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Morning Maxims

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Much of our knowledge is learned from the experience of others.

DEBATE CONCLUDES

The Budget debate having been concluded, the Legislature will be engaged for the remainder of the week considering the estimates and disposing of the legislation still in committee or waiting final consideration.

The debate, while interesting and informative, has not been productive of much that was new or startling. The Government pursued the policy of hiding nothing, disclosing everything, and leaving the Opposition to pick holes if it could in their policy and administrative acts.

The Government is similarly to be commended upon the legislation it has submitted in the public interest. In almost every instance it has won the approval of the Opposition, which was to be expected, of course, for it will be recalled when the Conservatives were in Opposition the then Liberal Government was largely dependent upon them to keep them straight in the legislative measures they submitted for adoption.

At the present rate of progress, the Legislature should be in a position for prorogation by the end of the week.

FARMERS AND BUSINESS

The Economic Annalist, is largely given over to the presentation of pertinent facts regarding the major agricultural products of Canada and to certain other factors which affect the farmer. Having reviewed wholesale and retail prices, rents, wages, costs, etc., it says that, while farmers' obligations have probably not lessened, the credit situation has been eased for many through a growing sense of a mutuality of interests between creditors and debtors.

The farmers' marketing problems, are so involved that little can be said about them in a short review. The Economic Annalist notes, however, that in many cases the cost of marketing services absorbs a high proportion of the price paid by the consumer. Up to a certain point the validity of "fixed charges" as a deterrent to lower cost of services is not to be denied but it is equally true that the marketing agency with a financial structure flexible enough to enable reductions in capital costs as well as labor is the one that gets the business.

frame work on which improvement may be accomplished. The Economic Annalist concludes that it is the responsibility of the farmer and the business man to seize every opportunity within their present means of reorganizing their business activities on a more efficient basis so that they may be ready to take advantage of any improvement in trade.

EASY MARKS

United States exports to Russia have fallen from \$103,000,000 to \$12,500,000, a decline of 88 per cent but, so far as we have seen, no Washington statesman or American newspaper has advocated the extension of Government-guaranteed credits on sales to the Soviet republics. Over there they are not so easily taken into camp as the handful of Canadian politicians and newspaper writers, who a few weeks ago were all for pledging the Federal Treasury in support of a crazy cattle-oil barter deal.

LOBSTER IN DEMAND

There has been a sharp advance in the requirements of the British market for Canadian lobsters in the first two months of 1933, the amount being 1,247 cwt., compared with 321 cwt. in the same two months of 1932. The value was \$14,830 as against \$4,084. Canada dominates this market. The increase is 288 per cent.

THE LONG VIEW

Charles Kingsley wrote: "The men whom I have seen succeed best in life have always been cheerful and hopeful men, who went about their business with a smile on their faces, and took the changes and chances of this mortal life like men, facing rough and smooth alike as it came." Macaulay's highest tribute to Warren Hastings was that he was "tried by both extremes of fortune and never disturbed by either." The men who can take the long view of life get the most out of it.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The increased exports of Canadian agricultural products served in great way to supplant Germany, Denmark, France, New Zealand, British India, and Belgium, and establish Canada in the fourth place among the nations of the world supplying the British market last year. In twelve months Canada jumped from the twelfth position to fourth on the list.

We are glad to note that Mr. W. M. Lea came out strongly in his speech on the Budget against any proposal of Maritime Union as a cure for our financial difficulties. It is well to have the official Opposition opinion on record on this subject. The Opposition press, when next it gives favorable editorial publicity to such wild-cat propositions, should keep Mr. Lea's statement in mind.

The creation by the Bennett Government of an agricultural stabilization fund should go far to enable our agricultural producers

NOTES BY THE WAY

In the course of a recent speech Major General A. D. MacRae quoted a statement that only two classes of men should be in politics—those who have so much money that they do not any more, and those who have none so that they cannot be made targets for their constituents. His own view is that if they stay in politics long enough, the rich men will be in the same position as the others. As the organizer who ran the Conservative party campaign in the last general election, he estimates that the contest cost the country over \$2,000,000 for the preparation of voters' lists, the payment of returning officers, etc., and that the contestants spent another two million dollars for party purposes. In his view, and in the views of other senators, such an outlay is far too big. One of his suggestions is that the duration of an election campaign should be reduced to three weeks. Such new inventions as the radio for appealing to the electorate, and airplanes for carrying the ballot boxes far afield could be used to this end.

