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SIGNS OF THE TIMES

While the full benefits of the Imperial Conference agreements will not be felt immediately, there are already indications in Canada of substantial improvement in trade and commerce following the Conference deliberations.

Steady increase in Canadian butter and egg prices. Upward reaction in the bacon market. Increased value of Canadian dollar in New York.

Nova Scotia to benefit immediately by new British tariff preference on apples.

Australia introduces new tariff amendments, removing all prohibitions on Canadian imports as from Sept. 1.

Negotiations to be opened this fall for new and better trade agreement with France.

THOSE OYSTER AREAS

At a meeting held recently at Freeport, Lot 11, protest was made against the leasing of oyster areas by the Dominion Government. A lengthy report of the meeting appeared in Wednesday's Guardian.

It is unfortunate that the attitude of those who attended the Freeport meeting should be so misrepresented. The meeting was not an indignation meeting, as was shown by the resolutions adopted which were suppressed in the Liberal organ's report, but which appeared in full in The Guardian.

Nor is it correct that the present federal administration has given away any rights which the fishermen possessed under the agreement entered into between the Mackenzie King Government and the Saunders Government on Feb. 27, 1928.

Clause 5 provides specifically that the Government of Canada "shall not grant any of the aforesaid areas except by way of lease for a term of years and for the sole purpose of the production and cultivation of oysters or other mollusks within the demised premises."

Clause 6 provides that "the lessees under any leases granted by the Minister shall, subject, however, to the Fishery Regulations of Canada, have the exclusive right to the oysters or other mollusks produced or found within the limits of their respective leases, etc."

to the Government of the Province annually the names and addresses of persons, firms and corporations to whom leases have been granted, as provided by Sections 5 and 6."

It will thus be seen that in leasing the oyster areas the present federal administration has continued the policy of the King Government, as explicitly set forth in the agreement signed by Ex-Premier Saunders on behalf of this Province.

Whether a new agreement should be made is the question in dispute. Doubtless the resolutions adopted at the Freeport meeting will be given every consideration at Ottawa, and everything possible will be done to meet the requirements of our fishermen.

Now that the disarmament question is to the fore in the European chancelleries, German statesmen, quite understandably, enter the plea that, if sincere, other nations should cut down armaments to Germany's level or concede her claim to a position of equality with their own.

TURN OF THE TIDE

Increased optimism among business men in the Maritime Province is reflected in the following reassuring comment in the Maritime Merchant:

"Eight months of the year have passed, and if during that time trade has been quiet and industry has not revived, there is certainly a well-grounded feeling of greater confidence. Because there has been so heavy a drain upon public and private resources for so long a period, and because there is still so much unemployment throughout the country, the merchants cannot expect trade to show rapid growth or indeed any marked gains for some time longer."

EDITORIAL NOTES

A new industry is about to be established in connection with the white whales in Hudson Bay. Seven of these mammals, caught in the bay at the instance of the Manitoba Development Board, have been brought into Winnipeg for testing out possibilities in this regard, according to the Natural Resources Department of the Canadian National Railways.

Speakers at a Liberal meeting in Nova Scotia recently seemed to find some consolation in the suggestion that as the sun was being eclipsed by the moon on that day, so also the Conservative government would be eclipsed by the opposition aspirants to power.

Clause 7 provides that the Government of Canada "will furnish before it happens this way again."

NOTES BY THE WAY

Business men are not inclined to expect too much or too soon of the upward turn at present evident. They will be satisfied with a slow rate of recovery if there is indubitable evidence over the next few months that the decline is at last over and the turn begun.

Canada went into the last Imperial Economic Conference knowing that concessions to be obtained from the United Kingdom could only be secured at the expense of Canadian manufacturing industries, notwithstanding all that had gone before.

In adults where there is not enough thyroid substance being manufactured there is a dullness of intellect, indifference to surroundings and events, lack of resolution, and lack of memory. People suffering with this condition—myxedema as it is called—desire only to sit still and be left alone.

While iodine is helpful in preventing goiter and in curing some cases of simple goiter, it cannot or should not be used in the severe or toxic form of goiter where it may produce serious effects.

