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Palestine's Future

Appropos of the discussion of Palestine's future, an enquirer has asked: "What is the Balfour declaration?" It is a passage from a letter written in the fall of 1917 by the then foreign secretary to Lord Rothschild. This, it may be noted, was shortly before Lord Allenby captured Jerusalem from the Turks. The declaration read: "His Majesty's government view with favor the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people and will use their best endeavors to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country."

It should be observed that there is no sort of promise to hand Palestine over to the Jews. What was promised was to facilitate the establishment of a national home for Jews in the Holy Land. The safeguarding of the rights of non-Jewish peoples then in Palestine was a definite proviso. The final clause is plainly indicative that it was not then proposed to make the national home a purely Jewish state, the existence of which might be construed as making aliens those persons of Jewish race who claim citizenship in other countries.

The Balfour declaration has been the basis of British policy in administering Palestine under a League mandate. All attempts to reconcile Arab and Jew have, however, failed. The partition suggestion of the Peel commission was founded on admission of this failure. It was recognized as a solution far from ideal and one of the minor objections to it was the possibility that the creation of a purely Jewish state may affect the citizen right of Jews incorporated in some other nations and desirous of preserving their present citizen status.

There was objection to the allocation of the northern part of Palestine to the Jews when usually they are popularly connected with the southern part; yet it was really in the north that the Israelites took root, established a civilization of their own and grew. King David did not take Jerusalem until B. C. 1048, and the kingdom was divided in B. C. 975. Then began a series of invasions and captivities until the Maccabees freed Palestine in B. C. 168-141. But Pompey conquered it in B. C. 63 and the Jewish state was entirely destroyed by Titus in A. D. 70. The Moslems took the country in 637. It was the scene of the Crusades, became a Christian state for a short time and was incorporated in the Ottoman Empire in 1516, where it remained until taken from Turkey in the Great War.

Children's Book Week

The educational value of books has become more widely appreciated in this Province through the establishment of public libraries. The possibilities of directed reading, outside the school curriculum, are being tested with gratifying results in some school districts, and the progress in this direction is in direct proportion to the cooperation given by the school, the home, and the library.

National Book Week, now in its twentieth year, is being observed next week and the occasion is being taken to stress the advantages of juvenile reading. The Charlottetown Public Library is arranging for a special display of children's books, which teachers, parents and pupils are invited especially to see. The volumes are beautifully illustrated, and there are books suitable to children of all ages. When one recalls the difficulty, even a few years ago, of obtaining juvenile literature of the right sort, the opportunity now available to every child is like a dream come true.

Lloyd George On Hitler

The Toronto Telegram recalls that two years ago Mr. Lloyd George visited Germany, where he met Hitler, satisfied himself about his intentions, and saw what had been done under the Nazi system. He returned full of enthusiasm and eager for an Anglo-German accord. Hitler was "one of the greatest of the many great men he had ever met." The Nazi system was a "great achievement." He had never seen "a happier people than the Germans." Hitler was arguing "for defense and not for attack," and had "no desire to attack any country in Europe." The dictator sincerely desired British friendship. Germany did not want war, but was "only suspicious of the Franco-Soviet pact," which was the "real reason" for occupation of the Rhineland. Hitler "naturally" wanted Memel and Danzig, which were "as German as Hull is English," but he had "no desire to absorb millions of Slavs whom he would regard as an offence to his doctrine of racial purity."

All this was given in an interview on September 21, 1936, when the Spanish war was two months old. At that time Mr. Lloyd George thought it natural that Hitler should want places in which the population was predominantly German, considered the Franco-Russian treaty a threat to peace, and advocated an Anglo-German accord. Now he rages against the Government that refused to make war on the "great man" and the "happy people," that permitted the return to the Reich of 3,500,000 Germans, that

would not fight to maintain the Franco-Russian treaty, and that is seeking an Anglo-German accord. In 1938, he thought such an accord should be "extended to include France." That is what the Government he denounces has in mind.

The interview is interesting not only as evidence that Lloyd George has changed his mind—none ever doubted his ability in that line—but as evidence of the divided opinions in Britain at the time when Hitler was showing his hand. Winston Churchill saw danger in the reoccupation of the Rhineland; his fellow critic saw only a reply to the threat of the Franco-Soviet treaty. The prophets then were in conflict; they are united now in criticism only because both are disgruntled politicians eager for office and angry against the Government that won't give them a chance.

