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Minister to China . . .

Now that it has been decided to send a minister to China, Canadians will take a much closer interest in Chinese affairs and watch with even greater keeness the great struggle that is going on between the two nearest Oriential countries. For some years we had a minister in Japan, but he has been withdrawn and we are now backing that country's rival.

Japan has for several years been recognized as the bully of the Orient. China had not a cohesive administration and was unable to defend herself. Of late, however, she has adopted the same tactics as Russia. She has been developing a spirit of patriotism without which any country is liable to become an easy prey to neighbors.

China has been training her peace-loving people in the art of self-defence. Now they have on several occasions defeated the invaders and have commenced the big job of driving them out. This may be a bigger job than we think but on the other hand the Japanese have confessed that they would like to end the "Chinese incident." It has proved to be a very costly incident in men, money and prestige. And it is an incident that will not end itself. With the Chinese becoming stronger and with the world taking a greater interest in the conflict and being more ready to help China, the incident seems more likely to become enlarged than to be closed.

National Song . . .

We sometimes try to persuade ourselves that our national song is "O Canada." Writing in the Canadian National Exhibition number of "Think," Canada's well-known humorist philosopher, Stephen Leacock, says: "We have a fine song here, 'O Canada,' but most of us don't know the words and those who do don't know the music and most people don't know both, so the song generally fades away after a line or so."

The difficulty with this song is that there are too many versions and no government or national organization has pluck enough to tell the people what is the national version. Just now the one in greatest favor seems to be the one that says:

"At Britain's side, whate'er betide,
"Unflinchingly we'll stand."

Possibly after the war, if we do not do better, we may have to sing:

"Tribute we pay, to Germany,
"Long may our masters live."

Error of Judgment . . .

To put Hon. Arthur Meighen in place of R. B. Hanson as leader of the Conservative party is only delaying that much longer the final collapse of the party. What the party neds, if it is to remain a power, is a young leader with new ideas and a fresh approach to old problems. They need a man who is always ready to co-operate on good legislation but who will oppose strongly and persistently anything that he considers wrong.

The new leader must also have plenty of pluck and not be bound too much by tradition. If such a man can be found and if he has plenty of enthusiasm, he may bring back the party from the cold shades of opposition.



This young lady, like thousands of others in Canada this month, is busy packing a Christmas box for her friends now serving with the Canadian troops in England. Items most needed by the boys overseas include: socks and handkerchiefs, razors and blades, tooth paste, flashlights and batteries, fountain pens and pencils, watches, vitamins, cigarettes and confections. All newspapers in Canada are co-operating this month in a campaign to urge that parcels be filled generously with useful gifts and that they should be mailed early.

TOGS FROM GR. BRITAIN

Shorn of Home Markets by War, Products and Ideas Come to Canada.

Written for The Canadian Press
By BARBARA BRITON

LONDON, Nov. 10: (CP)—Britain has shipped to Canadian women's shops an assortment of gay, smart daytime clothes that would be the envy of its own overalled, uniformed and rationed women shoppers.

The shipment contains two-piece suits, dresses and fall-weight coats, all designed to appeal to the women of Canada. Unseen in denuded British shop windows, the clothes were manufactured as a result of a special government ruling to permit the release of brilliant dyes and wool.

Designers for a world-famous maker of woollens chose the names of flowers for the various models but wartime restrictions influenced the patterns to some extent. There is uniform trimness about the assortment and a lack of non-essentials exceeding even the simplicity of service dress. There are few lapels, a scarcity of patch pockets and a minimum of buttons.

Slender Trend

Though tunic and shirt is the main theme of the designs, silhouettes are elegantly slender. Despite trimness, deft tailoring is essentially feminine—almost the dressmaker touch. There is flattery in the smoother shoulders, softness in the well-moulded flaring skirts and in the gathered fulness—slight though it is—that eases coats at the waistline, usually at the back.

Materials for the two-piece outfits are soft, finely-woven woollens. There are many fine check effects, plain shades and black-on-bright.

There is a lot of vivid geranium tone and tawny shades, soft and rich, not nearly as loud as those United States stylists call "high tension tones." The effect of cloth rationing is seen in the higher necklines—neither scarves nor blouses are needed underneath—and in economical cut of skirts, on the bias with a seam centre front, yet flaring toward the hemline.