Through the efforts of our merchants and other business men, Charlottetown is to hold a community union. This is a move in the right direction. We need to get together and talk things over.

Lord Ivenforth, one of the greatest figures in the World War is credited with having said: "All the fallacies and wild theories of revolutionary minds break ultimately on the rock of industrial fact."

Before the League of Nations preparatory disarmament commission, Count von Bernstorff demanded "parity in disarmament" for Germany.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

That Body of Yours

You have likely noticed from time to time a number of people with an enlarged lump in the front of the neck. You know that it is called goiter, but cannot understand why one of your friends with a small goiter must undergo an operation for removal of part of it, while another friend with a larger goiter is not compelled to undergo any treatment whatever.

Goitre or goiter is an enlargement of the thyroid gland which is shaped like the letter U. It is an organ that is necessary to life itself as it manufactures and passes into the blood a substance that is necessary for the growth and development of mind and body.

In adults where there is not enough thyroid substance being manufactured there is a dullness of intellect, indifference to surroundings and events, lack of resolution, and lack of memory.

That taking iodine into the system would prevent goiter was known to the Chinese fifteen centuries B. C., as well as to the Greeks and Romans.

Persons who believe they are suffering from goiter should consult their own doctor and be guided entirely by his advice in the matter of treatment.

Wild Oysters

In three weeks' time the oyster season will open and the beds at Whitstable and Colchester will gradually yield up their stores to epicures who will not quibble at the price if they can be sure of getting the right article.

Luck may come with about half a dozen oysters in the net, ranging from 4 inches in diameter to some smaller than a shilling. These tiny forms, to all appearances, like thin shells, are not despicable, for in five years they will be retrieved from the beds as marketable oysters.

The main principle is to sink specially constructed cement boxes in the sea off Whitstable, into which

SUMMING UP THE CONFERENCE

The world is beginning to sum up the results of the Imperial Economic Conference. And its conclusions, almost unanimously, are favorable.

Cabling from Moscow, William H. Stoneham, special correspondent of the Chicago Daily News, says that Soviet Russia believes her trade with Britain has suffered the severest kind of blow.

Argentina's ambassador to Britain, returning there, offers the opinion that the agreements may make a considerable difference to the Empire trade of the Argentine.

The Detroit News, leading American newspaper, thinks the treaties entered into will mean much for

the whole Empire, asks if the United States is going to be distanced in the race for foreign trade.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin, back in England, says the Conference was an "unexpected success," that it will mean greatly increased Empire trade.

And so on and so forth from statesmen, industrialists and economists.

It is not a question of propaganda, nor of the wish being father to the thought. The Toronto Financial Post publishes cold figures which show that the agreements arrived at cannot but make a vast difference. They indicate that over \$1,000,000 of United Kingdom trade is affected. Thus:

Table with columns: New Proposed Preference, Present Preference, Average U. K. Imports 1924-28. Rows include Wheat, Copper, Cheese, Dried fruits, etc.

The Poet's Corner

UNDER THE STARS What if the multitudinous airs From this cool sphere Should once infest the universe, that wears

Its empty stars like gems And life, as here Upon those fiery worlds have birth; O burning stars, Look on this broken, cooling spot of earth.

When night unbars The quiet paths of space, what aspect bears This alien ball; Is there no fateful mark upon the world That trails its creature griefs and songs, Solitary, through the heaven's vacant throng?

—E. Owen, in Everyman

Avoiding The Extreme

(Exchange) The extremist is never with a large following. There are two extremes in all things, but the multitude will always be found half way between the two.

Even in such a humble occupation as housekeeping there are the two extremes and the happy medium.

about three out of that number come to maturity, for the jelly-like substance, so minute as to be seen only through a microscope, often gets lost in mud and weeds.

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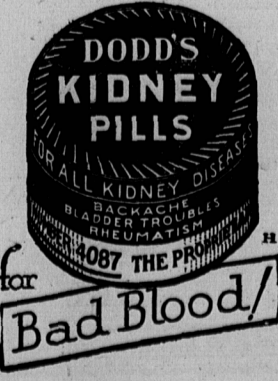
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