A Poor Excuse

The "unbalance" of the Canadian butter market in the last few weeks is attributed by our local contemporary solely to "the heavier production by almost every province of Canada and the extremely weak export market." This explanation ignores the increased importation of nearly a million and a half pounds of Australian butter in recent months, and also the fact that a wider export market was one of the things guaranteed our farmers by Liberal election campaigners. But taking our contemporary's explanation as it stands, how does it relieve the King Government from responsibility in the matter?

One of the farm measures introduced by the Bennett Government, in July, 1935, was the establishment of a fund of \$1,000,000 to be used to bonus our dairy industry by payments of 1 1/4 cents a pound, cheese weight, to every farmer sending milk to a cheese factory. This was done for the purpose of discouraging farmers from piling up high production of butter and forcing Canadian prices down to the world level. The bonus was paid until the end of October, and acted as a stabilizing influence on the industry. It was passed without division in the House.

Wandering Oysters

The United States Bureau of Fisheries reports that the right and title to uncounted thousands of oysters were swept as one result of the hurricane which swept the coastal section of New England recently. Disturbance of the water was so great that oyster beds were moved bodily from one location to another.

In many cases owners of beds found their fields either diminished, or practically denuded. What they lost, of course, was gained by some other oyster bed, according to the Bureau, as none of the crop was actually destroyed. However, that reflection would not seem calculated to bring much comfort to the loser. It is stated that title to the transplanted oysters rests with the owners of the beds where they finally landed.

Editorial Notes

Canute died this date, 1035
 Tomorrow the anniversary of last stage in the Battle of the Somme, 1916.

As the years roll by the keeping of Armistice Day becomes more general and appreciative. Yesterday, due no doubt to the crisis we have immediately passed through, the ceremonies and celebrations were more tensely observed than ever, and the feeling prevailed of "never again in our time let war ravage the Empire, but if need be we are still ready to carry the torch."

It is rather unkind, to say the least, for our esteemed contemporary to declare, even unintentionally, that Miss Nora Bateson whom the Campbell Government "let out" here from her library job, has been "appointed director of Liberals for N. S." They may need direction all right, and Miss Bateson is the lady who could give it.

Hear from a usually reliable source there will be no change in the Lieutenant-Governorship until at least after the Royal Visit. The Statute of Westminster has changed the office of Lieutenant Governor very materially. Now, like the Governor-General, he is the personal representative of His Majesty the King and not of the Imperial Government as formerly, and his appointment is at His Majesty's pleasure.

There were 836 pure-bred cattle at \$73,535 for the improvement of stock exported in September, 805 of which went to the United States, 28 to Newfoundland, two to Trinidad and one to Bermuda. In August the export was 681 at \$66,205 and in September last 1,253 at \$114,275. Cattle for dairying purposes weighing over 700 pounds numbered 951 at \$62,759 compared with 717 at \$47,062 in August and 950 at \$67,433 in September, 1937. All except 28 went to the United States, the balance to Newfoundland and St. Pierre. Beef cattle under 700 pounds numbered 563 at \$9,391 compared with 405 at \$7,019 in August and 6,938 at \$188,104 a year ago. Beef cattle over 700 pounds numbered 8,501 at \$514,581 compared with 7,842 at \$510,934 in August and \$11,775 at \$78,852 last year. In August this year 7,204 head of beef cattle over 700 pounds went to the United States, 958 to the United Kingdom and 329 to Newfoundland. The export of horses was 213, of which 175 at \$16,048 went to the United States, 23 at \$4,100 to the United Kingdom and 25 at \$3,075 to Newfoundland. The total was \$24,123 compared with 213 at \$28,224 in August and 680 at \$83,594 in September last year. Sheep for the improvement of stock, all of which were exported to the United States numbered 246 at \$4,462 compared with 441 at \$10,764 in August and 186 at \$2,617 in September, 1937. There were 1,773 head of pure-bred poultry valued at \$2,077 compared with 1,665 at \$1,524 in August and 1,488 at \$1,979 a year ago. Last month 1,670 went to Newfoundland, 102 to the United States and 1 to Denmark which had an export value of \$20.

NOTES BY THE WAY

There can be little doubt that feet, those of girls as well as of boys, are growing larger. And it is not only the feet of the rising generation of girls that, like their mothers and grandmothers, they don't let it worry them. The feet of high school girls are considered almost a status symbol; today, so many of them lead outdoor, athletic lives that they cannot seem to care what size their feet are. —Brockville Recorder and Times.

