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Government Liquor Sales

Commenting on the rumor that the CAMPBELL Government is flirting with the idea of introducing Government Control without taking a plebiscite, the Sydney Post-Record says: "If PREMIER CAMPBELL wants some first-hand information on the way Government Control works..."

Western Liberals Ruffled

In a burst of enthusiasm HON. JAMES GARDNER, Federal Minister of Agriculture, has just stated that the people of the West are not so much concerned about the criticism of the KING Government as some people would have it.

Added to this situation of Western significance is another factor which HON. MR. GARDNER conveniently overlooks. The official figures of Saskatchewan popular vote in 1935 come into play. The Liberal voters in the wheat province were outnumbered by opponents to the extent of 56,000 ballots.

After Mr. PERLEY's want-of-confidence motion had been dealt with by its mover, Minister of Justice LAPOINTE voiced a note of complaint. He said that the Wheat Board "matter has already been discussed three times".

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ful if MR. DUNNING's statement overcame MAJOR COLDWELL's. "I say the very fact that COLONEL RALSTON has been appointed Counsel, has undermined the confidence which people may have had in any finding the Commission could make".

Already evidence of Western antagonism is heard in Parliament by the shift of criticism directed against the rates of the British Preference of Mr. DUNNING's coinage. And MR. DUNNING's statement that he was never a Free Trader cannot fail to be of substantial significance.

Editorial Notes

All Fools Day. When is a Government not a Government? When it brings in collectively legislation which it thereupon opposes individually.

Eighteen months ago it was common talk that "the next war" would be short, sharp and annihilating. Yet it has not been so—Spain has now been nine months in open conflict, and the end is not yet.

Farmers are reported to be besieging the Agricultural Department for return of their money paid for services of a government-imported animal allegedly more potent as a brewery advertisement than as an asset to the livestock industry.

Hon. R. B. Bennett, father of the F.C.A. complains that the administration of the F.C.A. "is completely at variance with the spirit of the Act", and promises Mr. Dunning, one of our own representatives that he will give him further information later.

Hope the proposed Milk Commission will not cost the farmers and citizens another \$50,000 per annum for administration. Aren't people yet sick of this commission business and its inevitable jobbery and abuse?

First our Cuban trade in potatoes was practically ruined by the Liberal West India treaty, and now the West India trade is being sacrificed by the Liberal Canada-U.S.A. treaty.

Dr. J. L. Robinson, of Medicine Hat, Social Credit member, can now claim to be the "one man power" of the Alberta Legislature, for his single "no" prevented the Alberta Government getting temporary votes in supply to enable them to carry on till the budget was passed.

If a shadow of so great a man as Sir Wilfrid Laurier could pass over the Ontario Legislature, says the Ottawa Journal, it might serve good purpose. Faces referred to as white with anger have never been known to solve problems or to advance worthy legislation.

The late Mr. John B. MacFadyen was a kindly soul, an omnivorous reader, as well as a practical farmer and man of affairs. He hated to get up and address a meeting, though he knew more than most of the subjects under discussion.

Great Britain is continuing to discourage investments abroad, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, revealed in the House of Commons. Sir John Mellor questioned the Chancellor on the government's policy toward purchase of foreign investments by British individuals and companies.

What was all the pother in the Ontario legislature? Smart aleckism on the part of the Hon. Mich Hepburn. The opposition introduced a bill to repeal the Hepburn school amendment act which had not commended itself to many of the electors.

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Notes By The Way

Lord Cottenham discusses the future of television in relation to the cinema. Nobody yet knows how quick will be the progress of this addition to life's amenities.

The late Archbishop Temple, father of the present Archbishop of York, who also used to tell a story of eggs and music. One morning in a country house where he was guest he heard from the servants' quarters a voice singing "Nearer, My God, to Thee," and reflected on the piety of the woman who went about her morning tasks to the strains of a noble hymn.

On several recent occasions grave public dissatisfaction has been expressed at the conduct of some sections of the newspaper press of this country. The dissatisfaction has not been without reason. Private griefs have been intruded upon with a shameless disregard for individual feelings.

There is a world of pathos in handwriting on a blackboard discovered in the ruins of the New London, Texas, school: "Oil and gas are East Texas's greatest mineral blessing. Without them this school would not be here, and none of us would be here learning our lessons."

