

EX-MILLIONAIRE NOW PENNILESS, LEARNS FARMING

WINNIPEG, P.—A man who once was a millionaire and the taxation expert of the pre-war Polish government is living with his wife in a dimly lit room on Alexander Avenue here.

He is Wladyslaw Runiewicz, graduate in law of Vilna University in Poland and the author of more than 20 works on finance and taxation.

Now—virtually penniless—the 46-year old man is working in a local hatchery. He came to Canada as an immigrant this year with the proviso that he "settle on the land." He plans to do that and thus start life anew. He wants to raise poultry and mink.

Mr. Runiewicz isn't quite sure what his estate was worth when the Nazis swooped into Poland. He owned a distillery, several fisheries, a sawmill, a residential apartment block in Warsaw, a palatial home and 10,000 acres of forest land. He also had several banking accounts.

"I have lost everything in expropriation there," he said. Happy rather than bitter about his present state, he is absorbed in his new work. His only regret is the loss of involved conversations on financial administration, taxation and social research.

He has lived in one room and worked for the hatchery since last December. His wife also is working. Content himself, Mr. Runiewicz could not see his daughters in similar circumstances. So he has placed his 12-year old daughter in Sacre Coeur Convent in Montreal. Another daughter, aged 9, is attending St. Mary's Academy here.

A NEW ADVENTURE

Agriculture was as strange to Mr. Runiewicz as Canada. Manual labor was a "new adventure." But through conversation and a short course in poultry at the University of Manitoba, he picked up basic knowledge.

"My 'bos,' J. J. Hambly, started work with mink some weeks ago," he said. "It was new to his

business and I was a newcomer too, so he put me in charge of it. I've been picking up information on mink from ranchers around the city and particularly from Dr. H. C. Collins, the director of the experimental fur farm at the University."

Mr. Runiewicz won't keep the job too long. He's anxious to obtain a small farm of his own to meet the immigration proviso. He dodged political question regarding present-day Poland. But he hasn't been idle since its collapse.

At the end of 1939, his government sent him to China, then to Tokyo. Eventually he went to London as chief of the taxation section of the Polish ministry of finance and director of the inland revenue administration. Then the Polish government ended its days and he was out of a job again.

U.N.R.R.A. asked him to go to work. He accepted, became principal welfare officer in the United States zone of Europe, then child tracing officer among dis-

ANYWAY, IT'S CHEAPER TO KEEP A HORSE

HALIFAX, P.—Kenneth Downey of nearby Preston was convicted of assaulting his wife in county court recently.

"I don't think the offence is serious enough to send you to jail, however," said the magistrate, R. E. Inglis.

"No," agreed Downey, father of nine, "I've got a horse to look after."

placed persons in Vienna.

"I hadn't seen my wife since I had left Poland," he said. "But after much effort and manipulation she arrived in Vienna December 23, 1946, one year before I reached Winnipeg."

His application for immigration was finally accepted. Right now he's thinking only of making a success in Canada. He loves the freedom that Canadians seem to "take so naturally," admires the climate and feels it has bolstered his health greatly.

"I admire the way Canadians accept new citizens," he said.

Reminiscences By W.J. and Reflections

Ever notice, when wondering what to talk or write about, how easy it is to think of trouble as a theme. And should there be none of the genuine article, what a simple matter to invent plenty. To harp on trouble, real or imaginary takes such little effort. Perhaps it is not to trifle with truth to say that 50 per cent of all that is said hinges more or less on woe, complaints, anxieties and repining.

When one becomes accustomed to early breakfasting, in restaurants, there is always an excellent chance of having fire-water company. We heard it coming the other morning and, in a few pre-dawn daylight saving minutes, there were the two of us—alone. His singing was atrocious, but when, with whiskey and cloves breath he insisted on the other fellow joining in, the situation became unfair. Under the circumstances

it was an absolute necessity to be properly conditioned, before taking part in the duet. But to be cold sober and on the way to work! Ah well! You know, there are times when a fellow is sorry for himself.

One sees in the paper, as Mr. Rogers used to say, that for the first time in history, Canadian warships will be in Hudson's Bay next summer. Strange as it may appear, that's not the all wool and a yard wide truth. Some centuries ago a French-Canadian and British ship fought an action there. And they do say it was a tidy scrap. Perhaps it was way up among the icicles and igloos of Hudson's Bay that all this Canadian naval development business had its real beginning.

