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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 1946

Improved Shipping Services

The visit here last week of Mr. D. J. Clarke, president of the Clarke Steamship Company, in connection with plans for improved steamer services between Charlottetown and Newfoundland, and between St. John's and the Magdalen Islands, is a good omen.

In this respect Premier Jones is to be commended for the initiative he showed in getting the improved service between here and Newfoundland, as it was the policy he adopted of appointing a commissioner to Newfoundland that has resulted in the expansion of our trade with that dominion.

In pressing our claims for the new car ferry and other transportation improvements we have received invaluable support from members of Parliament and newspapers in our sister Maritime Provinces. That is something to remember; and we can do so in a practical way, by supporting a long-deferred project which would be of great value to us as well as to them.

The Sackville Tribune in an editorial appeal for united Maritime support of this work says, truly enough, that if the Canal is not built now, in this period of post-war reconstruction, it may be half a century before it again becomes a live question.

There is no doubt as to the benefit we would derive from this proposed 19-mile waterway across the isthmus which joins New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. It would enable vessels from Prince Edward Island to reach United States, West Indies and South American ports without making the long open-sea passage around Nova Scotia's stormy coast.

Many of our readers will recall the Commission which sat here in 1931 taking evidence as to the advantages of the proposed canal. One of the witnesses was the late Mr. Nelson Rattenbury, who made a submission on behalf of the Charlottetown Board of Trade. He offered facts and figures showing that 15,000,000 bushels of Island root vegetables would move through the canal annually and that the saving to shippers in freight costs would run to \$640,000.

The Tribune voices the hope that the Premier of the three Maritime Provinces will unite to press for this project when the Dominion-Provincial Conference convenes. Most members of Parliament and heads of municipalities in the Maritimes are already on record as approving of the scheme. The amount of money required runs into millions, but it would be a bagatelle compared with the millions spent on canals in Central Canada.

Starving People

Speaking to a group in Western Ontario Premier Drew emphasized the role which Canada's food production this year will play in keeping the peace of Europe. Here is the way Mr. Drew put it:

"The threat of totalitarianism in Europe and Asia is greater than at any time during the regime of Nazism, Fascism and Shintoism. It is a battle without arms, but one no less serious. Communism will sweep through Asia and Europe unless the democracies demonstrate, by keeping them from starving to death, the humanitarianism of our way of life."

Commenting on this statement, the Ottawa Journal remarks:
It is becoming increasingly apparent that millions in Europe, to say nothing of those other hundreds of millions in Asia, are today not nearly as keen about what we term democracy as they were a few months ago. They feel that the democracies have failed them and the alarming food situation is often given as the basic cause of this change of feeling. Just to argue that responsibility for providing food is up to the people of liberated countries, or former enemies, is to evade this issue. Starving people do not think rationally

and it is easy to sow among them the seeds for future wars. Rightly or wrongly ways and means must be found to ship more food overseas and the way to achieve such a goal in Canada has yet to be found.

To New Economic Heights

Good news for Canadians as well as for our southern neighbors is President Truman's announcement that civilian production in the United States has risen to record peacetime heights. Furthermore, production is still on the increase and may soon reach the volume of wartime production as at V-J Day.

Everyone benefits when there is more to divide. Profits can rise without injury to the wages of labor. Wages can rise without injury to the profit-earning capacity of companies. Money can be freely spent without endangering the price structure.

If there is anything resembling a cure-all in the economic system, it is the removing of all barriers to full production. Objective of all economic endeavor should be to step production to the maximum and hold it there.

EDITORIAL NOTES

We enter the last week of Lent.

Matthew Arnold, English poet, died this date 1888: "The seeds of God-like powers are in us still; Gods are we, bards, saints, heroes, if we will."

Mrs. Wolkin, widow stenographer, who divulged State secrets to the Soviets, will have two-and-a-half years, or less, to re-consider her application for Soviet citizenship.