Headlines have been given to the unemployment relief bill sent to Congress on Tuesday by President Roosevelt. There is nothing original in this measure, for it resembles the plan carried out in Ontario and other parts of the Dominion for two or three years past. It aims to place 250,000 of the unemployed at work on national and state lands, doing road work and flood prevention work. The bill follows closely the Canadian pattern in that the workers are to be paid not more than a dollar a day, in addition to the shelter, food, clothing and medical attention which they will receive from the Government.

It is unfortunate that Hitler is kicking up such a tremendous fever, swashbuckling across the stage at the very time when the world is crying out as never before for the nations to get together and bring down their armaments—at a time when as Mr. Arthur Henderson said, the war talk did not represent the feelings of the people. It may be that Hitler is "doing his stuff" for political purposes, just as Mussolini earlier was ever talking about the imperial eagles, the ancient splendors of Rome, and rattling his sword something after the style of Kaiser Wilhelm.

The Canadian Pacific and Canadian National managements are to be congratulated upon the decision announced to pool their passenger services between Montreal and Toronto as a first step in a broad scheme of pooling competitive passenger services wherever practicable. The travelling public are deprived of no necessary facilities under this arrangement, whereas the railways will be in a position to handle the same amount of passenger traffic as now at a substantial reduction in operating cost.

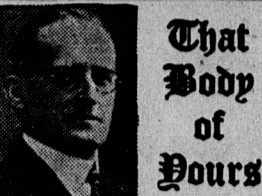
Even the experts disagree as to the workings of monetary policies and they, as well as the general public, are learning many things as a result of the bitter experiences that the world is undergoing and the attempts being made to discover and apply remedial measures.

A New York sky observer notes that the planets Mars and Jupiter are now seen high in the eastern sky in the evening. The brighter of the pair, Jupiter, is now about four hundred million miles from us. It has nine moons, four of which are visible with a small power telescope. The other one, Mars, reddish in appearance, is about sixty million miles away. It has two moons, visible only with high-power telescopes. Both planets are now moving from east to west among the stars, instead of their usual west-to-east motion, because the earth is passing them.

Rising in the political swamps of the Balkans, war clouds are again hanging somberly over the European sky.

In this Province to take full advantage of the Imperial Conference agreements. Hitherto the obstacle has been the disparity in rate of exchange with other British countries. The stabilizing of the pound at \$4.80 on a long list of farm products represents a genuine bonus to the farmers which falls into the same category as the bonus of five cents a bushel paid last year to Western wheat growers. This new step forward is in keeping with the increased import duties placed upon fruits, vegetables and other agricultural commodities from foreign countries which used to be dumped in this market below cost to the injury of the Canadian farming population.

The new budget of United States totals \$3,450,000,000. The portion of that budget allotted to veterans' relief is \$1,105,000,000. This means that 32 per cent of United States running expenses is swallowed up in the care of those who have been incapacitated by war. And the burden that is being carried by the American people in this respect is duplicated proportionately in every civilized country in the world.



By James W. Barton, M.D. THE TEN POINTS ABOUT ECZEMA

You have likely heard of the advice the old doctor gave his son, "Be a skin specialist, my boy; your patients never die and they never get well."

When you remember that more than half of all the skin diseases are made up of eczema in some form, you can understand the old doctor's advice because eczema usually persists for a long time, improves at times, and then becomes worse again.

As you know eczema is not considered a skin disease any more, but just a symptom or symptoms of a number of "wrong" conditions of the body.

