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I Write What I See

By TED SCHRADER

Fur auctions are stranger than any other auction I have seen. They are patronized by skilled buyers. No bids are shouted. The merchandise is not displayed on the auctioneer's platform.

I dropped in on one the other morning. More than 100,000 furs were on the block, representing more money than my philosophy ever dreamed of. I took a chair at one of the long tables, ar-ranged classroom fashion in front of the auctioneer.

Surrounding me were 30 brokers, representing manufacturers in Winnipeg, New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and eastern Canada. Before the war, brokers also bought for London and continental manufacturers.

. . . EACH MAN HAD A CATA-LOGUE before him, noticeable for the amount of blank space. Prior to the auction, these brokers had browsed through the warehouse in-

s g c and qu would mean dark sil-Hon. F. Phillippe Brais, K.C., Montreal, president of the Canadian day evening by a street car at a competitor's catalogue, he would with the CBA.'s "basis of peace committee." not understand the secret informa- An intensive study has been made? tion.

of the legal questions presented by Having studied the furs prior to the Dumbarton Oaks proposals for the auction, the buyers merely international security. Both the waited for the auctioneer, to call the serial numbers of the raw furs. Canadian and American Bar as-

The auctioneer stepped into his sociations are working on the matpulpit, adjusted a button-size ter; six conferences have been microphone to his vest, and started held in Canada and 18 in the chanting. His monotone on cross U.S.A. The Canadian committee, foxes ran like this: "\$16, \$15, \$14." U.S.A. The Canadian committee, I noticed a broker near me raise headed by Chief Justice W. B. his pencil. So the auctioneer as- Farris, of British Columbia, will cended the scale by 50 cents a meet March 28 in Ottawa. A joint leap. Each time he called a price, meeting will then be held with the an eyebrow, a wink or a raised Americans, April 4 and 5, in pencil indicated a taker. Chicago.

The buying was rapid, and to If delegates agree on their find-bring order out of apparent ings, joint reports will be presented chaos, Mr. Maltin aided the auc. to the minister of external affairs, tioneer in spotting signals, who is the premier, in Canada, and When he saw a movement, he to the secretary of state in the shouted a crisp "Up!" So the United States. Otherwise, indiviauction sounded like this: dual reports will be made.

"14 ... Up ... 14.50 ... Up ... The legal organization of the 15 ... Up ... 16 ... Up ..." The legal organization of the peace court and the legal aspect

That was the only sound in the of the international organization room, for there was no bidding for keeping the peace is what from the floor. The rhythmical concerns the Bar associations, double-talk resembled tobacco auc- said Mr. Brais. tions heard on radios. "The peace treaty as such will Sockford Appeal



The Tribure's photographer took the above picture today of this backyard on Dubuc st., St. Boniface, near the St. Boniface golf course. The water lying in small lakes here is the result of the backing-up of the

Seine river because of its inability to flow into the swollen Red river. Specting the furs. They made code comments in their catalogues describing the furs and indicating approximate prices. Lou Maltin, the auctioneer's assistant, gave me a sample of the code. For example, dk sil r m and the result result of the code. For example, dk sil r m and the result of the code. For example, dk sil r

mar st., was fatally injured Sun-

Wait until after the Dominion-provincial conference, is very rub, medium and small, good character and quality. If any Bar association and leader of the legislative council, Quebec's upper Alexander ave., and Main st. His the substance of Premier Stuart Garson's reply to the city that pours into the swollen Ascharacter and quality. If any house, is visiting the Manitoba Bar association today in connection death in General hospital at 9.5\$ council's brief requesting a revision of Winnipeg's financial siniboline river would not have bort work in northern Ontario, as a.m. today brought the total num- relations with the province so that the city can provide the reached Winnipeg yet. ber of fatalities on city streets this services for which it is responsible.

services for which is the brief was presented to the has not done too badly according Smith has no reelatives in Win- premier by representatives of the to the most recent study upon mothh to four. peg and lived alone in a room city headed by Mayor Garnet this point which was made with Coulter last Thursday. n Dagmar st. any care."

