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The B.N.A. Act

During the war an amendment was made to the British North America Act, and it was made so swiftly as to open the eyes of many to how precarious are the guarantees that the Act provides.

The point is not whether any proposed amendment is drastic or slight, desirable or unfortunate, says the Montreal Gazette, but that the procedure in every case of change should be such as to prevent any Federal government from so acting as to impair the position and rights which the provinces possess.

The issue has recently been raised by the decision of the Federal Government to redistribute the electoral seats in Canada more nearly in accordance with the shifts that have taken place in population.

It is important to note that the point of Premier Duplessis' protest is not the redistribution of seats itself, by which Quebec is certain to gain the most.

It is true that there has been a very long and involved legal controversy as to just what constitutes the Canadian federation.

Without entering into the details of this involved controversy, it would seem, for all practical political purposes, that the provinces cannot be expected to regard themselves simply as the creatures of the Federal authority, to be made or unmade as the Federal authority may decide.

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would not be the most desirable thing but it didn't prove unworkable before. Mr. Duplessis' 'autonomy' would be preserved. Any provinces which are in financial straits would be relieved. Those which do not need it wouldn't have it imposed on them.

Shorn Shearing Sheep

This is how it happened, according to Mr. Patrick H. Ashby, M.P. for Edmonton East, as reported in the House of Commons:

"When I started out in sheep I was advised by agricultural experts not to start with pure-breds but to buy a few good range ewes. When it came to shearing time I did have some difficulty. I started forth with a hired man. I remember that I was nearly played out catching the first one, but I finally got it on its back. Then I found out I was faced with a worse job than ever before because there were four sharp feet flying around in all directions.

"I had no sooner got the wool off one side," he continued, "than the sheep managed to run its front feet up under my shirt and ripped it off my back. My little boy was jumping up and down and shouting, 'You are winning daddy!' I got the other side off. I was just about to finish cutting the last little lock off the end of its tail when it got both feet up the legs of my pants. The sheep staggered off minus its coat while I sat on the ground minus my pants. The hired man called it a draw."

EDITORIAL NOTES

St. Barnabas.

Dominion Day, the next public holiday, is not a half-and-half as was yesterday's, but a well-established and recognized event.

Fires are no respecters of persons or buildings, but it is noticeable that hotels and churches, where people are most likely to congregate, are frequently the scenes of outbreaks.

The Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island Highlanders are all now safely home, the 3rd Battalion, "the caretakers" having arrived Saturday. The Battalion has a glorious record overseas, in the front line practically since "D" Day.

Threats of revolution should be sternly dealt with by the powers-that-be. Unfortunately, at this particularly critical time we have no Government head in whom the people have much confidence, the Prime Minister being overseas, and his deputy, one in whom the Provinces did not pin much faith during the recent conference.

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Notes By The Way

Swing musicians don't get what they should be paid as band leaders. Maybe because there's a law against it!—Winnipeg Tribune.

Widespread conversion of coal-burning heating equipment to fuel oil is "aggravating," we are told, the fuel oil supply situation. Perhaps we had better start to work on the climate with atomic bombs.—Ottawa Journal.

There is nothing which has happened yet to the crop which cannot be repaired by good rains from now all the way to the end of the year. We will need better than usual growing conditions to produce a better than average crop. We are under a handicap now in that, though sown early the crop is late due to unfavorable conditions. We have seen plenty of months of June in this country which have provided the ideal conditions for the crop this year.—Lethbridge Herald.

In an Ontario township there's a mother, aged 15, currently receiving the baby bonus on account of a child she gave birth to not long since. The mother's mother is at the same time receiving the baby bonus on account of a child she gave birth to not long since. A cynic suggests that perhaps the infant's father's mother also may be receiving the baby bonus on account of a child she gave birth to not long since. The mother's mother is at the same time receiving the baby bonus on account of a child she gave birth to not long since.—The Printed Word.

