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## Games Made in George's Club Program

and Friends Will Note the Following Changes in the Programme for Month.

to the series of Mc... the committee have... Ross K.C. of Mont... and Mr. Ross has... This additional... to be given on Thursday... the subject is "Some... known, and their Poems...". Those who claim... interest in poetry should... off by the title of the... Ross is well known in... those in Drummond... have heard him previous... in his praises, adding... should on no ac... sessed. No charge will be... sison ticket holders, and... holders will be asked...

## New Corporation Taxes Announced By Premier

Quebec. — Profits of corporations in the Province of Quebec are to be subjected to a tax of one per cent, Premier Taschereau, acting as Provincial Treasurer, told the members of the Legislative Assembly last week. Admitting that the results of the tax would be difficult to estimate, Mr. Taschereau was confident that over one million dollars per year would be produced by this method. Discussing the tax, the Prime Minister said that corporations are now taxed one-tenth of one per cent on their capitals. Consideration had been given to doubling this impost, but the Government considered that Quebec companies should not be taxed higher on their capital than Ontario concerns.

## Start of Lent Earliest in Many Years

To-day is the Last Before Fasting Begins — Regulations Proclaimed in Catholic Churches — Easter on March 27.

Lent begins to-day at midnight — eight days earlier than in 1931 and one of the earliest dates for this period for many years. When the last chimes of the celebration of Mardi Gras die out at 12 o'clock, to-night, a 40 day period of fasting, preparatory to the Festival of Easter, commences. Easter falls on Sunday, March 27. To-day is Shrove Tuesday — Mardi Gras.

## PANCAKES SERVED

It has been the custom for many years to observe Shrove Tuesday by serving pancakes. The French observe the evening holiday — Mardi Gras — rather than Shrove Tuesday. Young people make a form of Hallow'een of the holiday, dressing up in costumes for the occasion, visiting friends and attending parties. Churches in all parts of the city will celebrate the Lenten season by holding special services throughout the 40-day period. The word Lent, which originally meant spring, is derived from the fact that this holiday falls in the early part of the year, thus through custom it became confused with the season and gradually the word itself was accepted for its present use.

## FAST OF 40 DAYS.

The fast was made to last 40 days early in the seventh century. In the middle ages, meat, eggs and milk were forbidden in Lent, not only by ecclesiastical authorities but by statute law. This rule was enforced until the reign of William III. With the growth of the Oxford Movement in the English Church, the practice of observing Lent was revived and the duty of abstinence is now very generally inculcated by bishops and clergy. Banks, Liquor Commission Stores, the City Hall and the courts in Montreal will be closed on Ash Wednesday, February 10. (Continued on page 4)

## Meal Tax Will Not Necessitate Stamping Checks

To be Set on Gross Receipts — Restaurants May Benefit by New Law — Those Who Can Eat Will Pay for Those Who Cannot.

Quebec. — When the revised tax of 5 per cent on all meats sold in the province of Quebec becomes effective, the Government plans collection on returns of gross receipts to be submitted by hotel owners, restaurant proprietors, etc. It is not the intention of the Government that meal checks shall be stamped as at present. This was learned authoritatively today, pending issue of the bill which will extend the tax from 5 per cent on meals of \$1 or over to 5 per cent on gross receipts of those selling the meals. The view of those who have to consider col... (Continued on page 4)

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Roland Chapdelaine, of this town was sentenced to two years in jail on Tuesday last by Judge Lemay, of Sherbrooke, when he was found guilty of attempting to hold-up A. Desgrandpre and struck him over the head with a piece of wood. About ten days ago, Desgrandpre, an aged Drummondville resident, was returning home with the receipts of a restaurant in which he was working, when he was set upon by two men. He resisted the attack, using a milk bottle that he was carrying as a weapon. On seeing that the blow had not felled the victim, the assailants took to their heels, one of them which proved to be Chapdelaine leaving as a clue one of his rubbers which was identified to his from his shoe's rubber heel imprint. A short time later, Chapdelaine was arrested and identified by Mr. Desgrandpre as one of the attackers.