About 9.45 p.m., Sunday, he was In a statement released today, prossing Main st., from the east Premier Garson says it would be o the west side at Alexander ave., very foolish to divide up taxes be-when he was knocked down by a tween Winnipeg and Manitoba "at orthbound street car operated by a time when we do not know oseph Rychliski, 109 Euclid ave. either the extent of the whole field

top, after knocking Smith down, various parts of the field that we he victim's body was jammed might divide up will likely pronder the front fender of the duce." The premier intimates that he

does not entirely agree that the bital in the police ambulance. Dr. Winnipeg brief covers all the W. R. Gorrell, provincial coroner, facts, and he points out what he will hold an inquest, date of which describes as outstanding omissions. As an example, he cites the fact

picture has been explored and a that while Winnipeg's assessment complete disclosure of it has has declined by roughly 25 perbeen made. cent, there has been no corresponding increase in the mill rate, statement on Page 7.) Some of the highlights of Mr.

Great care will have to be used in distributing the total pro-uncial and municipal burden Union Dispute

RAIN AND HAIL 4 City Weather Records Broken

Heralded by hail, thunder and lightning, and a blanket of rain, unusual weather conditions settled over the province during the weekend. At least four weather records were broken as the elements carried on in berserk fashion. Winnipeggers-who got the most rain and quite a bit of the hail

-may not be surprised to hear that:

• The weekend's precipitation (1.73 Inches) stands as the most rainfall for any 24-hour period in the month of March.

• Saturday evening's 15minute hailstorm was the earliest to be recorded here. (Hail fell on April 19, 1925, and that was considered unusual.)

· Saturday's high temperature of 64 degrees is the new record high for that date. • Sunday's high of 57.5 1s

the record for any March 25 on record.

Though no flooding has been for one of the earliest holdings of Works Joseph Bibeau, St. Boniface, received complaints of basement flooding. All complaints were con-

not the river. men were keeping a 24-hour The water pumping system was "alert." The height of the Red operating on the auxiliary power

rose one foot overnight. The city engineer said that the weekend's rain on the vetershed

The rainfall-one of the earliest to hit Winnipeg and district-has the Porcupine winter base remain

morning. The year's first rainstorm, accompanied by rumbles of thunder and flashes of lightning, has re-sulted in about two inches of pre-equipment. "We've even got the "intelligent" estimate until a cipitation. It was 1.73 inches at

7.30 a.m. today and at noon the · Only wise attitude (now) Is rain was pouring down again. to regard .Manitoba's policy and Winnipeg's policy as temporary marvelling over the "unusual' meteorological conditions.

. It is hard to be expected to The only thunder and rainstorm following reply from C. G. Muller, reach any conclusion concerning the weatherman could remember building inspector: the handing over of provincial this early was one about March 14. fields of taxation to Winnipeg until all of Winnipeg's financial

1919. "But there wasn't much rain sewer someplace." then," he recalled. The heavy rain in Winnipeg beat the first rain of 1942 (1.16 inches) for a similar 24-

(See text of Premier Garson's

eported in Winnipeg as a result of the annual fast-water paddling he rain, Superintendent of Public event of that organization. flooding. All complaints were con-cerned with excess surface water, Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Co. was completely shut down as

in southern portion."

W. D. Hurst, Winnipeg's city the result of short circuits in the engineer, said this morning his de-partment had no complaints but his tion occurred at 3 p.m., Sunday.

northern districts. Tuesday-

cloudy with scattered showers or

snowflurries and somewhat cooler

. . .

dropped one degree. Four canoes of the Winnipeg

Canoe club ventured out Sunday

At noon today the temperature which had stood at 50 at 7.30 had

river-15.3 feet above datum, which is about six or seven feet below Power and light was off in the the flooding level - is chief con- town which is normally supplied cern of Mr. Hurst. The river level from the central power station.

