keith believes that the change of government in England will create a more stable feeling in the Old Country and that with the better feeling there will come some improvement in the lumber market with better prospects for the Canadian output. It is two years since Sir Keith visited the Maritime Provinces and he has spent the last few days in Nova Scotia, accompanied by W. E. Golding, St. John vice-president of the George McKean & Co. Ltd. and W. K. McKean of Halifax and has come through to New Brunswick to look over the situation in the north of the province. Sir Keith is a cousin of Sir William Price whose tragic death in landslide in Quebec was announced about three weeks ago. He is equally well known in the Maritime provinces and is the overseas representative of several Maritime lumber companies. He is entirely conversant with the lumber market situation in the Old Country and keeps well in touch with lumbering affairs in Canada.

Sir Keith will be the guest of Angus McLean in Bathurst.

French People Do Not Use Many Checks

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