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"Liberty, Justice, Equality" 1

A new light on the National Park expropriation scandal was thrown at the New Glasgow meeting by one of the speakers, Mr. O. C. LePage, a brother of the President of the Executive Council, when he stated that in some cases the Government had "paid too much."

"He himself had gone to Charlottetown with one man whom he felt was not getting enough for his property, and Mr. LePage had been instrumental in getting the man some extra money for his property." (Patriot report).

Here we have a striking example of the unfairness resulting from the Campbell Government's manipulation of judicial powers in fixing valuations at its own will and pleasure, regardless of the right of every citizen to appeal to an impartial and competent tribunal.

Why should "too much" have been paid to certain persons, and too little to others? In one case it is the public treasury that is being mulcted, in the other case the dispossessed proprietor.

Again, why should one farmer's good fortune in being able to come to more satisfactory terms with the Government be dependent upon the intervention of a third party, Mr. LePage, a brother of a leading Government member?

The last thing our people want is a return to the old system of Family Compact. But what have we here?

More Farm Competition

The outstanding feature of the concessions given to Australia and New Zealand under the new trade arrangements announced by the King Government, is the wiping out of the protection to our Canadian farmers established by the Bennett Government.

True, better tariffs remain unchanged. This is significant because it was the Bennett better tariffs that received most criticism from Liberal candidates in the last Dominion election. But in order to effect what is termed a more equitable balance of trade, the Canadian farmer will be expected to "pay the piper" by sweeping reductions on meat and other tariffs. The Canadian tariffs of fresh lamb and mutton are to be reduced from three cents to 1-1/2 cents per pound; with free entry on Australian and New Zealand canned meats, poultry and game, and on canned fruit other than peaches and pineapples. New Zealand hops, canned whitefish and grasshopper are also to be admitted free.

An Old English Custom

In England recently, the 217th annual music festival of the cathedral choir of Gloucester, Worcester and Hereford was held, the programme continuing for a week, bringing music lovers together from all parts of the British Isles.

The London Times, in an editorial on the subject, says that since for six years (1914-1919), when the festivals were suspended, the annual meetings of the three choirs in one or another of the three cathedral cities have been held continuously since the early years of the eighteenth century. They were begun before the name of Handel was known in England outside of London, and many years before any of Handel's oratorios, which in the process of time became the mainstay of the festival repertory, were composed. Originally the three cathedral choirs met for the combined performance of the daily service, with the object of mutual encouragement and improvement in their art. Gradually works outside the scope of the choirs of men and boys with or without organ accompaniment were introduced, such as Purcell's and Handel's settings of the Te Deum with orchestra, and presently the oratorios of the latter were undertaken with the aid of women's voices in the choir, and the engagement of famous solo singers, both male and female. The original purpose has never been lost sight of, however.

In these days when music-making is apt to be regarded as a species of national propaganda or civic advertisement, says the Times, the local character of the Three Choirs Festival distinguishes it happily from newer institutions. The festival supports a local charity, the widows and orphans of the clergy of the three dioceses; its choirs, a mixed choir of men and women, is one of local amateurs, and its conductor is always the chief musician of the cathedral in which the festival is held. The music given reflects not the changing fashions of the town-bred specialist but the more constant taste of country dwellers. The programme at Gloucester cathedral showed a slowly accumulated repertory. Handel in the eighteenth century was succeeded by Mendelssohn in the early nineteenth, and Bach was the rediscovery of the latter part of that century. A selection from Messiah, Elijah, and the Mass in B minor represented them with their masterpieces. Modern English composers were represented by Elgar, Hubert Parry, Vaughan Williams, George Dyson, Herbert Howells and others.

It would be difficult to exaggerate the cultural effect over a long period of music festivals of this kind. And there is no reason why the custom should be confined to the Old Country. There is scarcely a group of villages in this Province or any other part of Canada where such festivals could not be introduced. It is a mistake to associate, as we too frequently do, the great treasures of sacred music with attendance merely at Sunday services. Music is supremely capable of making its own appeal, and every community that possesses a church choir has possibilities in this direction.

Rising Prices

A contributor to the Monetary Times points out that almost unnoticed as yet by the average consumer, is a pronounced trend toward higher prices. During the past year there has been a steady rise in the wholesale prices of nearly all commodities for which the Dominion Bureau of Statistics compiles index numbers. Many industries have also increased their wages scales, thus adding to their costs.