TIMMINS, Ont., March 26-(CP) -One of the earliest thaws in years bush freighters operating out of disrupted rural road conditions badly, The Tribune learned this morning. Chief complaint of Mr. Bibeau

is that he can't keep the dozen or fire department's equipment out," he reported this morning.

Mr. Bibeau hasn't been home The weatherman today was still since 10 p.m. Sunday when flooding complaints first started to come in, Inquiries this morning as to Mr. Bibeau's whereabouts brought the

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"You'll probably find him in a

1942 (1.16 inches) for a similar 24-hour period. As for the hail . . . well, the weatherman thought it most peculiar indeed. The hail started about 10 p.m., Saturday, and bounced down for about a quarter-hour before turning into rain.

When the car had come to a that we must share or what the

He was taken to General hos-

Garson's statement are:



Surface water, after nearly two inches of precipitation over the

weekend, has complicated some of the city's traffic as shown above.

Place just north of Whitehall ave.

vehicle, police said.

is not set.

11-Year-Old Boy

Struck by Auto HON. F. PHILIPPE BRAIS, K.C. Edward Bilinski, 11, ste. E, 9621/2

The motor bus is shown plowing through a deep puddle on Balmoral

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THE MAN BESIDE ME listed parties. We are only making sug-Chinchilla rabbits at 75 cents each, gestions as to the set-up of the He dropped out of the bidding court. But that set-up is very imwhen they rose above his estimate, and they finally sold for \$1.34. Jack rabbits brought 92 cents. One breker robes.

After the auction, Mr. Maltin conducted me through the warehouse and showed me how furs were graded for texture, color, skin. I saw beaver pelts which timber wolves, to be used on \$100, and the coarse fur of buck ris, K.C., fishers.

By L. F. EARL

made its record high.

are one-lot transaction-

to go.

For upwards of a year a des-

perate shortage of houses has step-

Now transfers of residential pro-

perties are falling off because pur

shoe naws still intact. The foot Maitland, K.C., Vancouver; Hon. and sent to jail in Crookston, Minn. were the two firemen killed early viewed the bodies, the inquest was O.B.U. would be the size of a man's hand. Mr. Justice McLaurin, Calgary. They escaped from there but when Saturday. Smith was killed in

women dictated prices. For ex-ample, the trend is toward short-K.C., Winnipeg. K.C.; Domin-rounded up and sentenced. Sockford is already serving a sen-tence in Headingly jail for theft of MR. MALTIN EXPLAINED that Hon, Philippe Brais, K.C.

HOUSES, LOTS, WAREHOUSES

activity which preceded and fol boom in Greater Winnipeg manu-

haired coats, so that type of pelt Joint secretaries: A. W. Rogers, an automobile and gasoline. This brings a larger price than the K.C., Toronto; Andre Taschereau, sentence becomes concurrent with long-haired variety. K.C., Quebec.

The lush days of real estate house demand is a result of the and William ave.

broker took 166 house cats for 67 Prime Minister King announced The Court of Appeal today dis-

cents each. I learned later these in the House, March 20, the Cana-humble pets would adorn milady's dian Bar association was "perform- missed the appeal of Jack Socking a most useful task by making ford, 30, against sentence of four

Incidentally, a fur may go by a series of valuable studies on the years in the penitentiary imposed SPORADIC BLAZES

or a new one be prepared was left guilty to charges of theft of an open, said Mr. King.

of peace committee are: chairman, stolen.