The days of '98 saw the world slashing a trail through to the land of nuggets, fond hopes that were exceeded, disappointments, hardships, heroism and hold-ups, glamor, gold and girls, sourdoughs, shovels, sleds and sluices. The word Klondike had magic in it. It drew adventurers, the weak and the strong, the evil and the good, from the ends of all the earth. Half a century earlier, California had power to thrill but it was not like this challenge flung from the north. For this was "the Klondike." Relive a bit of it tomorrow night at the Civic Centre.

Robert Service swung a pen in a bank, instead of a pick on a Klondike Creek, but he made a fortune where others barely made their board. At the right moment, he published poems that caught the world's fancy. The rest was easy. It appears doubtful if he ever returned north. He wedded a French woman, has spent much of his life in France and travelled widely. Others, who also caught the tide in the affairs of men and journeyed toward Dawson, did not garner any wealth. Many a one spent the rest of his life there, to pass out, alone in his cabin.

HOUSE OF PEERS MAY DROP RIGHT TO TRY ITS OWN ERRING MEMBERS

By James McCook
Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON, P.—House of Lords members soon may be freed of the ordeal—or privilege—of being tried by their peers when accused of felony.

This strange legal procedure, used as recently as 1936, brings the accused into the presence of other members of the Upper House, all wearing their formal robes, to hear the charges against him.

The proceedings are colorful but they proved irksome to a distinguished statesman like Viscount Simon, who said in the Lords recently that the court—termed "The Court of the Lord High Steward"—was a "preposterous anachronism."

Lord Simon said the court consisted of "a mob of persons, presided over by the Lord Chancellor under a special commission, carrying a white wand, which he solemnly breaks across his knee at the end of the proceedings to show the court is for the time being discharged."

The peer facing a felony charge is unable to avoid the procedure and cannot say, "waive all this and treat me like anyone else."

TIME FOR A CHANGE

Other members of the House nodded approval when Lord Simon said it was time for a change to allow peers to be tried for offences like ordinary people.

OTHER QUIRKS

There are other quirks in the law covering peers:

Bishops who sit in the Lords as spiritual peers are not regarded by law as noble by blood. If any member of that group committed a felony he would be tried like an ordinary man.

But the spiritual peers parti-

cipate in the work of the court trying a felony. When the work is done they ask leave to withdraw before the sentence is passed.

Political parties have discussed, with a degree of agreement, means of reforming the House of Lords with changes in members and ancient customs involved.

In the meantime, Lord Simon said he proposed an amendment to the criminal justice bill now before Parliament to remove arrangements for a Court of peers. If approved, this would end the ancient procedure in a few months.

EXTEND TEXTILE RESEARCH
LEEDS, Eng., P.—The Leeds University is to extend its textile research laboratories, fit them with the latest equipment with the aid of \$40,000 provided by the International Wool Secretariat.

HAD LOT TO SAY
LONDON, P.—During 1947 Britain's post office coast radio stations handled 637,651 radio telegrams to and from ships at sea, containing more than 10,000,000 words.

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5:00—The Happy Time
5:30—Hawaiian Echoes
5:45—Platter Parade
6:00—People Ask
6:15—Freddie Martin's Orch.
6:30—Musical Varieties
6:45—Smoke Rings
7:00—CBC News
7:15—CBC News Roundup
7:30—Eventide
8:00—The Mighty Fraser
8:30—The Nation's Business
8:45—Bill Good Sports Review
9:00—Ernie Adams Show
9:30—Vancouver Theatre
10:00—CBC News
10:10—B.C. News
10:15—Points of View
10:30—Nocturne
10:55—Recorded Interlude
11:00—Weather and Sign Off.