Japan intends to treat China as conquered territory. It takes the position that what happens there now is mainly Japan's business and that of no western country. There is no longer even a pretense of an Open Door. Treaties that guaranteed it are as obsolete as if they had been written in the language of the Etruscans. And unless Washington, Paris and London want to go to war over this—as they do not—there is no doubt that they can do about it. —New York Sun.

It's a pity that more attention has not been given to the significance of baling wire. Best sellers have been written about wire, but could the farmer have got along so well as he has? Think of the gates held shut the sets of harness fastened to the wire, and all the emergency repair jobs made possible by a piece of cast-off baling wire. Nor is the farmer the only one who profits from the use of material. Automobile printing presses, coffee grinders, sewing machines and who knows what else are running this very day just because a length of wire was at hand at the opportune time. Some men even hold up their pants with the stuff. —Crane, Missouri, Chronicle.

Although little is being said about it as yet in the British press, there is now in evidence an awakened interest on the part of the people of this country in the field of investment which produces for the future both of the Dominion and of the Mother Country. We hear week by week of substantial British investment being made in Canada by a class of British investor who has the means and has used those means to improve himself and his country. These things are bruited about in the press but they are not generally known. The cause of the volume of these investments but because of the sources from which they come. There are many who have made money in these same quarters. Canada has not been regarded with too much favor, but happily, the British have not. The stability of Canada's institutions, the illimitable character of her resources, the prowess and enterprise of her people, and the many and promising industries which thus arise to attract the attention and the capital of informed investors on this side of the Atlantic. —Canada's Weekly London.

Would not a spontaneous display of loyalty to the Empire at this time greatly strengthen it at the head of affairs? It would certainly give pause to those foreign commentators who, from interested motives, are declaring that British power is declining, that British prestige at home and overseas is at a low ebb, that the Empire is divided and that Britain can no longer count upon the co-operation of those nurtured at the breast of the Empire. It is now for West Indian Legislatures to indicate, by resolutions of support for the Mother Country, the staunch and tried national of our loyalty. Our own unofficial members of the Empire are also to indicate an appropriate motion to be brought forward at the opening of the new session. They can give it their unanimous support. They can show, just as war has shown, that the Empire is one and indivisible, so these outposts are determined to stand shoulder to shoulder with Britain and fight the battles of the peace. —Trinidad Guardian, Port of Spain.

We lament that our manpower destroyers and torpedo bats, about sixty submarines, are being built if we do not organize those we possess China is discovering that neglect too late. To begin with, there is no hope of doing without the popular spirit for it. For the moment that spirit is being demonstrated in a willingness to endure the temporary inconveniences of technical equipment. But that is not enough, and the condition of the Army—the lack of the necessary equipment and the absence even of a small permanent striking force—is perhaps the most serious defect in the forces at the command of the Government. The provision of trained man-power. It takes longer to train a seaman than to build a battleship. The Army and the Air Force feel acutely this country's isolation from world developments overseas. The reason for this is the R.A.F. must be wholeheartedly welcomed. —Sydney Herald.

British visitors to Canada during the last few months have returned with increasingly glowing reports about the economic and political position and prospects of the Dominion. There can be no doubt that from the point of view of trade, Canada possesses most of the advantages of the United States without at least some of the outstanding disadvantages which American business has to face. Unquestionably Canada is being financially independent of both Great Britain and the United States. The chances are that the Dominion will gradually redeem her debt to Great Britain and will borrow internally. In the event of war, Canada might even be able to borrow from the Motherland could borrow from the United States. Owing to her immense natural resources, her distance from potential aggressors, and the certainty that the United States would in any case defend her against aggression, Canada has come to be regarded as the land of the future. —The Investor's Magazine, London.

That Body of Ours
 by James W. Barton, M.D.

SURGICAL OPERATION FOR HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE

In these days when the subject of blood pressure, instead of appendix operation, is so much discussed, it should be worth while to give a few minutes' thought to blood pressure. If it is too high there must be a cause for it, and the cause can or can not be removed.

In cases where the high blood pressure is due to nervousness or excitement, acquiring calmness of spirit is the first thought. Not that high spirit pressure is dangerous in itself but if the elastic tissue in the blood vessels is kept on the stretch for long periods, some of the elasticity will be lost.