That the consumer has been getting a lucky break is shown by the index of retail prices, which has risen from 75.4 in July, 1936, to 78.4 in July, 1937, an increase of only four per cent. In the same period the index of wholesale prices of consumers' goods, covering 236 commodities, has risen from 74.3 to 81.1 an increase of 9.15 per cent., while the index of wholesale prices of producers' goods, covering 402 commodities, has risen from 72.1 to 90.3, an increase of 25.2 per cent.

Barring an unexpected serious decline in wholesale commodity prices, it is highly improbable, says the Monetary Times writer, that the consumer's luck with retail prices will hold. Consumers, however, are also producers and the revision in prices should be offset by generally increased purchasing power. Restoration of depression cuts in salaries and wages has been partially or wholly accomplished in many industrial and commercial enterprises. If the farmer must pay more for what he buys he will be in a better position to do so. The price index of Canadian farm products has paralleled the course of other commodities, rising from 69.3 in July, 1936, to 92.5 in July, 1937, or 30.6 per cent.

Editorial Notes

Marechal Foch born this date 1851.

Lord Tweedsmuir lost no time in boosting Island oysters.

Italy rejects overtures for amicable withdrawal of her forces from Spain, and Japan rejects the U.S.A. demand for respect for her citizens and property in China. No wonder Lloyd's refuses to issue any more war insurance policies.

Creamery butter production in Canada last year was 70 per cent. of the total, and the whole creamery and dairy combined represented a value of \$77,035,500. The total production of cheese, factory and farm made represented a value of \$14,372,128, the farm made cheese being estimated at \$11,102,3.

According to our Ottawa letter the Federal Government is in for a great deal of trouble over the tripling of our exports to Japan. He says these are principally for war purposes and "it is almost inconceivable that this Dominion should continue to carry on this profitable but painful trade without in some way incurring serious trouble in the very near future, or endangering the peace of the whole British Empire."

More than 40 contestants vied for honors at the Saint John Kiwanis Club plowing match, held morning and afternoon on the field of William McDonald, Loch Lomond Road. In spite of the heavy rainfall during the greater part of the match, hundreds of spectators were present. Premier honors in the plowing matches went to Sam Templeton of Haylock in the novice class and to John Jones of Fairfield in the open class. All the events were keenly contested. Which reminds us that our plowing matches have so far failed to materialize.

In the Province of Quebec the establishment of a Catholic, provincial body to examine moving pictures and take steps to provide the province's movie goers with films meeting strict moral standards, is proposed by Cardinal Rodrigue Villeneuve. The Roman Catholic Church in Quebec shortly will adopt a definite policy with regard to moving pictures which "so often lead our youth in evil ways, presenting life in a false perspective, destroying ideals of pure love and respect of marriage and suggesting skillfulness in crime," said the cardinal.

Advantages of using porcelain in dental restorations were described by Dr. William A. Squires, formerly professor at Columbia University at the 13th annual Fall Dental Clinic in Montreal. "While porcelain has been used in dentistry for a long time, in one form or another the intensive experiments and research of the past few years have produced marked improvements in both the quality and technique of manipulation," he said. "Porcelain crowns now replace the old unsightly gold crowns and in many instances can be made without the destruction of the pulp. The public's appreciation of porcelain in dental restorations is growing so rapidly that it keeps the porcelain specialists constantly on their toes to bring about further improvements."

Lord Runciman, who rose from messenger to multimillionaire as a ship owner, in his last will and testament denounced the super succession duties as being the worst and most ruinous of all taxes. He charged his son, the former President of the Board of Trade in the Baldwin Government, to do his utmost to have them removed. But his suggestion is called "plain nonsense" by the London Daily Express which points out that Lord Runciman left as far as can be ascertained 2,388,453 pounds (\$11,822,813), on which estate duty and interest of 1,176,130 pounds has been paid. "The Bible, which Lord Runciman studied, has said the whole piece on this point: 'Living on the money that another man made is not sweating. In the last few years, we have seen Sir John Ellerman leave 40,000,000 pounds, Lord Woolavington 7,000,000 pounds, Arthur Mills 3,500,000 pounds, Sir Henry Wellcome 2,138,000 pounds and so on. The state took about half those vast accumulations. Have you seen any of the heirs begging for a crust on the street? There is only one serious complaint to be made against death duties. They are not nearly steep enough."

