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MAINLAND COMMENT

Commenting on Tuesday's election results, the Moncton Times says: "During the last three years the provinces of British Columbia, Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan, Ontario, New Brunswick, and lastly Prince Edward Island, have changed their administrations from Conservative to Liberal. Change of governments in these six provinces has not been due to any particular fault of the people but to find with the administrations, especially in the three Maritime Provinces, but rather has the result been due to the unrest and discontent engendered by the depression from which Canada, in common with the rest of the world, has suffered during the past six years. And while the Liberals are clamorously rejoicing, let it be said that to 'General Depression' must go the credit for the recent sweeping victories rather than to any achievements of the Liberal party in the past or what it may be expected to accomplish in the future."

Predicting a Conservative defeat, the Sydney Post-Record of Tuesday morning says:

"In Nova Scotia, Ontario, Saskatchewan and New Brunswick, the economic ravages of the depression simply explained why the electors voted for a change. In Prince Edward Island an additional political factor enters into the situation to make assurance of the Provincial Government's fate doubly sure,—namely the peculiar tendency of the people of that province to change their Administrations at every opportunity. At every election since that of 1915, there has been a change of Government in the Island Province. The Conservatives were expelled from office in 1919 and the Liberals in 1923. The Liberals won in 1927 and lost in 1931. An overturn in Prince Edward Island today will register the fifth change of Government in 20 years. What other Province, Dominion or State in the British Empire can show so consistent a record of unwavering disapproval of those who have been called upon from time to time to administer its affairs? Manifestly it is next to impossible for any public men to live up to the high ideals the Islanders set for their administrators!"

C. N. R. IMPROVEMENT

The importance of the Canadian National Railways as an index to economic recovery has frequently been emphasized. In 1934, for example, the total freight transported by the C. N. R. amounted to 44,719,477 tons, an increase of eighteen per cent. over the preceding year. During 1934 the average number of persons employed by the Canadian National Railways was 74,447, and the wages paid them came to almost one hundred million dollars. This represented, both as to number employed and amount of payroll, an advance over 1933, and practically the whole increase in personnel was due to re-employment of those whose services had previously been dispensed with owing to lack of business.

During 1934, the system carried over 10,000,000 passengers, this was also an increase over 1933.

These figures show the vastness of the public service rendered by the Canadian National Railways and the importance which the system plays in the national movement to diminish unemployed and restore industrial activity. Every gain which the C. N. R. makes in passenger and freight transportation is of direct advantage to the whole of Canada. The evidence of the steady improvement last year is therefore a matter for satisfaction to every Canadian taxpayer.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Dictatorship by any other name, has the same effect.

The new name of the R.C.M.P. is likely to be Royal Canadian Federal Police in contrast to Provincial Police forces, where they still exist.

"First she would and then she wouldn't," has been the attitude of Japan over the proposed increase of tariff against Canada. Perhaps in the long run she will think the better of it.

Mr. Stevens is to nominate for his old seat of East Kootenay, B. C. and expects the same organization that elected him a supporter of Mr. Bennett to back him. It is not yet known whether he will be

opposed by a straight Conservative candidate.

The Prince of Wales in an address at a Conference on Scientific Organization of Agriculture and Industry, claimed credit for being both an English farmer and a Canadian rancher. He is a thorough believer in scientific research, and in that connection asserted that the development of modern farming technique and equipment is of the greatest importance, because it produces new problems in its application.

"Get-rich-quick" folks are still to be found notwithstanding the lessons and experience of 1929. D. S. Paterson, Toronto, former head of the Dominion-wide brokerage house which bore his name, has been arrested on a charge of theft involving about \$1,800. Bail was fixed at \$25,000. Mr. J. M. Godfrey, K.C., Ontario Securities Commissioner, says the arrest followed three weeks of investigation by the commission. A few days ago, he intimated, the licence of Mid-Canada Exploration Company was cancelled.

The United Farmers of Alberta have specifically declined to support Mr. Stevens' new party, and now the United Farmers of Saskatchewan by resolution have decided on complete severance from political activity of any kind. This decision caused the resignation of Mrs. Gertrude Fisher of Saskatoon, president of the women's section, who, having strongly advocated continuance of political action in her presidential address, felt unable to continue in office when the association disowned her. She will continue her activity with the C.C.F. and merely maintain her interest in the U.F.C.