When the high blood pressure is due to some infection the removal of the infection is naturally the first thought. However, there are the cases of high blood pressure where actual changes take place in the blood vessels and blood vessels are replaced by hard tissue, changes in the structure of the kidney which hold back the flow of blood, and changes in the heart which prevent it pumping the blood with sufficient strength. It is in cases such as these, where the blood pressure is very high because it has to be high to pump against these difficult obstructions, that operation may be necessary.

Dr. L. Davis and Mr. H. Barker, Chicago, in Annals of Surgery, Philadelphia, speaking of the high blood pressure due to these changes in the heart and bloodvessels state that the degree and speed of these changes depend somewhat on the age of the patient and the height of the blood pressure; the younger the patient and the higher the blood pressure, the more rapidly do kidney, bloodvessel, and heart disturbances develop.

2. No chronic kidney disease present after all tests, including laboratory, have been made.
 3. No evidence of hardening of the arteries in the hands or feet.
 4. Throughout months and years the blood pressure went up and down at times; did not stay at one level.

The lesson here is that cases for operation are selected where the high blood pressure is persistent, and bloodvessels is likely to occur.

The Poet's Corner

CYRANO DE BERGERAC
 I carry my adornments on my soul
 I do not dress up like a pippinjay;
 But inwardly I keep my daintiness,
 I do not bear with me, by any means,
 An insult not yet washed away—
 A conscience
 Yellow with unpurged hate—an honor
 Our rays of freedom
 To rags, a set of scruples badly worn.
 I go unparaded in gems unseen,
 Trailing white plumes of freedom,
 Garlanded
 With my good name—no figure of a man,
 But with my oath in shining armor,
 Hung
 With deeds for decorations, twirling
 A bristling wit, and swinging at my side
 Courage, and on the stones of this
 Cold town,
 Making the sharp truth ring, like
 Golden spurs.
 —Edmond Rostand.

"For Once In Their Lives"

(Sydney Post Record)
 Speaking in London, Ontario, in support of E. O. Hall, C.C.F. opponent of Hon. R. J. Manion in the Federal election there, Mr. J. S. Woodsworth, M. P., issued a somewhat brusque invitation to the Liberal electors, who have no party candidate of their own in the running to rally to the support of Mr. Hall on polling day. "I hope," he said, "that they will be independent for once in their lives and go and vote C.C.F."
 A bid for support, coupled with an insult, looks like such tactless politics. It is hard to explain Mr. Woodsworth's long journey without getting anywhere in public life. Exhorting the London Liberals to "be independent for once in their lives" is obviously to brand them all as a hide-bound lot, and is an imputation of partisanship which comes with questionable haste from a politician whose stock in trade consists always of bitter attacks on the major political parties.
 If he does not carry his own partisan blinkers, it might have occurred to Mr. Woodsworth that the London Liberals would be displaying pre-emptive independence in voting Conservative as in voting C.C.F. Obviously all of them who go to the polls shall have to vote for a party other than the one they themselves may be adding their own party label, and to that extent may be assumed to be displaying the independence Mr. Woodsworth counsels. It may be added that those of them who vote Conservative will have the advantage of a much more concrete idea of what they are voting for than those who may cast their ballots for the upholder of the vague theories of the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation.

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PUBLIC FORUM

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PROPAGANDISTS, PACIFISTS, PARTISANS

Sir—Once more, grant a little space. I said "Goodbye to Mr. Tanton, but so loyal, self-sacrificing, zealous, a prohibitionist, deserves another kindly word of approval. He hates the label 'partisan' so I hate to use it. Let himself put on the tag. He thinks the Conservatives promote prohibition so much more effectively than the Liberals. Well, perhaps? But I am non-partisan enough to say that neither of them has much to brag about. Tweedledum and Tweedledee! Then "Old Time" 88 years a teetotaler. Congratulations! But how does a man who quotes Scripture so frequently talk about "creating moral and political issues." Let him read the prophecies and see there the effective combination of religion and politics on a high spiritual level. Has he forgotten that Jesus was put to death not for religious heresy but for sedition and treason, "He stirred up the people." He called Herod "that fox." He is the preacher to pass over graft, corruption, favoritism, and oppression of the poor by the rich? The song of Mary, "The Magnificat" is more revolutionary than the "Internationale," song of the Communists. "He hath put down the mighty from their seats and exalted them of low degree." He hath filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich empty away." That sounds rather like Russia, doesn't it?