A big future is expected for a new and unique structural material known as the British plastics industry. This material, known as holoplast, was used in the Empire Antigua—launched from the Tyne-side recently. Holoplast has many outstanding features which make it a perfect boarding for a ship's interior, i.e., for doors, walls and ceiling. It is fire resistant, does not rot, is unaffected by water, normal heat and humidity, does not absorb moisture, is impervious to vermin and white rot, has good insulation qualities and has the strength to withstand shock without cracking or breaking. It is moreover non-flammable and won't support combustion. The basis of holoplast is a special kind of plastic resin, which is cured in the ordinary way by heat and pressure.

Americans in common with most peoples of the world are likely to be aggressive when their motives are suspected by foreigners, and to lay that suspicion on the shoulders of the enemy. The fact remains that this country, the most powerful in the world, is alone. Therefore it behooves the United States, as one of the primary responsibilities of the primary powers, to make them plain, in word and deed. Fear and criticism cannot be avoided. But we must be able to defend ourselves. We must be able to defend ourselves. We must be able to defend ourselves.

We hope the Prices Board firmly enforces its directive on shirts and substitutes for a shirt has been found. Women were able to buy guide. And despite occasional stiffening and despite the fact that the shirt is a substitute for a shirt, and the men who were beginning to have their own shirts made, they were not. They were not. They were not.

We had an object lesson at a theatre the other night, in how to win friends and influence people. In the fourth row sat a woman wearing on her head a miniature Leaning Tower, about a foot tall, entwined with roses and a man. He tapped her on the shoulder. "Madam," he said, "I don't think you're taking off your hat." She turned and said, "Yes, I would." Not so politely this time the man said, "Madam, I don't pay to see a hat." She gave him a withering look. "It's such a skinny little hat, I just bought it and I am not taking it off." The man said he would call an usher. She would make her make it off. The woman said he could call any usher. She would make her make it off. The woman said he could call any usher. She would make her make it off.

A Cabinet Minister in Hungary today has a salary roughly equivalent to half a dollar a month. The President receives something like the equivalent of ten dollars a year. In any case, Hungarian money has almost ceased to be the medium of exchange. What was their equivalent of Britain's £5 note, is called "dust" by the Magyars. It might be used for buying a newspaper, or crowding on to an overcrowded tram, or making a telephone call. The prices of goods for sale, and there are few, are quoted in dollars. Most exchange, whether in the towns or in the country, is done by barter—a pair of chickens for a bucket of coal, a dozen eggs for a doctor's visit. One young woman in Budapest—she was the sole surviving member of her family—told Mr. John Haire, British M. P., that she sold the eighteen radiators from their wrecked house in Buda for ten pounds of goose fat. A Civil Servant, she possessed only the clothes she stood up in—all the rest bartered for food.

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APPRECIATION

Sir—A group of former Islanders now living in Vancouver wish to convey their appreciation to the "Ellen's Diary" for the delightful entertainment afforded in reading of the various activities of farm life on the dear old Island, all so truthfully portrayed in her writings. Long life to "Ellen's Diary!" I am, Sir, etc. ANGUS J. MARTIN, 818 Keefer St., Vancouver, B. C.

Bound For Britain

(By C. P. Fraser, Halifax Chronicle)

Aboard S. S. Aquitania, Off the south coast of Ireland, May 28, 1946. If you're thinking of taking a trip abroad the best advice is "Don't"—that is, unless you happen to be a German general travelling in a private motor car. That's the way it strikes the average civilian bound for Britain after the Atlantic trip, is still a trooping in every sense of the term.

Board the ship at Halifax and you'll be shocked by the bare, barack-like lounge, the discolored paint and the carpetless floors. No palms and soft music, no page boys, to remind you of the luxurious service of ocean travel pre-war style.

We were fortunate. Only three of us occupy one cabin. Others are crowded as many as six to a state-room which in less strenuous days did service at best for two. Nor is there much to remind one of the trip, save the head of the steward poking his head in your door at 7 a.m. and bawling, "Time to get up, gentle, and you better hurry if you want any breakfast."