The United Farmers of Alberta having rejected the Stevens platform and party it is not much of a surprise to have lined up the Ontario United Farmers organization which is notoriously the lame duck of Ontario politics. Like the Stevens party, it started out with high ambitions and an all-embracing programme designed to work political and economic wonders. It was elected with a force strong enough to command administrative power, and the big administrative mess it made in little time is writ large in the political annals of the province. Ontario's memory of the Drury Government is not a pleasing memory; and the burden it left on the shoulders of the taxpayers was intolerable. Its experience should be ominous to the party into which it is now to merge in virtue of kinship, and to which it does bear the resemblance of a political party striving to be all things to all men.

Voluntary agreement has been reached between the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand, covering supplies of mutton and lamb to the British market for 18 months including December, 1936. For the first six months, ending December 31, New Zealand will send 1,578,000 hundredweights and Australia 950,000. During 1936 New Zealand will send 3,900,000 and Australia 1,750,000, provision being made for adjustment upwards or downwards in the light of later estimates of capacity of the market and of U.K. production. As regards beef and veal, Australia has agreed to regulate supplies for the third and fourth quarters of this year so the total quantity will not exceed 1,150,000 hundredweight, of which 1,000,000 will be chilled beef. New Zealand will keep her beef and veal shipments in the same period below 478,000 hundredweight, of which 65,000 will be chilled beef. The net result is to ease the weight of imported supplies in the last three months of the year when heavy British supplies come on the market.

In an editorial forecast of the election, the Montreal Gazette had this to say: "The issues that were joined in the campaign are essentially local. If the electorate returns a sufficient number of Liberal candidates to enable the Hon. Walter M. Lea to form a government, the result may not be considered as one which reflects the general trend of political feeling throughout the Dominion, but rather as one that merely maintains the regularity of the swing of the pendulum of politics in accordance with what has become a custom in Prince Edward Island during the past two decades. And if, per adventure, the Conservatives are re-elected to office, the event will constitute the exception that will

Notes By The Way

The riots in Regina, where a city policeman was beaten to death, show to what extremes these men will go if not checked. In the Saskatchewan capital the public has definitely turned against the agitators and a League of Vigilance Executive has been formed, with a large membership, to combat sedition and disorder. In the recent civic elections in that city Labor candidates were defeated just because of this trend, and in Winnipeg there are demands for the formation of a group of "red-blooded citizens to drive the reds out." Such a movement is hardly necessary now, in view of the popular attitude, which is for the preservation of law and order through the regular machinery. At the same time, such expressions of indignation are proof that the people, tired of the trouble-makers, are determined they shall not have their way.

If all parties proposing to enter the election campaign carry out their intentions, then the next Parliament will be a mixed one. There will be Conservatives, Liberals, U.F.A.s, Laborites, Communists, C.C.F.s, and Stevensites. It will be quite a salad. This note from The Ottawa Journal will make the average man wonder if this multitude of parties will lead to a condition where no group can control the House and where government will be impossible. It was such a condition that led to dictatorships in some European countries. On the other hand the Anglo-Saxon peoples have a genius for compromise which will probably prevent such a development in Canada.—Sault Ste. Marie Star.

Another earthquake has brought death and destruction to the people of Formosa. In China the damage done by flood is terrible. Nature seems to be determined to add to man's distress. Perhaps the best way to take this is as a challenge to drop all the conflict that is seething and threatening turmoil within nations and among nations. Man can find plenty to do, plenty to struggle against without raising trouble with his fellow man.

The way to serve one's country best as a soldier is to observe carefully all the international courtesies that promote peace. So said President Roosevelt in an address before the graduating class of the United States Military Academy at West Point.—Detroit News.

The result of the aldermanic election indicates that Regina citizens are far from 100 per cent. behind some of the claims and arguments advanced by the strikers and those who climbed on the bandwagon when it arrived at Regina. Regina citizens are sympathetic to the principle of democratic authority and not to be stamped into hysteria that would, in the name of an emergency that did not exist, throw overboard the things that are essential to the building of a society in which man's life and property are reasonably secure.

Professor Einstein explains that all he has done in his latest discovery is to evolve a new pattern in the structure of space and matter, linking the atoms and stars in a unified universe and harmonising the relativity rules with the Quantum Concept. Why in the name of heaven say so in the first place?—Windsor Star.