## Hints to Travel

No one would hesitate to define the charm of England, even after just one visit. Who wouldn't welcome the opportunity to pay tribute to her cathedrals, castles and cottages, her fascinating old cities and rustic villages, her serene and leisurely atmosphere? The descriptions and interpretations of one person do not satisfy his nor can an American hope to be satisfied by other Americans who know England no better than the other. Fortunately I am writing chiefly for those who are planning their first visit, and to them I say, "your England will not be my England perhaps but it will probably be just as charming. Certainly it can be for the attractions of the British Isles, and when we say England we mean the British Isles, are varied enough to meet any normal demand. One has only to choose wisely, according to his or her tastes, to be able to say, as so many have said before, that here is the ideal vacation land. A feature that can scarcely be missed by the even the flitting transient is the beauty of the countryside. No matter what part you land at, you are bound to catch some glimpses of it on the way to London. You notice the softness and harmony of the colouring, and striking contrast between the freshness and youth of Nature and the age of man's handiwork. Even the hasty passer-by feels the charm of rural England. But to know it fully you must live in it and with it. You must smell it and hear it and feel it with your feet. Those who spend their nights in big city hotels and their days on pavements miss something of the fine flavour. Far better to spend part time motoring through the country where can be seen the unspoiled country village, the fields bordered with hedges and the picturesque inn surrounded by its own garden. There are plenty of villages that are unspoiled from any viewpoint and plenty of others that look unspoiled to American eyes. Paradoxically enough, some of the most fascinating are those that have suffered from the despoilment of military warfare or religious fanaticism (Continued on page 4)

## PLANS AID FOR FARMERS

Quebec May Extend Rural Credits System. Quebec. — Before the Legislature rises, the Taschereau Government hopes to create a new system of rural credits for the benefit of the Quebec farmer. Premier Taschereau announced last week to the Assembly. At present the cabinet is studying a plan for running the credit system through co-operative societies, or local banks. The proposition appeals to the Government, it is understood, because that means use of country moneys, distributed by people who know the borrowers. In other words, the rich people of a county will be lending to the less rich of their own county.

## TO BAN GAS BOOTLEGGER

Reports on Product to Be Made to Province.

Quebec. — Bootlegging of gasoline is to be fought by the Quebec Government by means of an elaborate system of "ports covering gas manufactured in the province, stored in the province, en route, etc., to be made periodically to the Treasury Department. Legislation covering this plan is to be brought down by Hon. J. E. Perrault, Minister of Highways and Mines, and is made all the more necessary now that the gas tax here is six cents per gallon. Quebec, it is said, will profit from the experience of a number of states below the line which have been battling the gas bootlegger for a number of years.

## Britain And France United in Attempt to Ensure World Peace

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## January Set High Mark For Temperature

Average Temperature for January, 1932, Was 12.18 Degrees Above Eighteen-Year Average, Records Show.

January 1932 was the mildest January in the eighteen years that records have been kept by the Lennoxville Experimental Farm. During the month the average temperature was 24.72 degrees or 12.18 degrees above the eighteen year average of 12.54. Last year the average temperature for January was 11.17 degrees or 13.55 degrees lower than this year. The highest temperature recorded for the month, fifty-seven degrees, was also the maximum January temperature for eighteen years. During the month the mercury went below the zero mark only three times, the minimum being six below, compared with the lowest January temperature on record of forty-eight below zero recorded on January 28, 1925. Although the average temperature was much higher than normal, sunshine was low. Old Sol made his appearance for 50.7 hours only, compared with an eighteen year average of 76.2 hours, and an appearance last year of 79.9 hours. The brightest January on record was in 1922, when the sun shone for 138.4 hours, while the darkest January was in 1919 with only 38.5 hours. Rainfall was much above the average last month, the total fall being 2.93 inches compared with an eighteen year average of 1.02 inches. The highest rainfall recorded for January was in 1930 with 3.07 inches. For four years, 1918-1920-1925-1931, no rain whatever fell in January. Snowfall was considerably below normal, 16.5 inches, compared with 26.7 inches last year and an eighteen year average of 22.02 inches. The heaviest snow fall for January occurred in 1925 when thirty-eight inches fell, and the lightest was in 1921 with 6.5 inches. Total precipitation for the past month was 4.58 inches compared with an eighteen years average of 3.23 inches and a precipitation for the same month last year of 2.67 inches. During the past eighteen years the highest monthly precipitation of 5.12 inches was recorded in January 1930, while January 1921 recorded the lowest precipitation of 1.40 inches. The highest precipitation for the past month on any one day was 70 inches, whereas on January 18, 1926, 190 inches of moisture fell, an eighteen year record.

