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What U. S. Farmers Obtained

Canada as a dumping ground for U. S. agricultural products under the Washington treaty is predicted in the following United Press despatch which was read the other day by a Conservative speaker in the House of Commons: "In an official statement Secretary of State HENRY A. WALLACE said the treaty would benefit the whole of agriculture and predicted recovery of most of the \$35,000,000 decline in United States agricultural exports to Canada during the past five years. During that time, he said, exports to Canada of American farm products, upon which duty reductions are secured in the treaty, declined from \$50,000,000 for the year ending March 31, 1930, to \$15,000,000 during the year ended March 31, 1935. Wallace cited the reductions granted to Canada on a quota limit of beef, cattle, calves and dairy cows and added: "There are a few farm groups which will fear they are being hurt by the new agreement, but actually in those cases the tariff reductions are moderate, and in addition there are quota restrictions of such a nature that imports from Canada cannot affect the American price structure by more than 1 per cent."

Bertha's Big Brothers

A writer in a mainland exchange recalls that some 22 years ago, citizens of Paris attending Easter Sunday mass in a city church were virtually scattered to the four winds by the impact of a shell from the German lines. At the time, it was not known that shells could travel so far. No gun had a range of more than 25 miles, so far as the Parisians knew. And the German lines were not that close at the time. The mystery was not solved to any great extent, even after the war, when the emplacement of the renowned "Big Bertha" was discovered 80 miles from the city. "Bertha's" shells went, far, fast and high. The monstrous siege gun sent a 12-inch shell into the stratosphere 10 miles above the earth, where it met with but little resistance on its screaming 90-mile journey. So far away from its objective was this gun that its operators had to allow for the curvature of the earth and the speed of the world's rotation. Germany, it is believed, has for a long time been secretly rearming in preparation for just such a move as was made last week in reoccupying the Rhine areas. Has she also been developing bigger "Berthas", of still longer range and more deadly precision than any used in the last War? This question is probably giving France more serious concern at present than all the talk about germs, rays, and new gas bombs which popular credulity associates with scientific warfare. On the other hand, Germany may find some surprise packets behind the solid French fortifications fronting the Rhine, if the present crisis gets out of hand.

A Literary Controversy

A delightful literary controversy has taken place between the Toronto Globe and Sydney Post-Record in which honours belong to the latter, as the following editorial from its issue of Thursday shows: Some days ago the Post-Record requested the Toronto Globe to cite the verse in SOPHOCLES' "Antigone" in which that paper claimed the Greek deity had mentioned the name of the Roman deity "Jupiter." The Globe responds with this curious statement: "For the information of the Sydney Post-Record, which asks: IN JOHNSON'S edition of 'Antigone' (1758) SOPHOCLES quotes as a saying: 'Quem Jupiter vult pendere, demerit primus.' It is no unusual thing for a writer to quote in a foreign tongue." For the information of the Globe, SOPHOCLES did not quote as alleged, in "Antigone," or anywhere else. It is, as the Globe says, "no unusual thing for a writer to quote in a foreign tongue," but it would be quite a remarkable thing if SOPHOCLES, who lived and wrote several centuries before the literature of ancient Rome began to germinate, should have quoted either the passage in question or any other from classical Latin. But in this case it is unnecessary to argue from inference, SOPHOCLES' "Antigone" does not contain a word of Latin from beginning to end. The play does not mention the name of "Jupiter" anywhere, but it does refer to the Greek deity "Zeus." Nor does the proverb, "Whom the gods would destroy they first drive mad," appear in any form in this Greek tragedy. There is, however, one passage in "Antigone" which does remotely suggest the idea embodied in that now hackneyed proverb. Lines 620-624 read thus, as nearly as the Greek can be rendered in our own alphabet: "Sophia gar ek tou Kleinon epou pephantai Tod' emmen hoto phrenas Tod' emmen hoto phrenas Theos agei pros atan." Translating this,—subject to the Globe's correction: "For wisely from this a noted saying is proved,—that evil at times seems good to the very man whose mind God drives to destruction." This passage follows a strophe which opens with an invocation to "Zeus," the all-powerful King of the Gods of the pagan Greek world. To suggest that the name of "Jupiter" is used in this Greek play,—much less a whole Latin line,—is to suggest sheer nonsense. But even the Globe's alleged quotation from an alleged eighteenth century commentary on "Antigone" by Dr. JOHNSON has been so carelessly lifted from somewhere that it has been corrupted in the lifting. As worded by the Globe it almost defies translation, but seems to mean

something like this: "Whom Jupiter wishes to hang, he drives crazy before any other deity gets a chance at the job." This interesting variation of the well-known proverb is produced simply by the Globe's misuse of "pendere" for "perdere" and of "primus" for "prius." As the Globe has said, it is often dangerous to quote.