Ruer, Toronto; L. E. Beaulieu, K.C., two years on the second, to run warehouse on Princess st. early today. parkas and as fur trimmings. | Montreal; G. H. Montgomery, K.C., concurrently. felt the silky coats of female Montreal; Isaac Pitblado, K.C., Sockford was one of four men fishers, which would attract Winnipeg; Hon. J. W. de B. Far- who stole an automobile in Win- out intermittently in the pile of -

ris, K.C., Vancouver; J. McC. Stewart, K.C., Halifax; D. L. Mc-Carthy, K.C., Toronto; G. H. the international boundary. They James Smith, 339 Lipton st., and Carthy, K.C., Toronto; G. H. the international boundary. They James Smith, 339 Lipton st., and Carthy, K.C., Toronto; G. H. the international boundary. They James Smith, 339 Lipton st., and Carthy, K.C., Toronto; G. H. the international boundary. They James Smith, 339 Lipton st., and Carthy, K.C., Toronto; G. H. the international boundary. They James Smith, 339 Lipton st., and Carthy, K.C., Toronto; G. H. the international boundary. They James Smith, 339 Lipton st., and Carthy, K.C., Toronto; G. H. the international boundary. They James Smith, 339 Lipton st., and the opening of the state of th

Domin- rounded up and sentenced.

tence in Headingly jail for theft of Bert Dawson, 155 Morley ave.

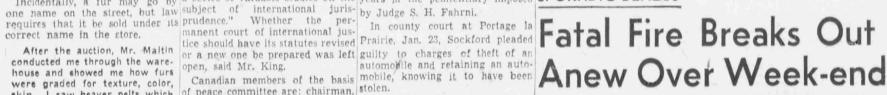
Main st., knocked down by an auto used in distributing the total provincial and municipal burden at Selkirk and Main st., Sunday at 3.35 p.m., was conveyed to St. fairly upon Manitotha's taxpayoseph's hospital suffering a pos- ers as a whole. The present position of ible fracture to the skull and abrasions to the face. His condition is both Winnipeg and Manitoba is

no indication (referring to the reported fair. Police reported that the boy, comparative prosperity of war-

ave. into the path of an auto after the war. operated by William Kupara, 726 Dufferin ave.

while playing, ran across Selkirk time) what the position will be

 Referring to Winnipeg's finances generally: "Winnipeg



skin. I saw beaver pers which of peace containing took the lives of two firefighters measured four feet long worth \$30 each. There were sx-foot vice-chairman, Mr. Justice Mc- of four years on the first count and and injured three others broke out again in the Robinson Webber The fire which Saturday morning took the lives of two firefighters partment.

> It was quickly extinguished, as were other fires which had broken Vancouver; J. McC. nipeg in September, 1944, and when debris inside the three still-stand- police fire and engineering depart-

There was one beautiful blue Carthy, K.C., Toronto; G. H. the international boundary. They James Smith, 339 Lipton st., and coroner, presided at the opening of Jynx with its tremendous snow Aikins, K.C., Winnipeg; Hon, R. L. were arrested by U.S. authorities Frank Sandison, 107 Olivia st., the inquiry today. After the jury

Ex-officio: The C.B.A. president, they returned to Canada all were stantly when struck on the head adjourned until a later date. by a falling beam while he was F. S. Adamson, deputy city trying to rescue a fellow fireman, engineer, told The Tribune this morning his department had not

checked the floors of the build-Sandison was found dead ten ing. It was left up to the owner hours after he and Dawson had of the building. The engineer's fallen two stories when the department, however, had planned flooring on the fourth floor had legislation which forced the collapsed. His body was buried owners to show the department under about two tons of rubble. that the floors could support the Dawson, who was rescued almost weight placed on them.

seven hours after he was trapped on the second floor, is reported to

be progressing favorably in Gen- Mr. Adamson, he believed the covers a survey of this nature. eral hospital today. He is suffer- weight of the goods in the Robin-

John Bowmann, 607 Castle ave., son-Webber warehouse had been only one of the factors contributing particularly warehouses. The ware-| Princess st. between McDermot ing from a broken leg. Rental regulations still rigidly and W. E. Falardeen, 674 Gar- to the collapse of the fourth and

again, with the biggest boom in since start of the war and last imposed, difficulties in getting in- wood ave, are also in hospital, fifth floors. Winnipeg property which the city year had a gross of \$350,000,000 creased space for present oper- Their condition is reported to be "If you look at the north wall with a \$55,000,000 payroll for the ations, and the expectations that good. W. H. Fitcheit, 823 William of the building, you will see that