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## Three Given Sentence at St. Hyacinthe

Court House Crowded With St. Hyacinthe Citizens Who Helped in Capture of Trio of Burglars.

Found guilty on charges of theft, three men were sentenced to two years in St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary by Judge Emile Marin, last week. They were Joseph Beaud, Adelard Lanier and Camille Brosseau, who were captured last week by a posse of local citizens, headed by the mayor of St. Hyacinthe. Owing to the fact that many citizens assisted in the capture of the trio, the case excited unusual interest. The court house was crowded to capacity with many standing outside. After hearing about twelve witnesses who related how the three men were surprised while attempting to break into the store of Jean Baptiste Desrosiers, how they were chased by a posse headed by the mayor and finally captured; how they stole the horse and wagon of Hector Joidoin and then broke into the store of Arthur Gaudet, of St. Simon parish, Judge Marin found the three guilty and passed sentence.

## Town's Brieflets

TO STOP PRIVATE RAFFLES. At the last meeting of the local Chamber of Commerce, complaints were lodged to the effect that too many tickets were being offered for sale in our town. The sale of these tickets of every description and for as many purposes has become epidemic like. As it is against the law to print, sell or buy these lottery tickets the Chamber of Commerce has been requested to look after the matter and in the future, anyone found in possession of such tickets will be prosecuted.

## Restoration of Titles Is Being Sought

Felt that Those Who Contribute to Advancement of Canada Should Receive Recognition. Ottawa. — Restoration of titles in Canada is being urged upon Senators and members of the House of Commons. The appeal came in letters addressed to parliamentarians from "the King's prerogative in our monarchical democracy." Toronto. Parliamentary action for the restoration of titles is urged before the Imperial Economic Conference takes place in Ottawa in July. "Such honors," the communications read, "should be given to those who have really done something worthy of the honor, and particularly those who have advanced the interests of Canada and the Empire, whether it be in the realms of science, art, literature, law, finance or any other walk of life. Those who do not desire such honors restored should not oppose those who take a different view. "The fact that one does not desire an honor himself should be no criterion, but everyone who is imbued with the spirit of unselfishness should appreciate a recognition of ability as far as Canada is concerned in seeing that she does not stand behind but in an equal position to any part of the Empire. "I am fully in accord with the view that any future honor should be for life only, and not hereditary, as the conditions are different from those in England. The giving thereof should be at the recommendation of a committee non-political in character, the same as that in England under the Labor Government. "It would be a particularly appreciated gesture at this time, shortly before the Imperial Conference at Ottawa, and would serve to create an atmosphere of Empire solidarity in loyal sentiment as well as in trade, and put Canada on the same footing as all the other dominions where His Majesty's prerogative has not been interfered with." The letter is signed by Fred B. Fetherstonhaugh. Deputy Speaker Armand Lavergne (Conservative-Montagny) at the last session of Parliament placed a resolution on the order paper of the House of Commons urging the restoration of titles in Canada. The motion, however, was not proceeded with last session, and so far this year no motion of this character has been filed for discussion in Parliament.

## Industrial Committee

As many American companies are actually studying the question of installing manufactures in Canada, the local Chamber of Commerce came to the decision of forming an Industrial Committee of three members who would co-operate with the Southern Canada Power and the Railway Companies in order to bring these new industries here, in Drummondville. There is no doubt that such an organization would bring results.

## BETTER MAIL SERVICE ASKED

The Local Manufacturers and the Chamber of Commerce are to unite their efforts and request from the Postmaster General a better mail service. They will try to get the six o'clock train to take the Montreal mail as well as that which is going West.

## ELECTED DIRECTORS

Messrs. A. Bernard, J. X. Fortin and S. A. Pinea have been elected directors of the Chamber of Commerce at its last meeting. They replace Messrs. J. H. Tetreau, J.-B. Bergeron and A. Toupin who had to resign since they are now members of the local town council.

## \$1,000,000 VOTED

Grant Made for Colonization Plans of Province. Quebec. — Colonization Department credits were completed last week with the vote of \$1,000,000 for colonization roads and aid to colonization. Because the vote was \$200,000 less than last year, Aime Guertin (Hull) accused the Government of abandoning its vaunted policy of encouraging the return to the soil. He wanted another \$200,000 voted, plus a special appropriation for the back-to-the-land movement. Hon. Hector LaFerte, Minister of Colonization and Fisheries said the Government would wait till spring to see the results of its back-to-the-land policy already developed before going any further.