Editorial Notes

There is going to be no Government sale after all—only Government Control. Will the Premier now cancel the agreement for the brewery stallion, seeing the present law is to be adhered to? Appropriately enough, the new President of McGill Debating Union, ELI KELLOWAY, hails from Spout Cove, Newfoundland. Rumour was ever a lying jade, as the Temperance Federation realizes after reams of correspondence and hours of temperance meeting orations. During the past few days a number of men, otherwise unemployed, have been usefully engaged on the city streets. This week, if weather conditions remain as they are, a street cleaning programme should be undertaken in earnest. Prime Minister KING now finds the German consul was within his rights in intimating that German nationals would be conscripted; perhaps he has also learned by this time that the Italian consul was equally within his rights in discussing the League of Nations.

A Canadian Press despatch from Yakima, Washington, gives the following account of the deplorable tendency to tipping developed by birds of the air: "Apples frozen on the trees last Fall, says Mrs. CHARLES MAYO, are getting the birds out her way drunk—so tight, indeed, they can't fly. Worst tipplers among the feathered friends are the robins, wax-wings and bluebirds." Furniture people are vigorously opposing the King Reciprocity Treaty. Hearings of the furniture manufacturers before the Tariff Board ended with those companies which produce steel desks and other office furnishings making their representations. The furniture men asked for an upward revision of item 519 of the tariff schedule, in order to neutralize the advantages granted to the United States under the reciprocity agreement.

Having failed to get His Majesty the King to attend Vancouver Jubilee celebrations, Mayor GERRY MCGEEER has landed a pretty big fish in the person of the Lord Mayor of London. The Lord Mayor's party, including two sheriffs, sword-bearer, a mace bearer and five attendants, is due in Quebec August 13 and is scheduled to leave for the west a few days later. The party plans on spending two days each in Vancouver and Victoria.

First reports from a number of districts in Eastern Canada that sap is beginning to flow in maple trees indicate that the maple sugar industry will be in full swing by the end of this week. Weather conditions of the past winter in Quebec and Northern New Brunswick have been generally proclaimed as heralding of a bumper crop; deep snow blankets the countryside and daily thaws with frost at night, which experts say constitute ideal sugar weather, have prevailed in many sections.

Windsor, Ont., is not going to wait for the deepening of the St. Lawrence for connection with the sea. Announcement of a direct freight and passenger steamship service between that port and London, England has just been made. Two steamers, under United States registry and with accommodation for 20 passengers and freight, will start the service May 1. Sailings will be weekly and the ships will touch Saint John inward and outward bound. The service is the first direct from Windsor and Detroit to London.

In recent years there has been a return to the use of windmills for various purposes here, due to the invasion of travelling salesmen pushing these wares. This is the outcome of the re-development of the industry on improved basis, scores of American firms having started making windmills to supply the needs of wide sections for pumps and irrigation, for cattle and domestic use. According to the New York Herald-Tribune wind mills are now used to cut wood, churn, and generate electricity for light, heat and power. Why develop hydro when wind answers the purpose?

British Columbia is introducing a Health Insurance Act which will provide medical care by the physician or surgeon chosen by the insured person, free hospital care, services of diagnostic laboratories, necessary drugs and medicines and a maternity cash benefit of \$20 which are "mandatory benefits." Various other medical services are "permissive benefits" which may be granted if sufficient funds are available after payment of mandatory benefits. The Government will contribute \$50,000 annually to the cost, while employees will pay two per cent of their wages, and employers one per cent of their payroll.