A motor bus service in the city should be much appreciated, especially by those, yearly increasing in numbers, who are taking up residence in the suburbs.

Notwithstanding demobilization, travelling reservations are at a premium and have to be made weeks in advance. Conventions have been warned there will be little chance of late applications receiving consideration.

Those who heard Mr. McLure's recent address over the radio are appreciative of CFXY's offer to place their facilities at his disposal. It is good, once in a while, to hear the voices of our representatives, speaking from the seat of Government.

In Central Canada there is a curious mixture of optimism and depression prevailing. Everywhere one may hear the same prophesy that good times would continue for at least three years, with the proviso, "unless labour upsets things." Prices, one is told, are bound to rise higher and higher, which is bad for the ordinary wage earner, especially the white collar workers, teachers, store clerks and such like.

From his experience as a farmer, Senator Sinclair knows that "the willing horse gets the load to bear", so he is not altogether surprised, though he complains, that in the Senate honorable members avoid appointment to important committees where the actual work of the Senate is performed.

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Notes By The Way

One worthwhile by-product of shortages and inflationary prices has been the re-emergence of fashion, insurance men report. There's less stuff, and it's harder to sell it than to burn it.

Some patriotic Canadians should be getting around more and telling the people about Canada. The schools and universities welcome orators and speakers who give to the auditoria and declaim about how wonderful it is to live in any other country but Canada.

A famous prima donna on returning to her home town was invited to sing at the church where she had made her earliest hit as a choir soloist. She refused to work in the choir professional capacity and was not invited to sing again.

Isabella Shepherd, of Rhineland, in North Wales, is 106 years old and has smoked cigarettes for 50 years. She has some sort of proof that cigarette smoking is not harmful, long-lived people and that the Anti-Tobacco League will be able to prove that the habit has not done her any harm.

It is not too much to say that nobody can use slang itself to any real effect unless he is also aware of what vast resources are at hand in the English language. Slang is like pepper: too much of it spoils the dish.

It is evident from these proposed agreements (the food contracts announced by Agriculture Minister Gardner) that Britain intends to continue her war-time policy of subsidizing agriculture.

Hundreds of thousands of salaried workers in Canada are being affected by a period of years, and with the income tax taking a huge bite out of their pay, they are being affected more and more.

When four members of the Soviet Embassy staff at Ottawa were caught going through an apartment in Ottawa, they claimed diplomatic immunity. They declared the Ottawa police had no right to arrest them as they were on the embassy staff.

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"Prospects for the year 1946," continued the Chancellor, "are less sombre than some of the scribbles have imagined." Estimated expenditure for 1946 is £2,360,000,000, a reduction of £1,728,000,000 (thirty-one per cent) on the estimate for last year.

The debt charge for the year 1946-47 he estimated at £490,000,000 war damage payments one hundred to one hundred and fifty millions, £3,800,000,000 for the constructive work for education, school milk and meals, housing, family allowances, old age and widows' pensions and development areas, the treasury should henceforth no longer be a curb but a spur.

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PUBLIC FORUM

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When I read your ad in the paper every year, an article is proposed to raise the exemption limit to two thousand pounds and reduce the duty on other estates so that those who own two thousand pounds and seven thousand five hundred pounds would be partly relieved of those between seven thousand five hundred and twelve thousand five hundred left the same and those over twelve thousand five hundred would pay more.

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The Poets Corner

Alas how soon the hours are over
Counted us out to play the lover!
And how much narrower is the stage
Allotted us to play the sage.

EDINBURGH - (CP) - Tom Johnston, chairman of the Scottish Tourist Board, said recently that Scotland should make all the arrangements required for visitors.

RUB OUT THAT GOLD WITH MINARD'S "KING OF PAIN" LINIMENT

WANTED
Ale Bottles, Feed Bags, Horse Hair, Iron and Metals, Scrap Tires, Hides.

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