Mr. W. A. Walsh, member for Mount Royal, scored a bull's eye yesterday in Parliament when he pilloried practically all Finance Ministers and Provincial Treasurers for what seems to be a congenital weakness. They only know one way of balancing a budget. This is by taking more money out of the people. It never seems to occur to them that they could reach the same end by spending less.

One of the most significant features of the highly important speech delivered in the House of Commons last week by Sir Samuel Hoare, First Lord of the Admiralty, was his statement regarding the American navy. Today he declared, Britain does not care how many warships the United States may elect to build, for one very good and sufficient reason: "Before 1914, the United States of America and Great Britain used to take into account each other's navy. They used to look suspiciously at each other's program. That kind of suspicion and naval rivalry has gone. I believe, forever."

"If," says Premier Mussolini, "by democracy you mean government for the interests of the people, then our system, and ours alone is truly democratic." Your definition, dear Benito, is like the other you wear in the movies the other day—cut much too short. The most essential characteristic of a democracy is that it be a government by the people—we even want to make our own mistakes.

This year's series of Test matches may have been overshadowed by anxieties of greater import both to the Old Country and Australia than the issue of any contest with bat and ball; yet there is something appealing to British instincts in sporting duels being fought out with grim concentration even in times of national stress. Did not Drake take time to see the end of his game of bowls though the enemy sail was in sight!

One of the few times in marine history that a whale ship was attacked by a whaling vessel was reported recently by Lloyds of London. It was stated that a 248-ton whaling ship of the Norwegian Kosmos company was in a sinking condition in Antarctic waters after being attacked by a whale which tore off the propeller and made a hole in the hull through which water entered so that the crew were forced to take refuge on another ship.

Marshal Graziani rules in Addis Ababa solely because his own great and civilized government bombed and blasted its way into smashing down native towns and indiscriminately slaughtering the populace, to appropriate the place. It thus proved to the native Ethiopian that the only possible reply was with murder, and when one tries to retaliate by murdering one's conquerors so if they are to maintain the power thus acquired. It is not a pretty picture. But when the sacred egotisms are turned loose; when force is made the final appeal, when dictated treaties spawn dictated policies thought, rule by murder, thugery and gangsterisms, it is the picture the world must get used to.

P.E.I. Potatoes

By A. M. Bell M. D.

The body has a considerable alkaline reserve when in health, which neutralize harmful acids as they may be formed. The blood-plasma and the tissues contain these alkaline reserves, consisting of various alkaline salts known as "Buffer Bodies"—among these being sodium bicarbonate and the carbonates and phosphates of sodium, potassium, calcium, magnesium also the proteins of the blood.

The alkalinity of the blood must be maintained at pH 7.4, so any decrease of the alkaline reserves must be prevented. Many conditions tend to impair these alkaline reserves, the most frequent being faulty diets containing excessive amounts of acid-forming foods with a deficiency of the alkaline forming foods.

The protein foods are all acid-forming, as muscle meat which also contains certain of the acid-forming minerals which in metabolism are oxidized into organic acids. Such are sulphur which forms sulphuric acid, phosphorus which tends to become phosphoric acid, chlorine which forms hydrochloric acid, fluorine which can become hydrofluoric acid and iodine which can become hydroiodic acid, arsenic which may form arsenious acid and silicon which may make silicic acid.

To neutralize these seven acid minerals (predominately the sulphuric and phosphoric acid) there are at least seven basic alkaline minerals, sodium, potassium, calcium, iron, magnesium, copper and manganese. Of these the really important ones for acid neutralization and the prevention of inorganic acidosis are the first four: sodium, potassium, calcium and magnesium.

The latter three, iron, manganese and copper are important for the fundamental function of blood formation. They help manufacture the red cells in the bone marrow. Anemia accompanies deficiency of one or another of them.

(To be Continued)



The Poet's Corner

SHEEP AND LAMBS

All in the April morning, April airs were abroad; The sheep with their little lambs Passed me by on the road.

The sheep with their little lambs Passed me by on the road; All in an April evening I thought on the Lamb of God, Go meekly to die.

The lambs were weary, and crying With a weak human cry; I thought on the Lamb of God Go meekly to die.