NOTES BY THE WAY

Much importance is being attached in Great Britain to a recent decision of the Court of Appeal which, by a majority of two to one, has put the right of way at uncontrolled crossings. If a pedestrian is injured while using such a crossing no plea that his negligence contributed to the accident will avail, says the court. In the case in question the view of the pedestrian who was starting to cross the street was obscured by a passing car. The lower court held that in such circumstances he was negligent in attempting to cross. However, the Court of Appeal, pointing out that the law required the driver of every motor vehicle, when approaching a crossing, to proceed at such a pace as to enable him to stop before reaching the crossing, should there be a foot-passenger on the latter—Winnipeg Tribune.

Japan, says its spokesman wants to re-establish co-operation with China. It has adopted a curious means of doing so. Can the Japanese war lords really expect that their actions in bombing cities to pieces and overrunning large areas of country will fill the Chinese with an eager spirit of co-operation? A curious sidelight on the Chinese sense of honour meanwhile has appeared. Despite all the numerous outrages and humiliations being suffered at Japanese hands, the Chinese Government is continuing payment of its debt to Tokio, for redemption of loans and Boxer rebellion indemnities. Last so general and scrupulous people as the Chinese seem roused to heroic resistance shows how enormous and unbearable the invader's aggressions have become.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

It is questionable whether, after the first seven years of the school year, any further military value to offset his growing age. Indeed, it may well be that, so far as the rank and file are concerned, the advantages of the professional soldier are diminishing, for in proportion as the Army is mechanized and war grows more "total," the military value of civilian skills increases. And, in any case, Mr. Hore-Belisha's changes depote the Reserve by as much as they increase the serving units. For this reason, it is very unlikely that the Army will revert to a long-service basis for all its men. It may be, however, that in future there will be a substantial long-service element, and, if so, it might be possible to enlist the short-service remainder for even less than seven years. Cardwell himself originally proposed three years, and such a short period would have the double advantage of attracting recruits and quickening the flow into the Reserve.—London Economist.

Having proved that she is the granddaughter of Theebaw's queen who gave an end of trouble in fighting the British, a Burmese girl has presented a problem to the Burmese Government at Rangoon. She demands as a right \$9,275 to have her name changed to Burmese. Buddhist priests in a manner befitting a granddaughter of King Theebaw. In yellow petticoat and green hat she appeared before Sir Archibald Cochrane, the Governor, and stated her demands. The British agent is puzzled as to what to reply but the princess believes she holds a trump card because the Indian Government before Burma became independent paid \$5,000 for the expatriation of her mother and father her three aunts.—Chronicle Telegraphy.

At home, Stalin has encouraged private savings, inheritances, wages, the speed-up system in factories and the nationalization of the means of production. He has abandoned the ideal of a world revolution, advised Communists to form united fronts with once-despised Socialists and Liberals, joined the League of Nations and entered into an alliance with bourgeois France. From the standpoint of pure Communism, every one of these moves is a confession of failure. A decade of failures, then, culminating in a blood-purge, the most damning confession of all. How much longer are rational observers expected to wait before they bring in their verdict.—Providence Journal.

Partition is only the beginning of a new era, not the end. In their restricted space the Jews cannot develop and expand in the manner envisaged by Zionist ideals. They will be forced to negotiate with the Arabs for more room, and the Arabs can negotiate with them as free men on equal terms. They will have unrestricted control of the valuable asset of vacant land. They can barter it against the sovereignty of Palestine. And then if they leave that asset in the hands of the Mandatory, the Jews—whatever limits may be imposed on their immigration—will some day inevitably become the majority of the population of Palestine. And then it will be too late for the Arabs to consider the obvious advantages to them of the Partition proposals made by the Royal Commission.—H. St. J. B. Phibby in The Contemporary Review (London).

It would be impossible to overestimate the beneficial influence of the New Testament on human affairs. Democracy derives its inspiration and strength from Christian doctrine. From the purely secular point of view, there is no book which can be compared with the Bible for its literary value, and as a regenerative force it stands supreme. It is the right of every child to be made familiar with its contents—it is the privilege of citizens to assist in this effort to see that they are.—Hamilton Spectator.

