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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1946  
**Manitoba Goes Ahead**

Here is something for our legislators to ponder over. It is from a report of the activities of the Manitoba Power Commission in connection with rural electrification:

The summary of 1945 construction showed service brought to 992 farms, involving 812 miles of line. Forty-two towns are having lines extended to them. The programme, calling for 674 farms and 42 towns and villages, involved 193,455 hours of labor in four and one-half months.

Surveys are being continued and surprisingly enough a large proportion of tenant farmers are showing interest in the plan. There was doubt before the surveys as to the reaction of this group.

The 1946 programme contemplates connections for 5,000 farms and 33 towns, villages and hamlets. A group of foremen have been trained. The material, labor and transportation problems should be easier. The weather has not been calculated.

The programme, quite apart from the benefits it is bringing to farms and small towns, has already resulted in one new industry in the province. Manitoba jack pine has been found satisfactory for poles if given sufficient treatment. The forecast indicates some 70,000 will be used per year. They will cost \$630,000. The cost per farm is down to \$631.81, due mainly to improved design in materials. This will be further reduced when digging machines become available in the required numbers.

A map of the province shows the southern half of Manitoba almost completely covered by complete surveys, surveys under way, surveys about to start and surveys requested. The original plan under which 80 per cent of farmers must request service before construction is started has been abandoned. The percentage is now 65. But as the commission points out, when it actually commences operation in any given area, then the tremendous advantages of electric power will quickly bring in the abstainer.

Would that we could report similar progress along this line in Prince Edward Island! As Premier Jones remarked at the Farmers' Federation meeting last week, rural electrification was one of the chief planks in his platform and "something had to be done about it." Unfortunately we have been doing nothing but mark time. The grandiose scheme of harnessing the Petitcodiac has come to naught, and the Federation's request two years ago for a survey of Island water power possibilities has been ignored. It is true that the Advisory Reconstruction Committee has made a report, but we do not know whether this has the approval or disapproval of the Regional Reconstruction Council which alone appears to have the ear of the Minister at Ottawa. Everything is at sixes and sevens at a time when other provinces are going ahead with well-concerted plans.

**Cancer On Increase**

It is disquieting to note, on the authority of the Canadian Cancer Society, that cancer is on the increase in all civilized countries. In Canada it is estimated there are at least 50,000 cases right now, and that one out of every 11 persons will contract the disease at some time in his life. The increase in cancer can partly be explained by the fact that more people are being saved each year from the diseases which used to kill their predecessors in middle life—more people now live to reach the cancer age—between 40 and 65, when cancer seems most prevalent. Also doctors are better equipped to diagnose the disease. In former years many more people may have died of cancer than was recorded.

The next few years are bound to be vitally important in solving the problems of cancer. Intensive research is going on all over the world, and at no time has the prospect been brighter of really finding out the cause of cancer and how to treat it in a more positive way.

**A 3,000 Mile Trek**

Operation Muskox, the 3,000-mile scientific trek, is on its way across the barren lands of the North, heading in a great loop from Churchill on the rim of Hudson Bay, across the sub-Arctic, and thence south to Edmonton. The exercise, basically a military venture, is actually more than that. It will give this country useful data on clothing, foods, living conditions, vehicles, fuels, medicines, as well as weapons. It also may provide the information and experience necessary to throw wide the door to a new great storehouse of mineral wealth hitherto unexplored.

Beyond these implications, says the *Globe and Mail*, there is need for a searching of national conscience on the treatment of the native populations of these areas soon to be opened. Wherever the white man goes he takes with him,

besides his superior scientific and cultural knowledge, his bad habits, his diseases and his profligate tendencies to exploit native peoples. The Eskimo population, long on the wane in number, has been particularly susceptible to the incursions of the white man. The damage wrought in the matter of health is generally quite beyond the facilities of religious missions or police patrols. Medicine, preventative and curative, should be extended into the sub-Arctic for the benefit of the natives as much as for the benefit of new settlers.

Dr. Dennis Jordan of Toronto, for the past two years surgeon of the patrol of the Eastern Arctic, found that the Eskimos of the Hudson Bay region suffered from lack of medical services. He is convinced that the scattered population, the rigorous geographic and climatic conditions, demand a much larger medical and nursing service to care for the natives than is presently provided by the Government of Canada.

**-EDITORIAL NOTES-**

Of 31 companies which put up to 100 per cent of their advertising appropriation in daily newspaper ads, the average gain in sales experienced was 22 per cent.

A Committee of the Nova Scotia Progressive Conservative Association has been appointed to consider the resignation of Mr. Leonard W. Fraser, party leader, and to bring in a recommendation of a successor within the next nine months.

Is the radio licence fee to be increased here? The British Labour Government, through its Minister of Information, Mr. E. J. Williams, has just announced a 100 per cent increase, from \$2.50 to \$5 per annum. It is estimated this will bring an additional revenue of \$25,000,000 to BBC, which carries no advertising.

There's a grim one-horse hearse in a jolly round trot;  
 To the church-yard a pauper's going I wot;  
 The road it is rough, and the hearse has no springs,  
 And hark to the dirge that the sad driver sings—  
 Rattle his bones over the stones,  
 He's only a pauper whom nobody owns.

