



CANADA'S PLOWING CHAMPS LEAVE FOR OVERSEAS—Winners of the international plowing match at Kingston, Ont., last October, and a trip to the United Kingdom, the four champions from Ontario left Toronto to sail aboard the Queen Mary. While wayside Maple Leaf for New York to sail on the Queen Mary. While in the British Isles they will participate in international plowing matches in England, Ireland and Scotland. The first event will be at Saint Field, County Down, Northern Ireland, February 11. Their itinerary includes visits to farms and agricultural centres, as well as points of interest. Photo shows, left to right, rear: Alfred Brunton, of Tara, Ont., Russell B. Hare, of Nanticoke, Ont.; front: John Capton, of Onswegen, Ont., Glen A. McFaddin, of Millbank, Ont., and W. L. Clark, of Gormley, Ont., president of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, who is accompanying the champions as coach-manager. Brunton and Capton are the horse class winners. Hare and McFaddin are tractor class champions.

Hirohito's Tax Bill

But Has \$8,000,000 Fortune Left

TOKYO (AP)—The Japanese people in effect have given Emperor Hirohito another vote of confidence.

They did it by showing obvious and genuine relief as former premier Hideki Tojo whitewashed the Emperor before the International War Crimes Court.

Fighting for his life, Tojo insisted that Hirohito had no responsibility for the war, even while giving evidence that seemed to indicate the Emperor had a part in reaching the decision to fight.

Newspapers throughout Japan bannerlined "Emperor Free of War Responsibilities" and Japanese everywhere seemed highly pleased. Tojo's word was generally accepted by Japanese as assurance that Hirohito could not be incriminated.

This adulation is one of the few perquisites retained by the imperial family after its conversion into taxpaying individuals forced to live for the first time on a fixed and closely supervised income.

Hirohito—the Japanese government said—started New Year as one of the few Japanese who paid all his tax bill. It totalled 3,338,206,702 yen (\$66,764,134) or 90 per cent of his assessed assets.

He paid it by turning over

imperial palaces, vast tracts of forests and other income estates owned for generations by the imperial household. He retained an estimated 400,000,000 yen (\$8,000,000) worth of personal possessions and imperial treasures.

The Diet voted the imperial family 45,000,000 yen (\$900,000) as its first year's fixed income. From this budget, the imperial household ministry must maintain Tokyo's imperial palace and such detached palaces as the Emperor chooses to occupy with the government's permission. The Tokyo palace staff recently was reduced to about 1,000 persons—about a fourth of what it used to be.

UNDER NEW ALLIED POLICY

All this resulted from policies of the Allied occupation designed to strip the imperial court of special privileges.

Only the Emperor and his immediate family, of the formerly extensive Japanese royalty, retain that status.

Hirohito and his descendants do retain unusual security on the throne, so far as the Japanese people are concerned. No political leader of any consequence yet dares to advocate abolition of the emperor system. It will continue, unless the Allies force its elimination.

It is also unlikely that the Emperor will ever feel any real financial pinch. His subjects are not likely to tighten the purse strings any further, of their own volition.

Even today, volunteers are booked through next fall for the "opportunity" to rake leaves

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "I shall accept of your hospitality."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "ungent"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Surpass, trespass, ammass.
4. What does the word "hy-pogeous" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with STI that means "to bargain"?

Answers

1. Omit OF. 2. Pronounce un-gent, U as in RUN, E as in WENT unstressed, accent first syllable. 3. Amass. 4. Growing or ripening underground, as the peanut. (Pronounce hi-po-je-us), I as in HIGH, o as in NO, E as in ME, accent third syllable). 5. Stipulate.

and clean the palace grounds here—at a consequent saving to the emperor's purse.

Hirohito's numerous trips throughout Japan, incidentally, are also no drain on his funds; they are financed by local governments. The local governments also maintain some of his villas, including one in Kyoto which has been kept in top condition for years without ever receiving an imperial visit.

And when the Allies depart, the emperor may get back his private train and some additional automobiles.

The emperor business is still a paying proposition in Japan.

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rites for JOAN THAIN

St. Andrew's Cathedral was filled this afternoon with sympathizing friends paying final tribute to Joan Thain, 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Thain, who passed away Monday.

Schoolmates and fellow members of Job's Daughters made up a large part of the congregation as Rev. Basil S. Prockter conducted the service.

The Job's Daughters' choir, of which deceased was a member, sang the hymn "Abide With Me," the congregation joining. Peter Lien was organist and choirmaster. Ushers were Alex Mitchell, Alf Rivett and G. J. Davies.

At a ceremony on conclusion of the service, Job's Daughters Honored Queen Solveg Mork, flanked by Princesses Lorna Donaldson and Peggy Pullen, placed a crown of lily-of-the-valley on the casket which was surrounded by scores of floral offerings. The princesses then placed her choir gown and mortarboard cap alongside.

While the rite was in progress, Miss Barbara Teng sang the solo anthem "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth."

Interment took place in Fairview Cemetery with high school classmates of the deceased acting as pallbearers. They were Bernard Jordan, Ernest Elliott, Burns Pierce, Everett Pierce, Norman Shenton and Charles Currie.

Following the graveside cere-

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MACKENZIE IS COMING

OTTAWA (C)—Senator Ian Mackenzie, former veterans' minister, left for Vancouver Thursday night and his departure quickened speculation here about the Liberal nomination in Vancouver Centre riding which he vacated recently.

There is said to be considerable support among British Columbia Liberal ranks for the candidature of Alex Fisher, youthful Vancouver alderman, who is said to be in the running.

