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THE UPWARD SWING

Phenomenal improvement in the stock market, in the British pound sterling and the Canadian dollar valuation in the United States, is reported in today's news columns.

The upward trend in the pound sterling and Canadian dollar was noted in New York on Tuesday's close, when the pound was 5 1/2 cents higher than on Monday, and the Canadian dollar had risen 1/2 cent.

Proposed inflationary legislation for the United States was given as the chief initial reason for the realignment in exchange values.

CONFEDERATION

The political cross currents which entered into the question of Prince Edward Island's union with the confederated provinces of Canada are discussed in an article in the current issue of the Dalhousie Review by Professor J. A. Maxwell, of the Department of Economics at Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Professor Maxwell occurs in the general opinion that it was the financial difficulties involved in constructing the Prince Edward Island railway that finally forced us into Confederation.

remained a separate province. But the significance of this also had been lessened by the Washington treaty. Probably less material reasons had a greater influence.

TWO OF A KIND

Wading through reams of partisan criticism in the local Opposition organ's issue of yesterday we were amused to find, in a news item on the back page, the story of a man "who earns his living going around finding fault with everything."

Our contemporary has gone this ingenious individual one better, for in the absence of legitimate cause for political faultfinding it keeps the pot boiling by rehashing old issues and concocting imaginary ones.

SOUND INVESTMENT

In Canada and the United States the present week is being devoted by life insurance companies to an educational campaign emphasizing the importance of life insurance as a means of obtaining financial independence.

Certainly there is no sounder investment on the market today than a substantial life insurance policy. It not only offers the greatest security against privation, but it encourages habits of thrift and industry which are invaluable, especially to young people starting out in life, to whom particularly this form of insurance should appeal.

A FORWARD MOVE

The interest taken by the Charlottetown Board of Trade in the boosting of home industries has resulted, as stated in yesterday's news columns, in the appointment of a committee to investigate the feasibility of organizing a local Manufacturers' Association.

campaign was favorably discussed and a committee was appointed to interview or circularize all manufacturers in the Province for the purpose of organizing an association.

While urging greater interest in home industries, those interested in the campaign are not unmindful that the great and basic industry of this Province is now, as it has always been, general mixed farming.

The brief presented to the Government stresses the fact that a great proportion of imported agricultural products could and should be grown and milled within the Province. "It would seem," it says, "that our people would do well to return at least in part to the paths trod by their fathers by the growing of and preparing for use some of the foodstuffs and feeds now imported," and it concludes with the assurance that the Board of Trade will endeavor to co-operate in every way in the boosting of these and other home industries.

RECIPROCITY

The contention, advanced in Liberal quarters, that the Bennett Government has "stolen the Liberal reciprocity policy" because of the increasingly favorable predictions that a reciprocal trade agreement between Canada and the United States may shortly be reached, is one of those arguments designed simply for the benefit of the credulous.

By Washington enactments during the nine years of Liberal rule at Ottawa twenty-five products of Canadian farms, including cattle, horses, sheep, poultry, grains, meats, milk and other dairy products, seeds, vegetables, fruits, etc., were taken off the free list while duties on other things were doubled, tripled and in some cases made five or six times as high as they had been previous to 1920.

Thus cattle, which had been free, were taxed 3 cents a pound. Sheep, which had been free, were taxed \$3 a head. The duty on poultry was increased from one cent to eight cents a pound. Eggs, which had been free, were taxed ten cents a dozen. Potatoes which had been free, were taxed 75 cents per 100 pounds. The duty on hay was increased from \$2 to \$5 per ton.

Mr. King and his colleagues were in power in Canada during all the years that these tariff enactments were being passed at Washington but the records do not show that they uttered a word of protest or lifted a finger in the protection of the Canadian agriculturist!

But this is not all. Meeting criticism in Parliament Premier Bennett stated recently that the Empire trade agreements did not debar Canada from making reasonable trade agreements with other countries but in the case of the United States, he said the first ventures must come from that country.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The first human transfusion was performed in 1666 in Paris by Jean Baptiste Denis. His youthful patient had been bled, according to the custom of the day, for an obscure fever and was in a state of exhaustion; nine ounces of the blood of a lamb was transferred to him, and almost at once improvement followed.