More instruments of land con veyance are going through the Winnipeg Land Titles Office for recent months are: and for warehouse properties. Some of the properties of this recent months are: facturing will be retained after the war, are the reasons which have combined to make the keen de-mand for warehouse properties. Meanwhile, investigation for the Meanwhile, investigation for the inquest which opened at noon to-bay in Thompson's funeral home is being continued by the fire com-nesday at 2 p.m. with burial in Realty agents say all of them have missioner's office and the city nesday at 2 p.m. with burial in

Elmwood cemetery,

which can't be undertaken now Riding from the airport on a In county court today, Judge because no improvement project downtown bus Saturday afternoon exceeding \$500 may be undertaken we were startled to see a group Whitla opened the trial of Morris without a permit from Ottawa. of "pre-schoolers" on the lawn in Berkal, 670 Alfred ave., on 11 Issue of permits is discouraged St. James park, bush sun-bathing counts of receiving stolen goods to

unless the work is essential. Even if the permits could be obtained it is nearly impossible to I imagine they feit more than I I Imagine they feit more than Imagine they in various stages of undress. One the total value of \$1,241. get certain lines of building the heat of the sun when their were stolen from Canadian Namothers found them, but imagine tional Railway freight cars, frieght

Saw-

Permits issued by the city hallssun-bathing, dressed or otherwise, sheds and warehouses between May bearing many of the earmarks of bearing many of the earmarks of

No. 8 Repair Depot, R.C.A.F. covered a quantity of the goods al- the Paris theatre in St. Boniface

legedly stolen. Other goods were Saturday night. The building formerly owned itions point to one of the city's to may advanted two tickets in Ministry of Fear of 447 Riverton ave., Elmow showing at the capitol. What did you want conditions ease the supply of lumber and other building re- wire it out and send it to I SAW editor. The police, absolved from blame. Status and the section on and adjacent to the section on and adjacent to the section of and adjacent to the section of and adjacent to the section of the sec awarded for each one published.

hour before turning into rain. The bloated Red river inundated about two square miles east of Selkirk by Sunday evening-covering the golf course and the docks.

A conflict between the O.B.U. Traffic was suspended north and and Civic Federation of Employes east of Selkirk due to flood waters marked the Saturday afternoon and impassible roads. The eastern Early Opening approach to the Selkirk bridge was session of the Wage Survey board. approach to the Selkirk bridge was completely cut off, a detour being The clash arose when the O.B.U. made by way of Lockport from representative claimed exclusive East to West Selkirk. Which the Federation had submit-ted a brief to which the selection had submit-

which the Federation had submit- Red were within six feet of the ted a brief to the board. ed a brief to the board. Certification under wartime On Sunday evening, the road

labor regulations was claimed by leading north of the town became the O.B.U. representative to entitle impassable and Pegius bus travelhim to speak for the group under ers walked home.

discussion-supervisory and skilled In Winnipeg, citizens became FORT WILLIAM, March 26positions in the engineering de- first aware of the peculiar weather Shipping officials here are of the happenings with spasmodic "dim-

O.B.U. as the groups it represents circuits. in the engineering department On Saturday, many of the

constitute a majority of that de- city's places of amusement were partment. The union has already "blacked-out" for stretches as nessy and the Captain E. B. Semade submissions on behalf of long as half an hour but no cord, from Owen Sound.