Dr. John H. Stokes, Philadelphia, presents a complete list of the ten main factors that make up the cause or causes of eczema. These are:

- 1. The family or inherited tendency toward eczema.
2. The dry skin factor.
3. The oily skin factor.
4. The pus forming organism; due to little pus forming organisms.
5. The fungus infection factor; due to yeast like organisms.
6. The factor of having infection elsewhere in the body causing the eczema, as from teeth, tonsils, and particularly the large intestine.
7. What is called the metabolic factor; that is the rate at which the body processes work. In eczema the processes work too slowly in digesting and absorbing certain foods such as potatoes, bread, sugar, and other starches.
8. The sensitive factor; this is where the body is sensitive to certain foods or irritants.
9. The nervous factor. Excitement, worry and so forth upset the workings of the body processes.
10. Diathesis. This is the tendency of the body in some people to be more liable or likely to develop certain ailments; in this case what is called the eczema-asthma-hay fever complex.

You can readily see from studying these ten conditions that from the background for eczema, that when a doctor undertakes the cure of eczema, he has a real job on his hands. Yet, by just thinking of these, or of one single point—the nervousness, the overuse of starch, the sensitiveness to certain foods or any one of the ten,—he may obtain a cure in a very short time.

Barnyard Technocracy

Here is good news for those who are interested in getting production costs down under what the stuff will fetch on the market. The Henry Ford of the henry has come to light.

L. A. Hazard, a farmer living near North Evans, New York, claims to have found the secret of intensive egg production. He says he frequently gets two eggs a day from a hen and that he has reduced his egg production costs to about eight cents a dozen.

His method is to confine each hen by itself in a small cage, about 16 inches deep by 12 inches wide. The hen is provided with ample food and water, but is never released. All the energy the fowl generates is devoted to egg-laying instead of gadding about the barnyard and other social activities. It is tough on poor biddy's mental life, but it prevents exposure to contagious diseases and fatal quarrels.

As no exercise is permitted, the fowl never toughens its muscles, and even as an old hen still provides tender meat for the pot when it no longer is profitable as a layer of eggs.

pean sky. The intense nationalism of Germany and Italy, the touchiness of France and the ambitions of Russia make up an explosive mixture that could be set off very easily by any little detonation in the Balkan states. And such provocative detonations do not seem to be lacking. Moreover the fifteen year period that has elapsed since the Armistice is the longest period that the world has ever gone without a major war. Swollen with hatred, embittered with prejudice and aflame with suspicion, the nations of Europe are thus faced with a spiritual apoplexy that seems to demand periodical blood-letting.

There are to be found in Mr. Rhodes' speech several indications that the Government realizes the urgent necessity for a thorough overhauling of the whole financial fabric of the Dominion. A Royal Commission is to be appointed to study the organization and working of our entire banking and monetary system, to consider the arguments for and against a central banking institution and to make recommendations for revising or supplementing our existing banking and monetary legislation. That will afford the opportunity for putting into effect vital measures all directed in the interests of economy and sound finance. Mr. Rhodes is not pessimistic as to our future. He sees brighter prospects ahead for our trade, particularly within the Empire. He takes a firm stand against inflation, and he looks forward hopefully to the World Economic Conference as likely to point the way to the international remedy by which alone he believes the international disease which at present afflicts the world can be cured. There is more than a grain of encouragement to be found here.

Press Opinions Of The Budget

(Toronto Mail and Empire, Conservative)

The deliverance of a hard-time budget speech is never productive of pleasurable sensations either for the minister who makes it or for the public which bears it. It generally means fresh burdens for the tax payer, together with further enforced economies. Yesterday's effort by the Hon. E. N. Rhodes was no exception to the rule. Nor can it be said that the Minister of Finance tried to gloss over the picture. He faced the facts, that dealt with them in a plain, lucid style, easily followed by the man of the street.

In the presence of an economic storm which still sweeps the world, business is slack and revenues are still far below normal, though abnormal expenditures have simultaneously to be met. In large measure, these uncontrollable excessive outlays are traceable to years of extravagant administration which preceded the depression. Had a policy of sane economy been pursued during those years, the world depression would not have placed such a heavy strain upon the public treasury and the taxpayers.