FRIDAY—A.M.
7:30—Musical Clock
8:00—CBC News
8:15—Morning Song
8:30—Music for Moderns
8:45—Little Concert

9:00—BBC NEWS
9:15—Morning Devotions
9:30—Transcribed Melodies
9:45—Modern Musicians
9:50—Time Signal
10:00—Morning Visit
10:15—Morning Melodies
10:30—Round-up Time
10:45—Scandinavian Melodies
11:00—Kindergarten
11:15—Reminiscences
11:30—Weather Forecast
11:31—Message Period
11:33—Recorded Interlude
11:45—Let's Waltz
— P.M. —
12:00—Mid-day Melodies
12:15—CBC News
12:25—Program Resume
12:30—B.C. Farm Broadcast
1:00—Symphony Hour
2:00—National School Broadcast
2:30—Comty. and Needle Pointers
2:45—Don Messer and Islanders
3:00—Ethel and Albert
3:15—Spotlight on a Star

On an extended visit to Cape, V. Basso-Bert, of 254 Gar Place and wife, accompanied by their two children, will leave here week-end, accompanied by Harry Wesch. They will sail for New York and calling at Genoa in Piedmont, northern Italy. It will be 22 years since Mr. Basso-Bert was in Europe and he plans coming as much of the old lands overseas as may be possible under the present existing conditions. Trips to Mediterranean islands of d'Alia and Sicily are also planned.

RAF-TRAINED FLIER
AUCKLAND, N.Z., P.—The Minister Hon. F. Jones announced that 250 Royal Air Force trained technical personnel from the Royal New Zealand Air Force will arrive here shortly.

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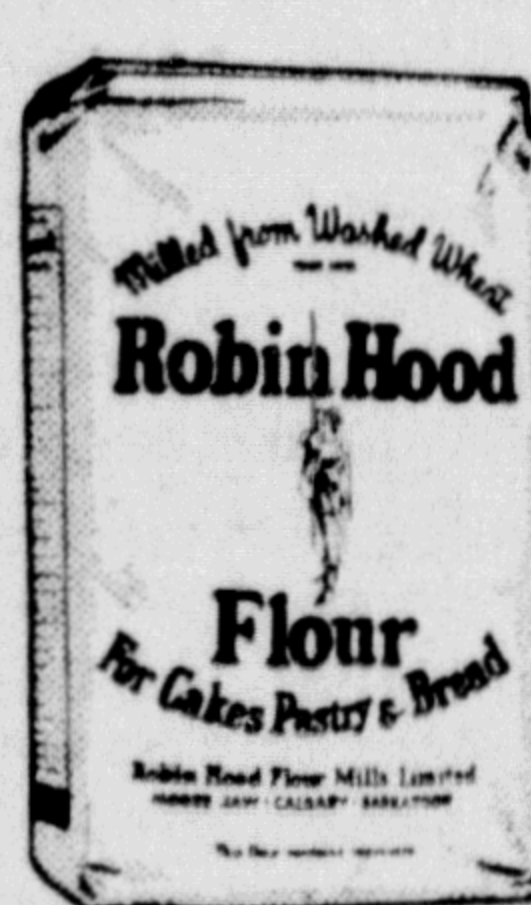
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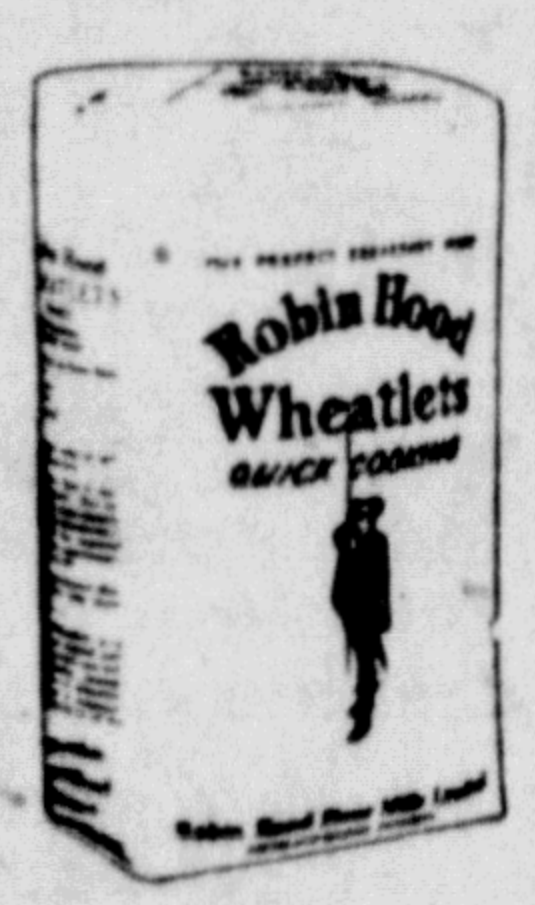


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