During battle practice of the fleet, carried out under the eye of the King, the expected test of the "Queen Bee" robot piloted plane in attack on capital ships took place. Two of these planes were to have been used; one crashed in the take-off. The other penetrated the anti-aircraft defence barrage and passed over the Rodney before receiving a direct hit. On a very rough computation it is said that one thousand planes can be built and maintained for approximately the same cost as building and keeping afloat one battleship. If it were accepted that one plane out of two can register a hit, the plane wins hands down.

An apple tree grown from the pip of an apple the Kaiser ate in 1912 has just blossomed for the first time in Sussex. By 1914 it was six inches high, but it remained the same height all through the war, and only started to grow again in 1918.—London Sunday Express.

Already the Italian sick list is growing. In tropical Africa sick casualties are always expected greatly to exceed battle casualties. When these begin to mount there will be people in Italy who will have the other side of war brought home to them personally, and if this happens to any considerable extent, their resentment will fall on Mussolini and then his undeniable services will be forgotten.

But the chief thing, perhaps, although an understanding may have been reached with the French government, is that Italy stands condemned beforehand by the public opinion of the nation. And that opinion exerts an influence today so powerful that it is questionable if any nation can resist it in the end.—Chronicle-Telegraph.

That Day of Yours By James W. Barton, M.D.

HOW FAST ARE YOU GROWING OLD?

Two sisters were examined by a physician one was forty years of age and the other was fifty. The physician stated that the actual physical age of one aged forty was really fifty and of the one aged fifty was really forty. He was not going by the years as we know them but by the actual age of the body—blood, veins, heart, lungs, blood, heart, kidneys and nervous system show that he is really in his forties.

Simply an individual in his forties who has never been rugged, who has been through much from infections or the stress of life, may need to pause and plan a less strenuous or more sheltered life if he is to live another twenty years or more.

Dr. Alexis Carrel of the Rockefeller Foundation has given "life" a great amount of study. He has kept the tissues of a chick alive for many years. In an address to the New York Academy of Medicine he describes various methods of measuring or attempting to measure age, and how fast or at what rate the individual is aging.

During the war the rate at which a wound healed gave "surprisingly exact" figures as to the patient's age. These figures were obtained in soldiers between the ages of twenty and forty-five.

However the most exact method for all ages is by the use of the liquid or serum part of the blood—without the corpuscles. By comparing the rate at which the little cells are made to grow by the use of the serum as compared with the rate at which these cells grow by the use of a salt solution, they obtained a "unit" rate of growth. It has been found that the rate at which man ages is very rapid at the beginning of life, but toward the end of life it takes on a slow, steady pace.

Television Coming

(London Times) A double service for the Greater London area before the end of the year is now certain. It has been announced by no less a person than the Postmaster-General himself. Even the site for the station has been chosen—the Alexandra Palace.

This is the site which is considered particularly suitable. It is in Highgate, in the North of London, away from the most congested area (atmospherically speaking), and it stands 306 feet above sea level. It is proposed to erect a 300-foot mast on top of this, thereby providing an aerial 606 feet above sea level. This should be sufficient, it is thought, to provide a high definition television service for the London area.

There will be considerable difference in the two systems to be transmitted, but the Postmaster-General is insisting that arrangements should be made for the sale of receivers which will pick up either transmission without unduly complicated or expensive adjustment.

There will be broadcast on a wave-length of about 6.6 metres and an associated sound signal on about 72 metres. Neither of these wave-lengths is receivable on an ordinary receiver such as is used today. Moreover, owing to the extreme shortness of the wave-lengths, the range will be limited to about thirty miles.

Improvements in the technical developments of television itself meanwhile have just come to hand. Full size cinema screen transmission is now an accomplished fact, so that the largest pictures capable of being transmitted are no longer seen in the theatre.

The picture was first transmitted from a studio of real people, walking and talking. This was sent through the air by radio to the cinema; the pictures then sent through the projector and thrown by it on to the screen; while the dialogue was amplified in the ordinary way through the microphone.

Rockefeller

(Winnipeg Free Press) There is, at perhaps this minute, in a deep chair on a verandah at Lakewood, New Jersey, a figure within four years of a century, who looks like Rameses stripped of his mummy-clothes, galvanized into life, and set upright in a rocking-chair. His longevity is only one of the reasons why there have been more words than his billions written about John D. Rockefeller, Senior, who arrived at millionairehood so young that men now nearly eighty have heard him called the world's richest man since they were boys. He is no longer the world's only billionaire, having been joined on that eminence by Henry of the ubiquitous Ford. He is no longer among the masters of finance, having been in retirement for twenty-four years; his last financial triumph having been to show Judge Landis that he would have to get up much earlier in the morning if he hoped successfully to find John D. Rockefeller.