Turning eggs in an incubator is but a poor substitute for reversing the normal process of nature. A break in milk cows is a very different proposition from coming home at that identical hour with the same lacteal product; nor can the swirl of the contents of a preservative can compare in any way with the favourably with the swing and swirl of a dance hall. That women have taken to farming after years of liv-

PUBLIC FORUM

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THE CONSERVATIVE LEADERSHIP

Sir,—I see in the Patriot to-night an editorial in which it is stated that there are several aspirants to the Conservative leadership in this Province, mentioning in addition to Dr. MacMillan, ex-Premier, Mr. W. Chester S. McLure, ex-M.P., Mr. H. Frank MacPhee, and Mr. G. Snelton Sharp. May I be allowed to flatly contradict this so far as Mr. McLure and Mr. Sharp are concerned. I do so as Mr. McLure left this morning for Montreal on business and will not be back until Tuesday evening in time for the Conservative meeting. Not only is he not a candidate for the leadership, but has arranged to propose Dr. MacMillan for the position, seconded by Mr. Sharp. As for Mr. MacPhee, those who know him will readily appreciate the absurdity of him being mentioned as a rival for his great friend the Doctor for leadership. I am, Sir, etc.

J. J. STOREY.

THEORY VS PRACTICE

"I think there is both wisdom and common sense in what 'old teacher' says. I am almost as prone to fads and hobbies as we are to fashions. In reading these letters advocating high college education for farmers, I am reminded of Henry Ward Beecher's experience in gardening. When a boy, I read one of his sermons of lectures in which he illustrated by a story, the comparative uselessness of theoretical knowledge when not supplemented by practical experience. He referred to a man who had never done any gardening. He got all the best books on gardening and read them through carefully. Then he went to work! Despite all his book-learning he grew nothing. His garden was a complete failure! Who would engage a lawyer to plead his cause, who, though full of theoretical knowledge, had no experience in a law office, nor a court of justice? Who would trust a tailor to make a suit, who had never sewn a stitch, though he had read a roomful of books on cutting and sewing? Everyone knows the absolute necessity of practical knowledge to the physician or surgeon. With your permission I will illustrate this by an incident that happened when I was quite young. A stranger had come to one of our villages. He claimed, not only to be a drug-store but also a physician and surgeon. He loved to talk about his College learning and his knowledge of sickness and diseases. One day a man came for him in a great hurry. His wife was sick. Of course he could not refuse to go. Arriving at the home, he went at once to see the patient. Coming out of the room, rubbing his hands together in a significant manner, he said "A serious case indeed I advise you to send for an old lady." I am, Sir, etc.

ANTI-FAD

The Poet's Corner

GARGANTUA

Gargantuan ranges of blue-dappled hills Roll down titanic coasts of cobalt shires, While inland dreams a sunstruck city's ghost, Streaked with the level scarfs from temple fires. Down, down the hills a bull-voiced waterfall Plurges from cloudy cliffs that climb so high, It echoes like an organ from a hall Of stars that wend into the windy sky. And there are monstrous footprints in the sand That twist up rusty roadways red as snakes Unto an upland paved with level floors Of copper water stagnant in iron lakes. And hooded peaks vault into clouded wooder From the island's voice rolls out to sea, Reverberating words of blatant thunder, Dull as a demon's glee. Its hill's sequester meadows wailed With flame-like plumes that bloom upon the wings, While red clouds wither by— The rose had made his nest among the cliffs. And in the evening from a mountain's dome, Remote as thought, there blurs the sound of drums That call the giants home. —Harvey Allen.

The Japanese government has approved a war budget of \$600,000,000 to prosecute the campaign against China—more than the total cost of the previous Sino-Jap and the Russo-Jap wars combined. The peculiar part of it is that Japan passes the war budget but refuses to admit that she is at war.—Chatham News.

Behind The Headlines At Ottawa

By Dean Wilson

As the flames of warfare spread death and destruction in China, there is a definite indication of uneasiness in Ottawa. It is not a discomfort due to sentimental reasons, but a practical cause has brought a grave problem to the Federal authorities and final decision must be reached regarding future action of the Canadian Government in this Far Eastern crisis.

