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### The Letter Box

RADIO BEACONS

Editor, Daily News:

18th of June, wherein the relative able figure.

Lloyd's is by nature a cautious all their ships with this scientific and conservative concern and is aid to navigation. of an article dealing with an 31 (17) of the present Convention. agreement between the Chamber In view of this overwhelming

to reduce the cost of direction tress in its vicinity. finders provided a certain additional number of ships were fitted H. A. HOOPER. during the ensuing year. It is Digby Island Radio, worthy of note that the figure Frince Rupert, B.C. agreed upon was reached within

As to the value and accuracy of the direction finder, and the high esteem in which it is regarded by ship masters, the following quotations from various publications Matter Brought Before City tell the story.

The master of a foreign ship trading regularly to North Sea ports, writes that the instrument. A letter from the city council of

nual cost of their direction-find- that the local council pass a simiing apparatus.

Still another says, "This steamer government. Cape Henry, and, therefore, gain- prepared for the perusal of the ed approximately twelve hours members of the council board. through being fitted with a Wire-

less Direction Finder. A contribution to the London engaged in the practice of den-Sunday Pictorial says: "I hear that tistry here for the past two or owing to the enormous advance three years, will sail on the Catala made in the use of wireless at sea, this afternoon for Vancouver

rection-finding, there is a possibility that the number of lighthouses round our coasts will be considerably reduced in the near future. The upkeep of these lighthouses is considerable, and now that so many vessels are fitted with direction-finders, shipowners May I request a little space in are of the opinion that the thouyour valuable paper in which to sands of pounds they pay every offer some comment on the edi- year in 'light dues' might be torial contained in the issue of the brought down to a more reason-

merits of radio beacons and light- The foregoing only represents houses are discussed. To those con- the practical considerations; the versant with the tremendous value of the direction-finder in strides made in the past few years conjunction with the Radio Beawith radio aids to navigation, con. There is another and more there can be no comparison be- important aspect to direction-findtween these aids and practically ing connected with the saving of obscilite lighthouse. Mr. Hrady life at sea. A most striking examhas undoubtedly anticipated the ple of this was seen in the case of future and that great institution the sinking of the liner "Fort Vic-Lloyd's, must, in the very near fu- toria" during a thick fog. Tugs ture, recognize the tremendous were brought alongside by followadvantage the radio beacon holds ing bearings given by the Marconi over the lighthouse. In thick, or direction-finder installed in the foggy weather, the lighthouse is "Fort Victoria." The 280 passengutterly useless and even the fog ers and the whole of the crew alarm has great advantages, due were transferred, without conto peculiarities in the transmis- fusion or panic, to other craft in sion of sound. The radio beacon, thick fog. This in itself is a strikhowever, is unaffected by the wea- ing justification of the policy ther and is on the job twenty-four which is being rapidly developed hours a day. by British shipowners of fitting

very loth to change from the old! Finally, the Safety of Life at to the new. This will account for Sea Conference, 1929, requires that its insistence upon the lights at every passenger ship of 5,000 tons Butterworth Rock and Bonilla Is- gross tonnage and upwards, shall, land, before insurance rates can within two years from the date on be granted for shipping using Hec- which the present Convention ate Straits. Yet, that Lloyd's re- comes into force, be provided with cognizes the trend of events, is an approved direction-finding apseen from the publication in paratus (radio compass) comply-Lloyd's List of 31st December, 1927 ing with the provisions of Article

of Shipping of the United King-evidence of modern tendencies, dom and the Marconi Company, would it not be a waste of money having for its object the extend- to establish more obsolete aids to ing of the use of wireless direc- navigation? It would seem that Mr. tion finders for navigational pur- Brady's "pet scheme" is a very sound and practical one. Since the The article begins by saying radio beacon can be easily adapt-"One of the most important events ed for transmission of telegraphy. during 1927 was the adoption of an it may fulfil a number of other agreement between the Chamber important functions including the of Shipping of the United King- reporting of weather to the metedom and the Marconi Company, oroligical branch, broadcasting "and further on gives the weather to ships at sea and rendgist of the agreement which was ering assistance to vessels in dis-

### four months of completion of the Railway Taxation Change Requested

Council In Letter From Kamloops

"is worthy to be on every ship na- Kamloops, which was read at last vigating in the Baltic Sea and night's meeting of the local city North Sea, where there is so much council, was accompanied by a rafog and bad visibility." He states ther lengthy resolution which seeks that bearings taken from distances from the provincial government in excess of one hundred miles rectification of a clause in the Muhad "an appalling accuracy." | nicipal Act under which it is Another report states that by claimed municipal revenues are using radio direction finders in seriously affected in the matter of fog, two ships each saved, on one assessment on certain railway propassage alone, more than the an- perties. The suggestion was made lar resolution for submission to the

entered Chesapeake River on cross The matter was laid on the table bearings from the Radio Beacon for two weeks and, meantime, copies on Chesapeake Light-vessel off of the proposed resolution will be

Dr. J. R. Gosse, who has been and particularly in the art of di- where he will practise in future.