Garden Suit Models

Here are some of the suit models:

"Gardenia" is typical, a tunic dress in fine herringbone tweed. Shoulder yoke and front are in one. The V-line neck is fairly high. The material is gathered slightly into a trim waist and five buttons are used for fastening. There are no pockets. The front-seamed bias skirt is plain but flared. Plain sleeves are about the same width at the wrist as at the shoulder.

"Verbena" has a dropped shoulder yoke, close square neckline, double-breasted effect with two rows of five buttons and two inset breast pockets. The tunic is fitted below the waistline and material used is a brilliant red wool, or black.

"Lilac" is in geranium red and fine black check. It has a small surplice collar, no buttons and one patch breast pocket.

"Crocus" has a high turn-back military collar, four patch pockets and is in brown and deeper brown wide check with pockets and skirt cut on the cross of the material.

Coats, Accessories

Some of the coats with yoke and sleeves in one, and others with cape sleeves are done in a new style. However, they are outnumbered by classic-cut, tailored alpacas in luscious shades of green, rose and blue. Darker-toned military-style coats boast brilliant red linings, in silk or fine wool woven as closely as a lining crepe-de-chine.

There are accessories—scarves in bright cashmere and wool, newer than camel hair—finely-woven wool squares or silk squares with wool finish. Polka dots remain a mainstay.

Wool gloves are heavy and curly in plainer shades or fine and vivid in tone. They are made to match wool stockings and wool jumpers. Felt hats are finer than formerly and more pliable. The Homburg type with plain ribbon band is the general rule. Jumpers are less confining around the shoulders but more or less conventional in pattern. One new design is of extra heavy wool almost as thick as a pencil.

Women who see these clothes may note the birth of a purely British style. Out of British tweeds, British woollens, British makers are creating British fashions, tailored, trim and neat.

CAPE WOMEN IN ARMY

CAPE TOWN, Nov. 10: (CP)—Large numbers of women have been taken into service as full-time soldiers in South Africa and posted to coastal defence artillery positions to operate and maintain delicate range finding and other instruments.

Maine Jittery On Bull Moose

Protected by Law Himself He Raids Villages and Charges Motor Cars.

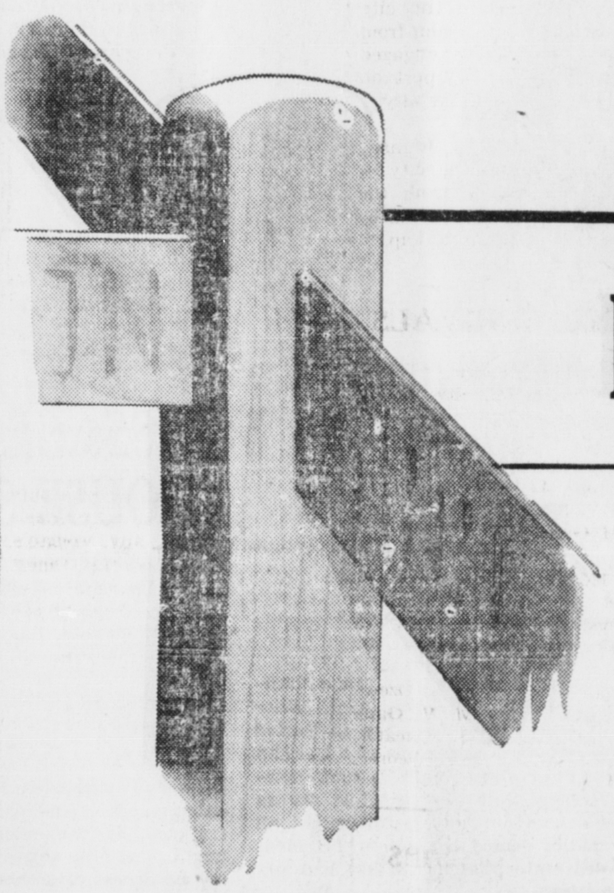
BANGOR, Me., Nov. 10: (CP)—Maine's moose, given year-round protection for more than a decade, are getting so tough and old that residents are beginning to wonder whether it's the citizen or the moose who needs protection.

During the past two months these giants of the wilderness bogs have been invading towns and villages and making life generally miserable for both man and beast.

REPUBLIC COMING UP

The Phillipine Islands will automatically become a republic in 1946.

VOGUE PURE WHITE CIGARETTE PAPERS



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HAS A LONG WAY TO GO TO MEET ITS WAR WEAPONS PLEDGE OF A

2 UNIVERSAL CARRIERS A MONTH FOR THE DURATION

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