It is just a month ago since Senator PITMAN, Chairman of the U. S. A. Foreign Relations Committee, startled Washington and the world by declaring that Japanese war preparations were anti-U. S. A., and her policy in China was to exclude Americans from Asia in general and China in particular. Now Japan is supposed to be backing Germany should she go to war, the deduction, therefore being that should Japan and Germany defeat France and her Allies, including Russia, the next move would be to "lay-out" U. S. A.—which is as Euclid has it, absurd, but not very pleasant for U. S. A. senators to contemplate.

Notes by the Way

Japan's defection, however, raises fundamental problems which will not doubt be discussed elsewhere. Above all, it is a reminder to British and the United States that the political problems created in the Far East by Japan's expansionist policy remain unsolved. It is, indeed, the very fact that no agreement has been reached on these questions that has made success impossible at the Naval Conference. So far Japan has not denounced the Nine-Power Treaty of Washington which binds her to the collective system and to observance of the "Open Door" principle and of the territorial integrity of China. But she is pushing forward on the mainland of Asia, and no one can say with certainty what her policy there may not lead to. That she may aspire to hegemony over China and Eastern Siberia is not to be ruled out. Her recent manœuvres, and the strength of her naval and military leaders, upon which they feel strong enough.—Belfast Telegraph.

Reports of death from carbon monoxide gas have not been as frequent this winter as in the past, probably due to people having learned the great danger from automobile exhausts in an enclosed place. A reminder to be on continuous guard is, however, to be regarded as timely in days when the temperature suggests the closing of doors.—Port Arthur News-Chronicle.

The truth will out, and the people of Ontario will learn before long through the urgency of their increased power requirements how far from delivering the province from the so-called Quebec "power barons" the Hepburn government has completely played into their hands. The Government is crowding over the savings it has made through its self-legalized welfarism and "chiselling." These savings, like paper profits made in the stock market during the boom days, will disappear overnight when the present hand-to-mouth power supply is exhausted and the Hydro has to go back, hat in hand, to the Quebec companies and take what they offer or build steam plants.—Hamilton Spectator.

In a seven-day traffic census on the London Underground Railways, 300 extra inspectors examined 7,500,000 tickets. Apparently, in the rush hours in the great city there are almost as many people underground as on the surface.

Italy, it may be noted, has taken advantage of the diversion to accept "on general principles" the suggestion of a fresh attempt to negotiate a peace with Ethiopia. It may be guessed that Mussolini hopes to play upon the fears aroused by Hitler's act to obtain all he wants. Italy is never likely to be a very much stronger military power than Ethiopia than today. France's lukewarm support of the covenant has brought this about. The time is very propitious for Italy and on this occasion, be it noted, the negotiations may start without definite advance propositions to which Mussolini must like the man who ever Mussolini is in a position to make the Ethiopian affair an integral part of the general situation and not an isolated incident. This will all help him to put across his racket. If he succeeds, it will in conjunction with Hitler's international gangster conduct furnish something like the crime situation in the United States before the G men were let loose. Will any international G men save the world. Does the British Empire and the United States suggest themselves for the role?—Ex.

Three accidents from gasoline explosions, inflicting death and injury, have occurred in this city and vicinity within the past three weeks. Too many people are unaware of the dangerous properties of gasoline. It is a highly gaseous liquid to be handled with extreme care, especially indoors where it ought not to be kept if possible. It can be ignited by friction, which is the cause of many accidents.—London Advertiser.

Bernard Shaw has advised the United States to check its constitution into the ocean, bag and baggage. This, from the once great Bernard Shaw, is pretty odd stuff, and poor. There was a time when people were shocked by it, or thought it amusing, but it has been worn so thread-bare, is trotted out by Mr. Shaw so often, it has become somewhat pathetic. Jack Benny on the radio, clown like Jimmie Durante and Ed Wynn on the radio, say funnier things than that every night, third-rate though they are. Bernard Shaw, we suppose, will be remembered. For some of the things he has written, he deserves to be remembered. But memory of him, whether long or brief, won't be for the things he has been saying and writing during the past five years. He has become a second-rate clown, and for the sake of what he once was, it would be a mercy if some of his friends could arrange to have him tongue-cut.—Ottawa Journal.

The official organ of the Social Credit government of Alberta, the Calgary Albertan, says: "No one takes seriously at this time the promise of the Alberta government to pay \$26 a month to every adult in the province. Financial conditions make it impossible." And that is just what a lot of opponents of Social Credit have been saying before and since the election.—Niagara Falls Review.