The Boston Post says: "The head of a group of bankers, speaking in New York, struck a keynote on the 'new honesty' needed in bank operation and in business. We have read a lot about the 'new deal' and the 'new freedom' and other 'new things,' but the idea of a 'new honesty' is one that taxes the patience. There is no such a thing as a 'new honesty.' Honesty is not dated. It is a virtue whose characteristics have always been the same and always will be. What is needed is the old honesty."

Sir Josiah Stamp in a radio message to the people of the United States last Sunday declared that leadership is the great need of the present day. He said that it could only be looked for if the United States and Great Britain could find it possible to co-operate together to common ends.

The Government, says an exchange, from its assumption of office has declared itself in favor of the decentralization of industry. It wants to keep the people on the land and keep them there by the setting up in each town and village of the subsidiary industries that will employ those of the families of the land workers who are not engaged in agriculture.

The report of the Belgian experts following an investigation of the wreckage of the ill-fated Imperial Airways liner, "City of Liverpool," appears to be an exoneration of the Company of any oversight or fault in the machine or on the part of its crew. Nothing abnormal was found in the examination of the machinery, according to the report; the petrol tank did not explode in the air, and it has been ascertained that a fire occurred in the passenger cabin before the machine struck the earth.

The famous gambling casino at Monte Carlo is to be closed unless business picks up rapidly. The casual reader may think this is a matter of small consequence in a world of great affairs. The sucker who insists upon being trimmed still will find someone able to do the trick, and if the picturesque inhabitants of Monte Carlo must go to work until the United States millionaires return in force to its roulette tables need we worry about that?

Every Canadian vessel that passes through the Panama Canal pays an average toll in excess of \$4,000 or about a dollar per ton of cargo. Every ton of cargo passing through the Suez Canal pays \$1.50 in traffic tolls. The Panama Canal pays the United States Government three per cent on its investment. The Suez Canal pays a return of 75 per cent. The Manchester Ship Canal pays a five per cent dividend on \$45,000,000 of stock. Canada reaps no direct financial return from its enormous canal investment.

Reformation of criminals is a duty of the State, but in the fulfilment of that duty it is essential that the State, in its regard for the criminal class, should be mindful of the class which is not criminal—that is to say, to the public generally. A great deal of pampering of prisoners has been done with the mistaken notion that this was the best and surest way in which to bring about the criminals' reform.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

That Body of Hours

ARTHROITIS OF THE SPINE

You may see a man walking along the street with his back bent or see one who is very straight, but in either case you detect a "stiff back."

This is one of the conditions that causes considerable discussion in damage suits and is usually due to arthritis (inflamed joints) of the spine.

An individual may have some infection in the system and it gets into the little joints between the bones forming the spinal column. It may be anywhere in the back—neck, upper or lower back, but most cases are in the lower back.

After some time his pain gradually disappears and while the back may feel a little stiff at times, he goes about his daily work in his usual manner.

He has an accident of some kind—falls some distance, attempts to lift a heavy load, is struck by a motor car or has some other type of accident. He is laid up for some weeks or months, and then the damage suit gets under way.

The defendant—usually an accident company—quite properly shows by the X-rays that the claimant had had an inflammation of the joints of the spine and that his trouble is more likely due to this than to the accident.

Dr. A. J. Weber, Milwaukee, on the basis of a careful analysis of 100 cases of arthritis or rheumatism of the spine, says that the condition is usually found past the age of forty, and more commonly in men than in women.

It may not cause any real symptoms noticeable to the patient until an injury occurs and causes some disability.

An injury may aggravate this chronic inflamed condition, which is giving no pain, to such an extent that the individual is completely disabled insofar as the back is concerned.

Therefore Dr. Weber points out the need of a careful study of each case, not only by physical examination, but by the X-rays as well, in order to determine the condition that was old and had existed at the time of the injury, and that which has been caused by the injury. In this way one can determine to a reasonable certainty what a man's disability should be and what part of this disability is directly due to the injury.