Up in the blue, blue mountains, Dewy pastures are sweet; Rest for the little bodies, Rest for the little feet.

Rest for the Lamb of God Up on the hill-top green, Only a cross of shame Two stark crosses between.

All in the April evening, April airs were abroad; —Katharine Tynan.

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PUBLIC FORUM

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NOT MISLEADING

Sir,—With reference to H. J. Bernard's letter in today's Guardian, I beg to state that the report to which he takes exception was signed by himself and witnessed by the Secretary-Treasurer and Recording Secretary. How then can he claim this report to be misleading.

I am Sir, etc., W. L. MacLEAN, Recording Secretary, Carpenters' Union.

GASOLINE TAXES

Sir—Annually, for years, I have chosen the New England States for my tourist vacation. One of the inducements is that there I can travel thousands of miles on 8c to 10c, tax paid, gasoline.

What inducement will it offer the American tourist to come to our province and pay more than the whole cost of his home gas in a 10c tax alone, and then, plus this, a 20c to 22c price upon each gallon consumed?

I Am, Sir, Etc. MOTORIST.

BALD TELLING FACTS

Sir,—How forcibly we have impressed upon us the truth of that warning,—"Beware of the Greeks when they come bringing gifts." Loud and long and blatant the Liberal party and Press have made the wailing ring with denunciation of protection, taxation and spending by Conservative governments with fluent and tear besotted promises of reduced taxes, relieved burdens and economical administration, if we cater to their gifts.

In all history did we ever find any of those pictures promises to materialize? Rather like the old story of the pick-pocket racing the highway shouting "Stop Thief" to help himself to get away with the swag.

Which has been the greatest taxing party in Canada, Liberal or Conservative? In 1878 the Davies Government was hurled from power for its Assessment Act Tax Curse, and Poll Tax. In 1879-80 the Conservative government, fulfilling election promise, repealed the obnoxious poll tax, and tax increase ceased during the Sullivan period.

In 1891 the Peters Liberal government commenced the slow but systematic process of taxing and re taxing the people. In 1920 the Bell Government, elected on a promise to balance the budget, and produce a surplus of \$25,000, without further taxation, by economy of existing revenues.

And then came the most sweeping and gigantic measures of tax increases ever known to the Province, everything "tangible and intangible" taxed, to the limit, some hundreds of thousands of dollars. And still worse, every promise of economy thrown to the winds, their salaries and indemnities in most cases doubled, and the hangers on fed to the verge of profligacy.

And now we have the present aggregation. Is there an apologist to dare deny that they out-Creeked the Greeks in the vehemence and volume of their pledges to run the business of the province without further taxation and by economical administration?

What is the story? He who can read knows. Every unexploited source of added taxes being searched out with searchlight determination, and the subjects scorched without scruple or mercy. And by various processes, their own salaries increased, new offices opened for their elected favourites, the lucky thirty. Economy. To whence and where has it flown?

Barnum said "the people like to be fooled and profited by it. How long will our people submit to the Barnum dictum, in which the Liberal leaders have never failed to prove themselves adepts. I Am, Sir, Etc. VOX POPULI

THE MAYOR AND TAX COLLECTIONS

Sir,—During the past few years, and, indeed, for a considerable period there has been an alarming falling off in the city's tax collections. This may be attributed to various causes, which it is not necessary for me to discuss at this particular time, but the fact remains that not more than seventy five per cent of current taxes are being paid by our citizens. In the last analysis this simply means that a certain number of citizens are paying for all those services which the people of this city as a whole enjoy, or to put it in less diplomatic phraseology, a not inconsiderable percentage of citizens are enjoying such municipal services as schools, fire and police protection, streets, etc., without making any personal contribution towards their maintenance, and are apparently satisfied to allow their fellow citizens to carry the burden. While it is unfortunately true, that due to the depression some of our people are unable to meet their obligations, my observations convince me that the tax collection problem was with us long before 1929 the year when the purchasing power of the masses began to slump. During the so called good times tax payers were getting a little careless in their payments, due I believe, in some measure at least to the widespread production of the deferred payment or installment plan system in the commercial field, which to many was a temptation to purchase beyond their means, and with the monthly payment system rigidly enforced, the tax bill, not so frequently presented was neglected.

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