## NEW LEADER

TO FORM NEW CABINET

J. A. Lyon, postmaster-general and minister for works and railway since 1929, and now leader of the United Australia party, who has been summoned to Canberra by the governor-general to form a cabinet.

## Measure Would Curtail Fees In Seizure Cases

Quebec. — People who are unfortunate enough to have goods seized because they cannot meet instalments on the costs are not to be unduly loaded with court fees if legislation planned by Joseph Cohen (Montreal-St. Lawrence) passes the legislature. Mr. Cohen plans a bill by which in the case of seizure to satisfy failure to pay instalments, the class of action before the civil courts shall be determined by the amount owing on the merchandise in question. For instance, it would put an end to what happened recently in Montreal, when an individual who owed \$10 on an article bought by instalments suffered seizure and the court costs amounted to \$90.

## Blanchard's New Store to Open Friday

New Store Will be one of Most Beautiful in Town — Modern Display of Goods Attractive to Prospective Buyer. Messrs. J. R. Blanchard Company have their handsome new building on Heriot street, north west corner of Bellevue Avenue, fully occupied with a large variety of hardware suitable for Contractors in plumbing, steamfitting, painting supplies too may be had of every sort. Sporting goods for golfers, tennis players, skiers, hockeyists and others are in stock and will be chased by a posse headed by the mayor and finally captured; how they stole the horse and wagon of Hector Joidoin and then broke into the store of Arthur Gaudet, of St. Simon parish, Judge Marin found the three guilty and passed sentence.

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## Michaud Hanged at Three Rivers Friday Morning

Joseph Label, Alias Michaud, Convicted Murderer of Aged Nicolet Farmer and His Niece Paid His Debt to Society.



Three Rivers. — Joseph Label, alias Michaud, convicted of the double slaying of Jean Baptiste Bellefleur, aged farmer of Nicolet, and his niece, Antoinette Bellefleur, was hanged early Friday morning at the local jail. Label walked to the gallows unassisted, and with a firm step. By his side was his confessor, Abbe Verschelden, chaplain of Montreal jail, who had been in attendance for the past few days. The trap was sprung at 6.50 and Label was pronounced dead at 7.08. An eleventh hour attempt on the part of the condemned man's lawyer to have the sentence commuted proved unavailing, the Governor-General refusing to intervene with the decision of the courts.

## CURIOSITY SHOWN

Only officials were present at the execution. A squad of policemen had been posted early on the morning, surrounding the prison walls, to ward off groups of curious people who gathered around the jail. Occupants of neighboring houses, however, from roof tops, were able to catch a glimpse of the doomed man as he walked to the scaffold. On the night of May 21, 1931, Jean Baptiste Bellefleur and his niece, Antoinette Bellefleur, were mercilessly murdered, the slayer beating both victims to death. Michaud, subsequently charged with the deed, was convicted on November 13, and sentenced to death by Justice Aime Marcand, of the King's Bench court at Three Rivers.

## An Amendment To Bankruptcy Act Is Sought

Recommendations Forwarded to Minister of Justice by Committee of Canadian Bar Association. Montreal. — Amendment of the Bankruptcy Act, to improve administration and obtain better conditions for creditors, is sought in recommendations forwarded to the Minister of Justice, the Hon. Hugh Guthrie. The recommendations were made by a committee of the Canadian Bar Association, which, during the past week, deliberated here and conferred with a committee representing the Board of Trade, the Canadian Bankers' Association and the Better Business Bureau. It is anticipated that, whether or not the Minister of Justice accepts the recommendations of the committee, legislation will be brought down at the forthcoming session of Parliament contemplating revision of the act. The Bar Association committee was named because for many years business men in the different provinces of Canada have been complaining about the administration of the Bankruptcy Act. In many cases, the committee noted in their report, presented to the annual meeting of the association in Murray Bay last fall, after the liquidation of the bankrupt's estate and the payment of costs, nothing, or at least very little, remains for distribution to the creditors. There have also been many cases of defalcation between the trustee and the bankrupt, the committee noted.

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