There are cases where the shape or build of the individual is at fault when an injury occurs. Sometimes where the body is long and wide, or the lower back too "hollow" (bends forward too far) and an injury occurs it causes trouble in the joints of the lower back.

The use of the X-ray will often show the cause of the trouble and point the way toward relief.



DAWN

All night I watched awake for morning; At last the East grew all a flame: The birds for welcome sang — or warning— And with their singing morning came.

Along the gold-green heavens drifted Pale wandering souls that shun the light; Whose cloudy pinions, torn and rifted, Had beat the bars of Heaven all night.

These clustered round the moon, but higher A troop of shining spirits went, Who were not made of wind or fire, But some divine dream-element.

They sang, and as a mighty river Their voices washed the night away; From East to West ran one slight shiver, And waxen strong their song was Day.

—A. M. F. Robinson.

Old Automobile Club Reorganized

The Automobile Club of America, pioneer organization of motorists in the United States, which was dissolved in New York City last year as a result of the depression, has been reorganized as the Automobile Club of America, Inc.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

MORE INFORMATION WANTED

Sir,—I have been reading in your paper, a brief prepared by the Board of Trade and presented to the Government, and in connection with it, a proposed campaign to be launched to induce our people to buy more within the Province.

Now it is an inexorable law of economics that a people must sell the things that they produce or they cannot buy the things that they require. Are those business men prepared to provide us a market for our products? If not where are we to get the money for this "home buying" proposed? Our business men have been largely patronized by our rural people all along. They not only offered us a market for our stuff but have been our worst competitors. Many of them rushed into potato growing, fox ranching, poultry and other lines. It is disagreeable to have to say this but it is merely stating the facts.

Under such conditions increased "home buying" by our rural people can not take place under any law of economics. It is proposed, then, to bring it about with propaganda through the Women's Institutes, the Board of Trade and self-discovered reformers.

Perhaps they intend the "Tourists" to consume all that we can produce.

I am Sir, etc.

CURIOS

The Number Of Books

(Montreal Gazette)

It has been stated by a member of one of the largest American publishing firms that in spite of the business depression the number of books issuing from the printing press shows no diminution. As a matter of fact, the output of literary material, alike in respect of books and magazines, is ampler than ever before known. Some three thousands years ago it was remarked by a philosopher who had grown blasé and cynical: "Of the making of books there is no end." What would he exclaim did he live in our age? Some forty years ago it was computed that the National Library at Paris contained 800,000 separate volumes and 148,760 acres of printed paper. The Library of the British Museum came next in order with a total of 700,000 volumes arranged in forty miles' length of bookshelves. The Leipsic catalogue has the names of 50,000 German authors; and how many books were destroyed in the destruction by fire of the libraries at Vienna and at Louvain who could possibly tell? It has been estimated that if the booklore in volume form of five of the greatest libraries of modern times were laid side by side, the total would cover some ten thousand acres.

To neglect no precaution to secure success. The Manchester Guardian declares that the plain, immediate need is that these proposals should be turned into an Act as soon as possible. It adds that if the Indian leaders stand aloof they will do their country the worst disservice.

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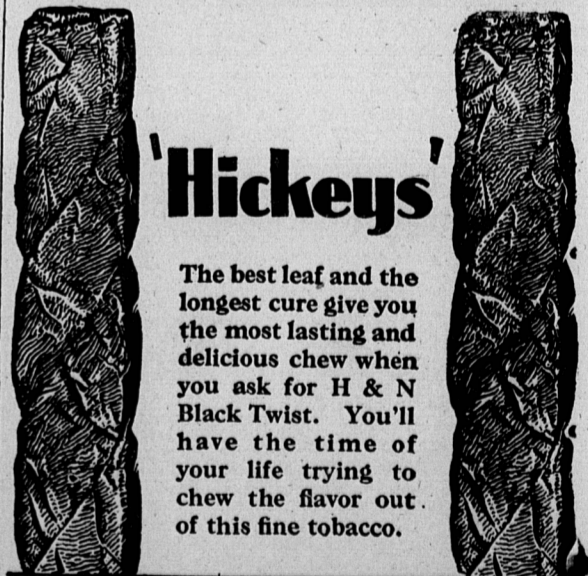
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