The man on the street in the Dominion does not realize that Canada has been carrying on a tremendous trade with Japan, which in recent years has risen to unbelievable figures. The average month finds that the Dominion has shipped no less than about two million dollars worth of exports to that far country, but now it has become a serious question if this trade can be carried on without endangering this country in some foreign entanglement, since it is obvious that much of the purchases of Japan in Canada are intended for only one purpose and that is for nefarious object of warfare in China.

Within recent months, the exports to Japan have climbed steadily upwards. While a few months ago, Canada sold about one million dollars worth of goods to Japan each month, today this figure has been doubled. The chief articles that have been exported consisted of Canadian raw materials and used metals which the Japanese Government has utilized for the purposes of manufacturing armaments. In fact, the latest figures indicate that non-ferrous metals formed most of the bulk of these shipments, and it is reported that there are a great many standing orders for similar articles that may bring the Canadian exports to that country to three times the present figure.

Now the Canadian Government must take account of this trade, and therein lies the problem, because it is sometimes extremely difficult to refuse any shipments since such action unquestionably endangers the good relationships existing between the two countries and there is no way to definitely prove that the articles bought in Canada are intended for use in manufacturing armaments, although it must be confessed that it is extremely unlikely that they are employed in any legitimate enterprises.

As an example of the problem facing the Canadian Government right now in this warfare between China and Japan, and how the authorities find obstacles in trying to determine the object of certain importations from this Dominion to Japan, it is best seen in the case of the large quantities of Canadian spruce and balsam trees which are cut up here and sent to Japan.

During the Great War of 1914-1918, Germany developed a chemical process which allowed the manufacture of explosives from "gun-cotton" instead of the ordinary and more expensive cotton, and this process required large quantities of cellulose from trees. Japan has been manufacturing explosives by this less costly process, and this explains the large importations by that country of sulphite pulp, which averaged about 250,000 tons each year for the past several years. Canada has supplied about 40 to 50 per cent of this sulphite pulp. These high explosives are made through purifications of the pulp and a treatment with nitric and sulphuric acids, with the resultant product being a vicious killer, which it is estimated by experts of the Pulp and Paper Research Institute of McGill University at Montreal, as strong enough to blow up a whole city block and kill hundreds of people, if one Canadian tree (spruce) is used in this manufacture.

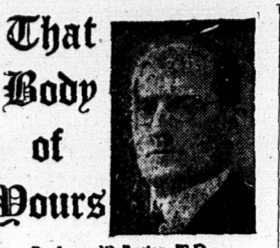
However, Japan has been and still does import these products from this Dominion, claiming that it is for the purpose of manufacturing artificial silks, which is a thriving industry in that Far East-

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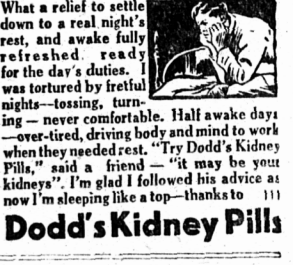
the buoyancy of spirit that comes with a well developed body undergoing daily physical exercise. Sweden, Denmark, Russia, Germany, Great Britain, are all encouraging these group exercises. There is, however, a further step that should be taken by all nations. Recently in Great Britain The Physical Training and Recreation Bill passed its third reading in the House of Commons. The aim is to build up a new leadership to train men and women and to inspire the whole nation with the ideal of personal fitness.

"Every child is to have access to physical education. Work in this direction has already been done by the National Playing Fields Association, which has helped provide 1,000 playing fields and spaces during the past twelve years. Most of these are in the factory districts where the need is greatest. Their aim is not mass drill formation but to develop the desire for physical health and recreation by encouraging the playing of team games, which develop mental activity as well. They would rather have a million people doing 100 yards in twelve or thirteen seconds than a few swimmers doing it under ten." I believe that all parents, everybody in fact, realizes the physical and to some extent the mental development obtained from basket ball, football, cricket, hockey, lacrosse, baseball and other games, but the all round moral or spiritual development attained by these games is often overlooked. A boy (or girl) who must control the impulse to play unfairly (commit a foul), thus controlling the temper when temptation is great, for the sake of his or her team, is developing self control for the days to come. Similarly the will or obedience to play in the outfield in baseball, the wing line in football, the defence in basketball, when to be the pitcher, the half back or the forward, is his great desire or ambition, is developing an unselfishness that will be a part of him throughout his entire life.

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