## Canada Least Depressed of All Countries of the World Declares a Visitor From Great Britain

"When I hear talk of depression in Canada it makes me smile," declared H. G. Pooley of the Empire Producers' Association, who addressed the Chamber of Commerce at were preparing for the Imperial the attitude of the MacDonald Catala today bound for Vancou. a luncheon given for him yesterday afternoon in the Com- Conference. They had gathered sta- Government, the members of ver on a holiday trip. modore Cafe, with Percy Tinker, president of the Cham- tistics in regard to the Empire's food which admitted every argument yet modore Cafe, with Percy Tinker, president of the Cham-ber, presiding. Compared with Great Britain, Mr. Pooley to give some further particulars in to them a religious fervor. Still he lector, returned to the city on the said, Canada was exceedingly prosperous. Of all the coun- regard to it. With that object he found a desire among the artisans Catala this morning from a trip to tries of the world he thought Canada was feeling the de- was visiting the producing parts of for Imperial trade. Premier Mac- Stewart on official business." pression least. He refused to believe that Canada was de- the country. They were planning to Donald was proposing an alternapressed. The "Empire Building tar- | Mr. Pooley suggested that Prince suggest remedies for the present tive in the form of bulk purchase | Rev. Henry Flores, Anglican iff" of the United States had made in view of the fact that one of Can- condition to the conference. Here which was objected to by many as Church clergyman at Alyansh, and Canada feel the importance of the ada's important markets for grain he was interested in this place as a tendency toward nationalization Mrs. Flores arrived in the city Empire market. Rupert held an exceptional position non-self-governing parts of the production. A good deal of the conclusion of the address for the next two weeks.

ing in those countries. He had felt One of them was the sale of New that his trip to Canada would have Zealand butter in Canada, of which been incomplete without visiting complaint had been made. There this "Gateway to the Orient." | were bound to be some minor dif-

ada on behalf of his country was trade problems. He had nothing to Mrs. C. Cundill and family a in connection with a report they do with politics but he objected to Anyon are passengers aboard the would be in the Orient and in the a western port and also in salmon of the food supply.

Empire. "Bread goes with civiliza- nadian salmon was sold in Britain. Mayor Orme moved a hearty vote tion" was a truism. This country The speaker said he had been in- of thanks to the speaker and this had no competitors in grain grow- terested in various food problems. was seconded by W. O. Fulton and

The visit of Mr. Pooley to Can- ficulties in the working out of new

carried by acclamation

this morning and will visit here

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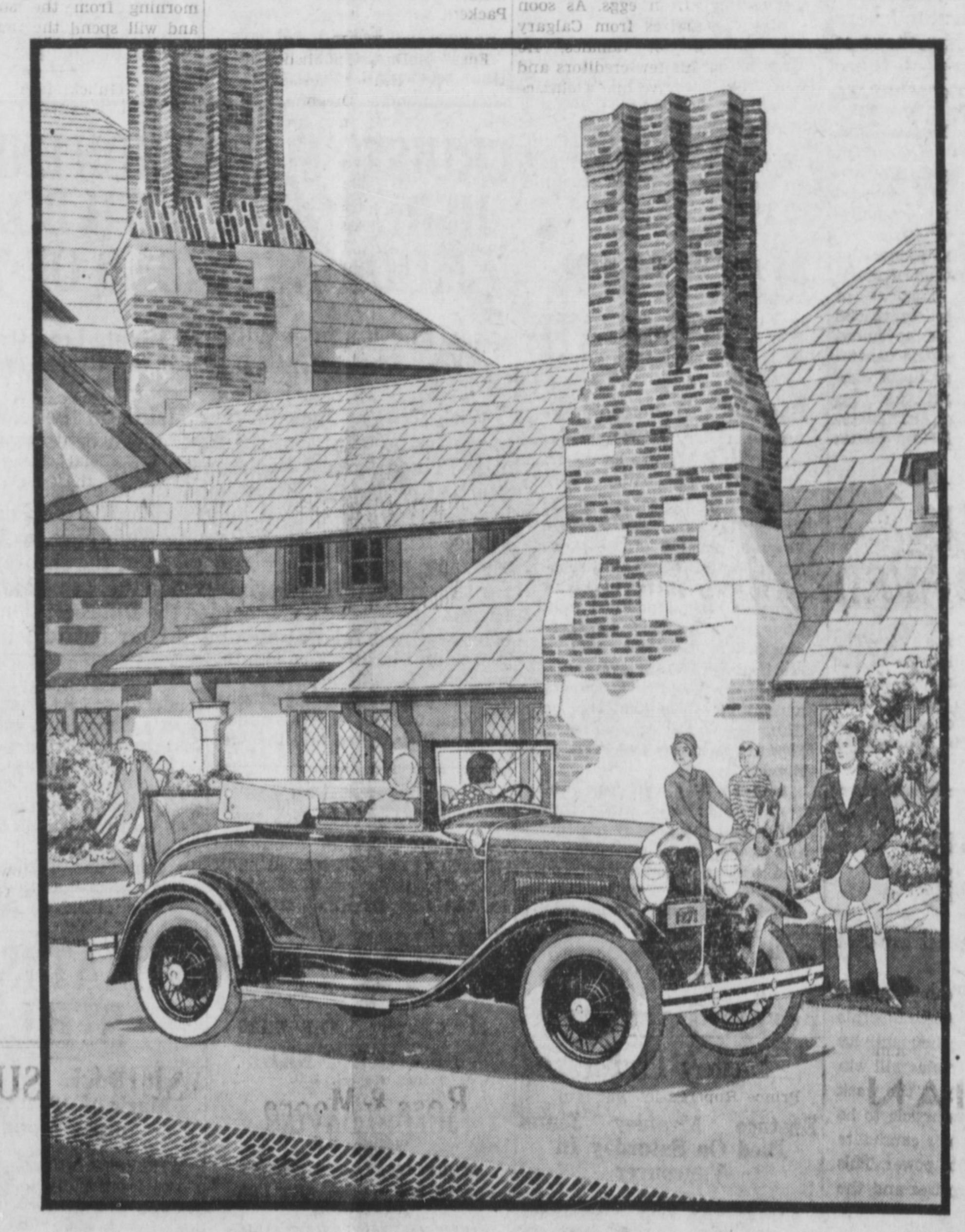
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