At the same time the presence here of R. O. Campney, Vancouver barrister and former secretary of the Prime Minister, stirred conjecture that he has strong backing for a nomination that might carry the fisheries

portfolio. Senator Mackenzie is said to be considering to scout the election scene.

CIVIL CASE ENDS TODAY

A civil case, which is heard by Judge Eric D. Woodburn, of Prince George, County Court here, is expected to be concluded this afternoon. Charles Anderson, a carpenter, is claiming \$379 for services from Mrs. Loretta Barnhardt and Diamante Zarelli. J. T. Harro is appearing for the plaintiff and Roderick MacLeod for the defendants. Judge Woodburn expects to leave for Prince George on tonight's train.

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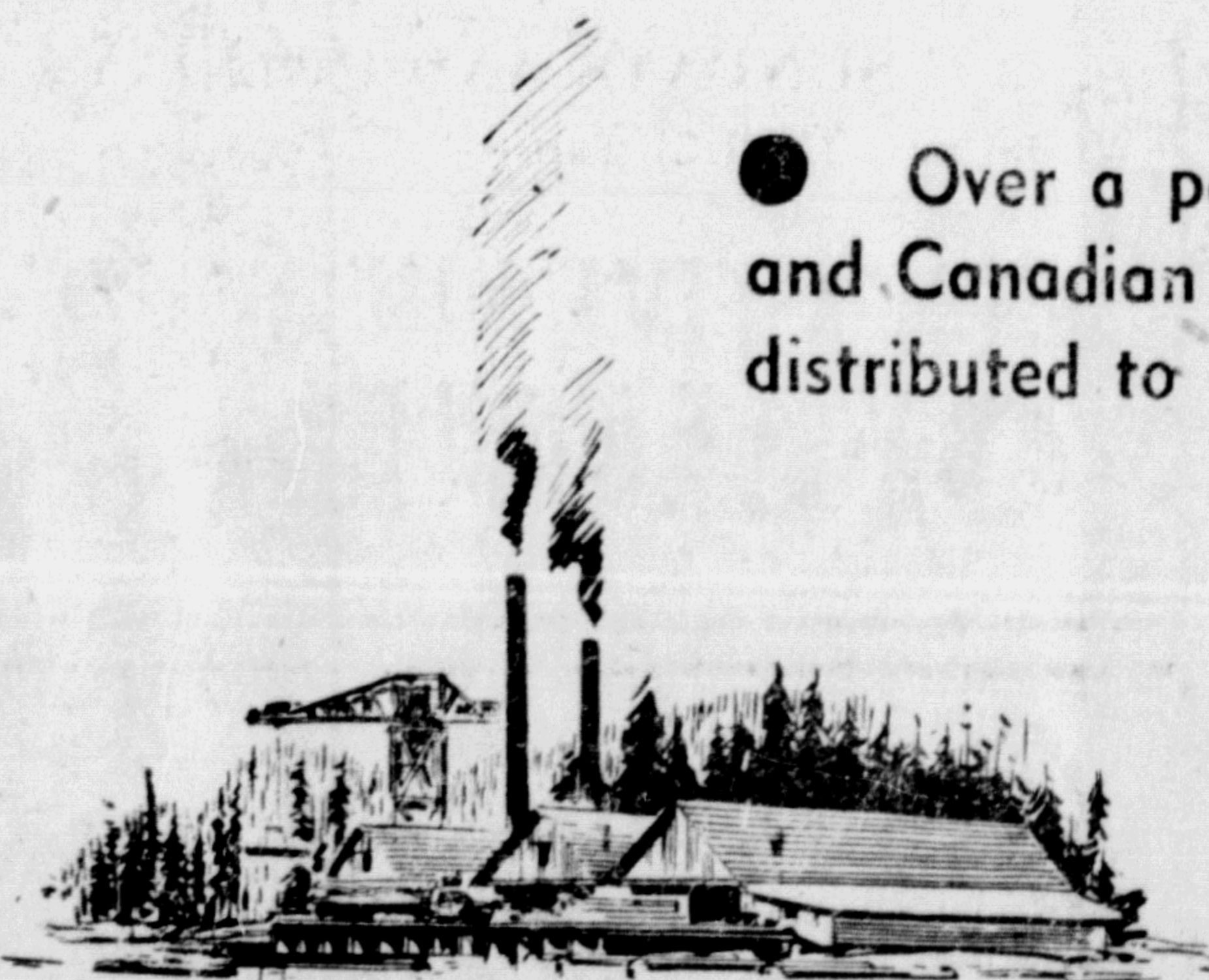
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DREW LETTER ON HONG KONG IS SOUGHT AGAIN

OTTAWA—John Bracken, leader of the Opposition, asked in the House of Commons yesterday that Prime Minister King table a letter from Col. G. A. Drew, now Premier of Ontario, in which he had criticized the finding of a commission which had "white-washed" the Canadian expedition to Hong Kong prior to the fall of that base in the war.

Last year M. J. Coldwell, CCP leader, had asked Mr. King to table Drew's letter but the Prime Minister had said that it could not be done owing to confidential nature.

SHOULD KEEP FIT FOR WAR

Amateur Aero Clubs May Be of Use Again, It is Suggested

VANCOUVER—Amateur aero clubs may again be called upon to play a part in defensive preparations against war, it was suggested at a meeting here.

Chief Justice Wendell Farris, one of the speakers, predicted that aircraft would play an even more important part in another war.

W. B. (Wop) May of Canadian Pacific Airlines, veteran bush flier, urged aero clubs to keep in shape. The war was still on, he said.

Building In New Glasgow Destroyed

NEW GLASGOW, Nova Scotia—The Fraser Building, on this town's main street, was destroyed by fire yesterday.

Steamship Sailings

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