It is true as Lord Tweedsmuir stated in a speech supporting the new league that public health is one of the few things in which the world has really progressed. It is not so many years ago that diphtheria, typhoid and scarlet fever were regarded with dread. Today

That Body of Pours

By James W. Barton, M.D. HELPING BACKWARD CHILDREN

It is a source of great satisfaction to thinking individuals to see the improvement that can be made now in children who are "slow" at school, or who are below normal mentally. In former days, as you know, the youngsters were a dunce in the class and the butt of his schoolmates. To-day he is in a class with youngsters like himself under the supervision of specially trained teachers. At first the improvement was obtained by keeping him free from the jests and taunts of others and giving him individual as well as class instruction. Then attempts were made to remove any infections of teeth and tonsils, make sure that his hearing and eyesight were normal, improve the nature of his diet and of his home surroundings.

However it was not until the knowledge of endocrinology—the science of the ductless glands—became known that great strides in the mental development of these backward children were made. Drs. M. B. Gordon, L. Kuskin, and J. Arvin, Brooklyn, in Endocrinology, record their observations on 155 mentally backward children who showed signs of gland disturbance and 162 who were backward mentally from other causes. The treatment consisted of giving gland extracts (dried extracts of the thyroid gland in the neck and the pituitary gland lying on the floor of the skull), together with proper diet, supervised school teaching, and improved home conditions. Apparently, the gland extracts did not give much improvement, so that any improvement noted was due to the gland extracts and the supervised teaching. They believed that the gland extracts were the biggest or most important factor in the improvement of the backward children. A tendency to continued improvement was observed in 45 per cent (nearly half) of the gland type of mental backwardness, and in only 1 per cent of the other type.

And in the gland type cases due to the poor functioning of the thyroid gland in the neck improved more than did those whose pituitary gland was at fault. It is comforting to know that it is possible for many of these backward children to become useful members of the community.

The Poet's Corner

FROM WESTMINSTER TO WINDSOR (An Expatiate's tribute, on hearing the broadcast of the funeral of His Majesty King George V.) From Westminster to Windsor The King rides to his rest, The orb, the sceptre and the crown Are shining on his breast. And kings and earls and commoners Walk in his wake, and weep, Because the King must sleep.

I hear the guns at Windsor, I hear the tolling bell And the sweet chimes of Windsor Whose tale is sad to tell. For 'tis far from Windsor, Earthwide the tidings ring, To bear my heart to Windsor, Where lies my liege, the King!

Around the bending ocean Around the curving land, Vibrates the veil of ether, That men may understand, While greet the stones of Windsor Beneath the funeral page. Now ends the kingly tenure, But not the kingly grace.

Four stalwart sons of England Walk close behind his side, In grief that must not shake them, On feet that dare not tire. For York and Kent and Gloucester The watch shall soon be done, But heavy hangs the yoke of kings Upon the first-born son.

In Westminster or Windsor The King can never sleep. With crown and orb and sceptre He has his faith to keep. Then let the walls of Windsor With English echoes ring: "God guard these glorious symbols! God rest—God save—the King!" —Dilys Bennett, Seattle, Wash., U. S. A., reprinted from "The Maritime Baptist."

the deaths from these diseases are comparatively few. Tuberculosis, the white man's plague, is being conquered. While cancer is spreading, there is reason for hope that cure will be found for this dreadful malady. Medical science, within the past 50 years, has made amazing progress.—London Free Press. Probably there is more than a contract involved. There is the reputation of Douglas himself as an economist and the prestige of his united theories. If he drafts a plan, and it falls, social credit will be discredited. But if he stands aloof, and Aberhart has to make the plan—and falls—Doug's then can find in it glaring departures from the true faith.—Ottawa Journal.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents. DISCLAIMER Sir.—In your issue of the 12th inst. your correspondent "Pro Moderation" publishes another of his futile efforts at cleverness in which he pretends to reveal himself while attempting to reveal others. May I say for his information, as well as for that of your readers, and in justice to "Prohibitionist," that his guess as to the identity of that gentleman is, in appropriate slang, "all wet"—just as wet as his moderation policy, just as mistaken, just as wet as his newspaper controversy. So once again he has done what evidently of made mere assertions and proved nothing, for the simple reason that his statement is not in accordance with the facts. In all probability "Prohibitionist" will defend himself. I am only interested in keeping the record straight. I am, Sir, etc., BERT WAINER