He seems to accuse me of pacifism. Very good. I wish every label stuck on me were as honorable. That at least is Christian. But there has never yet been a pacifist government, certainly not in Britain. Pacifism is not folding hands or twiddling thumbs in the face of militarism. It means appealing to the good in every nation, the good in every working common folk, the great masses who dread war with its hatred, bitterness, lies, nervous strain, bloodshed, butchery. Why should the ordinary German, Italian, Jap, fight against the ordinary Briton, Canadian, Frenchman? Their interests are alike. Pursue their occupations, try to their families, live in quietness. But those small yet powerful groups in each nation, the possessing class, the ruling class, (including cause they possess) competing for raw materials, markets, investment opportunities, come into conflict. Some to gain, others to retain. In Britain, it is to retain) economic advantage resort to war. By owning, controlling, or influencing the press, they stir up the prejudices and passions of the common folk. By clever propaganda they persuade the public that the prestige, power, prosperity, of the nation is at stake. War is declared. Why not spend as much money, brains, energy, ingenuity, in promoting peace as governments are now doing to prepare for war? The Pacifist prepares for peace, ready to give billions in peace propaganda of all kinds.


Lastly, "Democrat" approves of the "Paclock Act" and wants Communists suppressed. Imagine such a person signing himself "Democrat." His logic is hopeless. We suppress brothels, bootlegging, and therefore wrong ideas, especially wrong ideas about politics, such as Communism, Fascism, etc. Britain elects a Communist to Parliament. Quebec sends him to jail. Freedom of speech, of press, of assembly, is a fundamental of Democracy, of British Democracy. If the Duffin legislation is as innocent as so-called Democrat contends, why was it expected all over Canada that Minister of Justice Lapointe would disallow the act as a violation of the constitution? My last letter, ends as my first began, with his plea for freedom of speech, and against the suppression of ideas however radical. Christianity is the most revolutionary of all systems and ideas. I am Sir, etc., J. W. A. NICHOLSON, North Bedouque.

STILL IN THE TOILS

Sir—The way of the transgressor is hard." The Patriot is still struggling to cover the unsavory King Government butter bungle. He claims the "dumping duty" was not repealed, it is still in the Act of Parliament. It was only disposed of by "Order-in-Council." Just so "Guns" however, were "into the fire." Too much of interest! haste to consult Parliament, "George couldn't wait." The Government's New Zealand and Australian proposals were in a hurry for relief of their surplus stocks, and so by

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lament was shelved. And the apologist tries to manipulate this into "not repeal it." If not repeal, then what was it?
 And the method still more dangerous. What a travesty upon their campaign! (That's what's called by the Patriot, "No more Government by Order-in-Council") no more executive tricks behind the doors of the people's representatives. Their will, as expressed in their acts, will not be trampled upon. This was a King personal trump card. Again what a repudiation of all its economic propaganda, in claiming that tariffs, "high tariffs" so often trumpeted, was the damning factor in our commodities, which now, in one of its complete voice, declares has no influence on the price of butter. Now it falls back on the formerly discarded claims of the force of the laws of supply and demand. What a tortuous twist from pre-election preaching!

Then with flimsy argument it tries to blame the over-Canadian production for the declines in prices. (But that's what's right). There is no surplus in excess legitimate home market demand, if the MacKenzie King invitation to announce as against the Benjamine, Ten million pounds of native butter, now in storage, would be inadequate for the off production and short winter supply. Twenty million pounds would not peril the market if outside butter was included. Investors would only too gladly purchase it all, and would keep up a stationary price if they were not confronted with the cheap competition of Southern butter. Why they wanted to sell it in January to May, having been caught with sharp losses in the former King Government price smashing adventure, they are now shy of the trap.

For about a month back Central and Eastern Canada markets have been flooded with Agriculture. (Laws) either almost daily price declines of 1-2 to 1-4 per cent, or an alternative "easier market" for the winter. The Benjamine price 24c to 25c now have the low down of 22c and even less. This took in the heyday of the glorified King Government prosperity.

Home produced butter cost high as to produce in New Brunswick in any province in Canada, yet the finest creamery was last week on retail in St. John at 24 1/2c per lb. I personally saw the price and sampled its high quality. Only 36,000 boxes exempted from "dumping duty," says the Patriot. Only 2,100,000 lbs to displace a like quantity of our Canadian butter, to further depress what it admits to

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