After getting the Landis fine set aside—that was in 1911—John D. retired, to eschew all worry, eat bread and milk, drink three quarts of water daily, and play golf. He was then 72, and looked, to quote Ida M. Tarbell, "the oldest man in the world—a living mummy." That quotation from Miss Tarbell is really the text of this article. It means that at 72, when most men still look reasonably young, Rockefeller looked at least twenty years older than he was. He had reached for the grave then. But instead of going to the grave, he brought the fixed habits of his life, frugality and regularity, into perhaps the most intense concentration ever witnessed, upon the mere feat of keeping alive. Where other men have reached 96 by natural strength of constitution, Rockefeller has reached this age by a deliberate process of cultivating longevity.

Federal Housing Act

(Exchange) There is widespread interest in the Housing Act, passed by the Bennett Government at the last session of Parliament. Briefly, it is the intention that a homebuilder may obtain a loan up to 80 per cent. of the cost for a long term and at a low rate of interest. The Government will deal directly in applications. An official of the Department of Finance will have charge of Government loans, but the applications will be turned over to loaning companies throughout Canada. A list of approved loaning companies to whom the borrowers may apply will be drawn up. Several conferences have been held with representatives of these companies and a form of contract is being arranged.

The Act contemplates buildings of various kinds but used solely for dwelling purposes, and it provides that construction must be of a high standard. Loan companies may offer up to 80 per cent. of the appraised value or estimated cost, whichever is the less. Twenty per cent. will be advanced from the Government, and the balance from the Housing Act. In this way it is expected that building operations to the value of \$50,000,000 will be set in motion. The details of the machinery of the Act are being prepared by the Minister of Finance and his Deputy Minister.

Nazi Films And Pogroms

(Winnipeg Free Press) Last Saturday Winnipeg was treated to a showing of German films frankly designed as propaganda for the Nazi regime. They exhibited German youth enjoying healthy recreation, German industry humming and a large number of shots of Herr Hitler addressing his countrymen, patting children on the head and smiling benignly. These pictures are part of a elaborate attempt to convince the outside world that Germany under Hitler is happy and blossoming in a new and richer culture.

The effect of this propaganda is rather spoiled, if not completely destroyed, by news dispatches like that which came from Berlin on Tuesday last. Bands of fervid Nazis invaded the Jewish quarter of the city on that day, wrecked buildings, dragged Jews out on to the streets and beat them. These disgraceful events happened in the rich, the presumably civilized, centre of German culture, one of the great cities of the world. What shocks and disgusts foreign observers is that the Nazi hooligans behave in this manner with official acquiescence. Dr. Goebbels, the minister of national enlightenment, and propagandist, repeatedly makes speeches inciting the German public against the Jews. The London Spectator reports him as saying in public recently that the Jew is a man in the sense that the flea is an animal and that Germany wants the Jews no longer.

A stop to speech-making of this sort and an end to the anti-Jewish pogrom would be much more effective than moving pictures in persuading outsiders to accept the Nazi regime as a civilized agent. So long as racial hatred is a cardinal Nazi principle and brutal mistreatment of German Jews gets official backing, no quantity of photographs of Adolf Hitler receiving the salute will win Germany any credit and friendship abroad. A. The Spectator observes: "Agreements like the naval accord are all to the good, but a spirit of mutual appreciation and sympathy between peoples is worth

ten times more. And of that there can be none while the German government not merely condones but instigates racial persecution through its official spokesmen."

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OLD MAN KANGAROO TREES THIS HUNTER MELBOURNE, July 24—Attacked by an old man kangaroo while rabbit hunting a mile from Macedon, E. Russell sought refuge in a tree, but nearly three hours elapsed before he was able to descend from his precarious perch. Although he treated the incident lightly, Russell said it was a serious business while it lasted. "I was searching in some thick ferns for a rabbit burrow when the kangaroo appeared from the ferns nearby," he said. "He rushed at me and I sprang for the nearest tree, about two yards away. I lost no time in getting to the lowest branch. The kangaroo stood at the foot of the tree while I clung to the trunk, and both my feet just touched his head." Russell's calls for help brought his two dogs, but the kangaroo grabbed the smaller and pushed it into a creek. Neighbors finally routed the beast.

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