SENATOR HUGHES PROTESTS Sir.—On the editorial page in your issue of the 9th instant you state: "Senator Hughes has every reason to enter a vigorous protest against the tightening of the Customs laws when he is all for relaxing them." The above is a gross misrepresentation of my attitude on this question, and I think you are intelligent enough to know it. I am, Sir, etc., J. J. HUGHES, Ottawa.

(Since when has the Senator ceased to advocate as a panacea lower duties on alcohol? Here is from the Canadian Press report of the Senate debate: "OTTAWA, Mar. 14.—Excessive customs and excise duties encourage liquor smuggling according to one conclusion drawn by Hon. J. J. Hughes of Prince Edward Island from a long memorandum read in the Senate today. If those duties were out, and the reduction passed on to the consumer, the demoralizing influence of illicit traffic in liquor would be correspondingly diminished. Against this, however, was the argument voiced by Hon. Raoul Dandurand, government leader, that lower priced liquor would make it more accessible to people, and so defeat the ends of temperance.—Ed. G.)

ADVICE TO PARENTS Sir.—I should apologize at this time for writing on this particular topic as my subject does not lend itself to such an interesting reading material as that furnished by some of the controversies recently thrashed out in this column. I feel compelled, however, to take this opportunity of pointing out to the public a common mistake that is annually causing more than twice as many deaths as the automobile. I can assure the readers that if the contents of this letter are carefully read, and understood by all, that it will mean the saving of many lives. I refer to the murderous custom practised by the laity in cases such as this. Johnny, aged anywhere from three to sixty five, awakens in the night complaining of a "bad belly-ache." Some idiotic genius in the household immediately diagnoses the trouble as indigestion due to the lunch Johnny ate before going to bed, and suggests that a good dose of physic is all that he needs. In the excitement it is forgotten that Johnny has often taken lunches before going to bed and that nothing like this ever happened. The fatal castor oil, salts, or other laxative is brought forward, and to make a long story short, Johnny eventually goes to the hospital with a ruptured appendix as a result of the purgative.

Now my dear reader, let me drive this home—never give a laxative in the face of abdominal pains, because if it should happen to be appendicitis it is a very, very, liable to lead to a ruptured appendix, causing peritonitis and possibly death. If a doctor is not immediately available keep the patient absolutely quiet in bed, and give nothing by mouth. Do not apply heat to the side; cold is preferable. In the short space at my disposal let me add that the pain of acute appendicitis does not usually begin in the side. The most common history is that of pain beginning in the pit of the stomach, or all over the abdomen and not settling in the side for several hours. This is particularly true in children, hundreds of whom have been unwittingly sent to their death by being dosed with castor oil during attacks of appendicitis.

In conclusion, Sir, let me suggest that a more complete knowledge of this subject be taught in the schools, and also that a campaign of public education be carried out along the same lines as that now employed in teaching high-way safety. The text book on Hygiene now being used in our schools is deplorably brief on the subject, and fails to make mention of the dangers of laxatives in appendicitis. I am, Sir, etc., DOCTOR X

CONTROL OF THE CONSUMPTION OF LIQUOR

Sir.—In your issue of the 14th inst. "Prohibitionist" is again pouring out mere assumption regarding his pet theory of Prohibition. He will not admit the definitions of temperance, sobriety, and total abstinence found in any standard dictionary because (as he says) they are not in issue with prohibitionists. But most sane people do take these terms into account, with the result that real temperance is a lasting virtue and prohibition merely an ephemeral thing. In fact with the exception of Prince Edward Island it is a

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SHOWED UMBRELLA PIANO LONDON—Included in the collection of children's toys at the Institute of Medical Psychology in London from missionaries in India and Africa was an "umbrella piano" consisting of a flat piece of wood with six spokes of an umbrella.

WASTED PARENTS' LOVE BRISTOL, England—A note saying "It is partly to stop the waste of all your love and care—" was left to his parents when a Cambridge University undergraduate committed suicide.

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