Dr. W. R. Gorrell, provincial these majority groups. The super- serious power disruptions were

discussion are not members of the Hundreds of persons downtown were caught in the rain and many

The Federation pointed out that people standing waiting outside the the group in question did not be- doors of the Amphitheatre were 29, 1942. long to the O.B.U. Further, regis-tration under which the O.B.U. were waiting for the western break all records for lake transclaimed the right to represent the junior hockey semi-final match be- portation. The 1944 season was group was for negotiating in re-tween Winnipeg Monarchs and the heaviest up to that time, in all spect of wages and working condi- Port Arthur West End Bruins to 455,964,182 bushels of grain being tions and for collective bargaining begin. The game was held up half shipped east, which figure was It did not apply to the survey. an hour when the lightning blew 70,000,000 bushels more than the No further action will be taken a fuse in the hockey building. the survey board until the * * * by

Federation obtains a ruling from FORECAST: "Fresh to strong ed the lakehead east bound of the Regional War Labor board as winds today, with occasional rain which 1,474 cargoes were in Can-Following an investigation, said to whether O.B.U. certification in southern portion, and light adian bottoms and 623 cargoes in

Brandon ortage la Frairie ... Winnipeg 58 Kenora 55 45 Kenora (For details on rainfall in agricultural areas, see Page 12.)

[Special to The Winnipeg Tribune]

opinion that navigation at the This certification was granted the outs" as lightning disrupted power head of the lakes will officially open Tuesday forenoon with the docking at Fort William-Port Arthur of the Sir Thomas Shaugh-

> If navigation opens at this time, it will be the earliest in the history of the lakehead. The

earliest previous opening during the past ten years was on March

During 1944, 2,097 cargoes clear-

previous high year, 1928.

showers or snowflurries in U.S.A. vessels. REPUBLICAMESIADOS CAMDOS %BRASEA *033390

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St. Boniface police chief, J. H.

that more of this currency may

A stray Brazilian bank note i Like the Caandian five-spot. the guilty Brazilian bill is blue, a Canadian five-dollar bill bought and because of similarity in size City police searched Berkal's a ticket to the movies and more and markings, it passed easily as premises July 1, 1944, and re- than four dollars in change at being worth four dollars and 70 cents more than its actual avlue.

This bill is so deceptive that Cashier Therese Lamay failed to discover it until the 8.30-9 p.m. rush was over in the theatre and she was going through the money in her drawer. The Brazilian note is marked

'cinco mil rels." It was explained to The Tribune this morning that one "mil reis" is worth ap-Daudry, warned this morning proximately six cents. Figure it be in circulation. Watch for it. , out from there.

building formerly occupied by been bought for use at prices better Robinson & Co. The portion sold, than those of depression years but owned by the city, was 184 feet not at unreasonable boom figures. ped up the number of home sales frontage on Albert st. Most have been cash transactions. The purchases are piling up a The Travellers Building directly to the rear of No. 1 Fire Hail, backlog of needed improvements bought by a local syndicate and

chasers can't find anything to buy. now on a five-year lease to the Dominion government for the

The rear part of the store

Realty Boom Biggest in 35 Years

tween Donald and Hargrave st., bought for use as a store probuilding lots as fast as they can perty but still on lease to present get them .. Up to date this year tenantr

the city has disposed of more A three-storey warehouse prothan \$200,000 in vacant building lots which it owned through tax sale. All the sales are to buyers, who plan to build. Except for house. a few who want to get a lot for extra land space, most of them

bought by local purchasers. In the last four or five months the boom has been biggest in cen-

Owners who have a chance to get peak prices won't take a hance on giving up their homes Family Allowance Branch. because they can't find any place The Affleck building on the north side of Portage ave., be-In the meantime, prospective home-builders are snapping up

perty on Bannatyne ave. east bought by a Winnipeg manufacturing firm for use as a ware-

by the Manitoba Cartage Co.

material.

ations may be delayed for those who have taken out permits because they can't get materials. Con-

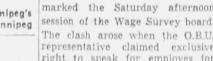
tral and semi-central property, the section on and adjacent to quisites.

and by suburban council are more outdoors in Winnipeg on March 22, 1943, and June 27, 1944. than last year but building oper- 24! L/AC. DODDS, R.,

R-258234.

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Dominion-provincial conference

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