What the steward leaves unsaid makes up for the other's instructions, warnings, advice poor forth all day long in a steady stream, mostly in English, but in German, the language of the former Wehrmacht. Luftwaffe and the German Navy, 1200 of them officers. One of the boys was Rommel's right hand man in the North African campaign, and he still sports a smart, military uniform, red tabs, and the insignia of a Nazi General. He is that swank about in a first class cabin with private bath and steward's Canadian citizenship travel second!

The Germans are segregated from the rest of the passengers on decks and in passageways. For the most part they're a healthy looking lot, and according to some of the Veterans' Club who do the escort duty, many of the Heinies want to come back to Canada to settle. Apparently some of the Veterans' Club views is taken before they leave Canadian shores, and this gesture has been interpreted by the Germans as themselves as tantamount to an invitation to return later on!

Food on shipboard is adequate but monotonous. Breakfast consists alternately of stewed prunes or dehydrated peaches, oatmeal, minus milk to Copenhagen after that, and comes out of cans, bacon and eggs (usually good), one hard-boiled egg, and tea or coffee. Lunch (usually cold but disguised on the menu as sole meuniere, halibut, salmon, or some other figure of ox-tail, pigs knuckles and cabbage, plus a dessert, which might be custard pudding and usually is. Dinner isn't much better, and a single menu card does for the entire three meals, with the whole day's eating set forth at once so you can know at breakfast, exactly what you're going to have for dinner that night.

Passengers Personalities

Count Jean de Hauteclouque, French Ambassador to Canada, and the Countess de Hauteclouque on their way home to France on leave. Prince Eric of Denmark, minus uniform, red tabs, and the insignia of the United States, a genial traveling companion, looking rather like a Viking except for his shab-

This is the measurement of mortal man. The human male who rises in his glory to live through his puny span. And pass away. And this the measure of his so-called power. The nations and the cities he has built. Or conquered and destroyed. In that mad hour which proves his gullibility. And this the downfall of his career. Of white and black and yellow, creed and race. Mass-murder of his sons who in their stride. Would take his place.

Then crying to some far-off, unknown God. To justify or purge him of his sin. He seeks a grave beneath the mindless sod. And hides within. They who remain in tune with solemn voice. And pious form, deciding that he return to that drab heaven of his choice. Dust unto dust. Thus earth avails him, for he has not learned. Death is not the harbinger of life. Yet millions follow with their foot-prints buried in strife on strife. —Julia May Courtney in The New York Times.

"LIFE'S BEAUTIFUL MOMENTS"



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Finance at Cardiff in Wales. Senator Rupert Davies of Kingston, Ontario, heading the Canadian delegation to the Sixth Imperial Press Conference, London. And many others.

The scramble for hot water in the city is a desperate struggle. It is turned off for the day. With 4,300 passengers aboard, including nearly 1,000 service personnel and 2,800 German prisoners, there just isn't enough water to go around. Except for sea-water baths there's no chance of getting washed between 11:30 in the morning and 6 at night.

Nazi POWs, in their characteristic red-striped trousers and red circles on jacket backs, assiduously scrubbing paintwork in the passageways and staircases, ignored by passengers and themselves indifferent, while khaki-clad members of the Veterans' Guard stand watch.

The last minute rush on the ship's canteen. It's a strange sight to see passengers coming out of the bars and cafes washed between 11:30 in the morning and 6 at night. The livestock and cigarette stocks ran out early, both commodities being more useful than currency anywhere in Europe. A substantial shipboard market in Scotch, the price of a bottle of six shillings a bottle, has helped to keep the more convivial passengers happily and what is not consumed can be retailed in England for as much as three pounds a bottle, provided, of course, that it can be successfully smuggled past the customs at Southampton.

Ocean travel is rugged now—by tweed coat and worn sports shoes. Dr. J. H. L. Johnstone, of the physics department of Dalhousie University on his way to attend a conference of the Royal Academy at London.

H. L. Creed, brother of Jason Creed, of Halifax and White Point Beach, and inventor of the floating seadrome. Miss Dauray McCurdy, of New Glasgow on her way to meet her

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QUICKIES
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Illustration of a man at a desk with a sign that says 'SALE'.

Illustration of a man and a woman talking.

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