(Toronto Globe, Liberal)

The second budget of Hon. E. N. Rhodes is admirably clear as to the needs of the Government and the reasons therefor, and emphatically so as to the sources of revenue. The picture it paints is not worse than anticipated; the hope it offers for the immediate future is restrained. On the whole it is an analysis of the national situation, which can be studied with profit, although not wholly with pleasure.

There can never be gratification in circumstances which call for additional squeezing of the people's pocket book for public services and a still more pronounced departure from traditional taxation methods. Trade is no longer the country's mainstay, and the wage-earner and income man have to dig deeper. It cannot be assumed that the minister is making his new levies with any degree of satisfaction, but outside parliamentary halls there will be much argument that the taxpayers could have been spared some of the extra burden had the axe been applied more earnestly to expenditures.

No Government can give any assurance but the Minister of Finance is not a prophet of gloom. His review of world economic conditions and of Canada's commercial and financial situation invites hope rather than discouragement. The basis for a greater degree of optimism may rest, he says, on the fact that events are moving rapidly, "driven by the urge of economic necessity." Canada will go to the World Economic Conference prepared to give it full support, trusting that exchange controls will be relaxed and restrictions on international trade will be removed. "Slowly, but nevertheless surely," the budget speech says, "the world is approaching full realization of the fact that the day of national self-sufficiency is past, that an international disease can be cured only by an international remedy."

There is cause for gratification in this observation. There is room for confidence in the announcement that the Government will not violate contracts involved in bold issues, seeking lower interest rates only on conversions or new flotations, following a general reduction in money charges. There is the steady assurance that the Administration is unalterably opposed to inflation, and there is much convincing testimony to the soundness of banks and the nation's financial structure as a whole.

(Montreal Star, Independent)

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Keep going with PEP! The stream of love that circles home, Light hearts and free! Joy in the gifts Heaven's bounty lends; Nor miss my face, dear friends!

I still am near;— Watching the smiles I prized on earth, Your converse mild, your blameless mirth; Now too I hear Of whispered sounds the tale complete, Low prayers and musing sweet.

A sea before The Throne is spread;—its pure still glass Pictures all earth-scenes as they pass. We, on its shore, Share, in the bosom of our rest, God's knowledge, and are blest.

—Cardinal Newman.

When Critics Nodded

(Montreal Gazette)

What an entertaining volume might be penned about the curiosities of criticism? Some of the ablest thinkers have made egregious mistakes. Locke did no great credit to himself by endorsing the opinion of his friend Molyneux that, Milton excepted, all English poets were mere ballad-makers beside the "ever-lasting Blackmore."

It was Macaulay who amused himself by conning the book catalogues just to find out how many authors of real genius had been placed in the back row whilst the crowd flocked to capture the verifications of Blackmore and the novels of Mrs. Behm. Who doubts the cleverness of Charles Lamb? It is therefore somewhat of a shock to find that our "inimitable Elia" could crush into a sort of a snowball the works of Hume, Gibbon, Robertson, Beattie, Soames, Jenyns, Dryden, Congreve, Drayton, Mickle, and folk of that ilk, and pronounce them books that are "no books" and about as readable as director-jes and almanacs. And did not Carlyle pronounce Whitlocks, Heylin, Frynne, Burton, etc. "all flat, boundless, dead and dismal as an Irish bog?" Sam Butler, of "Erewhon" fame, avowed he could not stomach "Elia" at any price. There has ever been this freakish variation of judgment. Will it be believed that W. H. Hudson hawked the manuscript of "Green Mansions" the round of the publishers until he was sick of it and they of him? Or again, that Westcott flung the manuscript of "David Harum" upon the cupboard top in despair, saying he could "smell the thing every time he opened the door?"

It may be that good reading is as great a task as good writing. But if the mummified specimens were unwrapped, who shall say the book-lover folk might not be given a great thrill of surprise?

rests with the people of Canada to insist that the Government shall direct its full resources towards the maintenance of economies and guard watchfully against any indication of extravagance in expenditure. The task of the Government will be made much lighter if it meets with disinterested support both inside and outside the Parliament. We hope that both sides of the House of Commons will rise to the present occasion, placing country before party and national salvation before self-interest.



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