A farmer recently in the city gave as one of the explanations of the drop in hog production, the fact that there is no longer any prospect of men being called for military service. So long as this was possible some farmers kept their sons on the farm, even without pay, and having to find something for them to do, followed hog production. Now, he says, such farmers have ceased to produce at a loss to themselves and the general output suffers.

Sir John Tenniel, English black and white artist, died this date 1914; one of the outstanding draughtsmen of his day; he illustrated such world-famous books as *Lala Rooko Ingoldsbys Legends*, *Alice in Wonderland*, *Through the Looking Glass*; notwithstanding that his style was severely classical, he was an outstanding cartoonist among a galaxy that made politics and public life "for to laugh" in the end of the nineteenth and beginning of the twentieth century; he was a member of *Punch* staff for 40 years.

The people of Britain are to get a few extra clothing coupons, Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade, announces in Parliament. He said that from May 1 coupons would be issued at the rate of 42 yearly instead of 36 as now, and from September 1 he hoped to increase this again to 52 yearly. Translated into actual values the additional six coupons will enable a man to buy one extra shirt without collars, a woman will be able to add another blouse to her wardrobe or two pairs of stockings, and a child can get one new pair of shoes.

**The Legionary**, which will have its joke, tells this one: The farmer told his visitor that most of the men working in a field were ex-soldiers. "Oh, really! All privates, I suppose?" "Well, as a matter of fact they aren't," said the farmer. "There are one or two privates. One of them was a corporal. There's a major and a colonel." "Dear me! All good men?" "Well, the privates are pretty good on the whole and the corporal isn't too bad. The major's so-so." "And the colonel?" The farmer hesitated. "I'm not going to say anything against a man who has been a colonel in the army; but I've made up my mind that, whatever happens, I'm not going to hire any generals."

The most helpful ally yet discovered in the battle against weeds is a new chemical known as 2-4-D with the D standing for dichlorophenoxy-acetic acid. This is the belief of George Knowles a weed expert of Central Experimental Farm at Ottawa following encouraging results of a series of elaborate experiments carried on in Ottawa in co-operation with 13 north central of the United States. Experiments have disclosed that one application of the powerful new chemical will kill many weeds more effectively than any other chemical and manufacturers say that this chemical will be on sale in quantities early this spring. It has no effect on grass but it does however temporarily eliminate clover which gradually grows again without reseeded. Amazingly the new devastating weed killer does no harm to any members of the grass family which include wheat, oats, barley and rye. In explaining the potency of the new chemical Mr. Knowles said that a dense growth of mustard seed growing in an acre of grain was eliminated by one spraying of 120 gallons of liquid which contained less than three-quarters of a pound of one of the preparations containing 2-4-D. While 2-4-D when used on Canada thistle in grain crops did not completely kill this vigorous weed it was badly set back that it did not reappear until nearly harvest time and then it was only in the form of young shoots.

**Notes By The Way**

Mark Twain once said: "When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years."

A Kansas City man visited his banker the other day and asked: "Are you worried about whether I can meet my note next month?" "Yes, I am," came the answer. "Good," said the client, "that's what I'm paying you six per cent for."—From Wall Street Journal.

One deterrent to the possession of unregistered guns would be much heavier sentences imposed on all those possessing them. That has been too much magisterial leniency in this connection and the Attorney-General of the various provinces should issue orders for which stricter sentences. Registration denotes a law-abiding citizen.—Calgary Herald.

Any immediate threat to the home or to the life of a citizen of any rank must be met as such by the use of normal law enforcement agencies. The use of force and opportunity is to be the gates of opportunity to the malignant and utterly false premises. That any lawless act would really be seen to be justified if the full "background" were known.—Hamilton Spectator.

Science has made enormous contributions in the field of preventive medicine in our own lifetime. Yet, failing to apply the discoveries of science, we go on, as if people, allowed because we do not sacrifice because we do not, the trouble to keep sufficient health and do not progress and do not press for legislation relating to measures for the conservation of life.—Montreal Star.

A new loom which has no shuttle but which lays the web across and fro by a special spring device has been developed by a United Kingdom inventor. The loom, which he believes that the loom will lead to a revival of home weaving, is installed in a spare room, can produce a wide variety of fabrics and is without clutter made by the ordinary loom. It is operated by a hand crank and an assistant is not required. It is a simple, efficient and economical machine.—Kitchener Record.

The hardest material made by man is vituperative cantankerousness on carbide—is slowly being replaced in industry. It is so hard and so tough that it scratches iron, water, rust, air, heat or cold make no impression on it. But there is an extremely brittle carbide which has been overcome boron carbide has been enormous strides, it weighs less than steel, more than diamond, and is of specialized cutting tools. It is a material of the future.—From Scientific American.

Apparently Brazil is still growing coffee. The surplus is great, and the world market is rough upon the planters. So that formula is working out as usual. The Brandon Sun reports, each year four million sacks of coffee are dumped in the sea or burned. This is a loss of \$2,000,000 a year to the coffee growers. Kerosene is used because of the coffee's high water content. It will not burn unless fuel is used. So the surplus should not be so much worry to Canadians.

Never in American history did a more vituperative cantankerous, inopportune practitioner of the art of political ballhoo use a cabinet member's desk as a tub to thump. The Buffalo Courier-Express declares, Ickes made more noise and more trouble than any six other politicians in Washington. "For eight or nine years, he has been a pain in the neck to the judicial; he is a thing of joy to the true believers in good catches; he is an snake oil salesman's pulpit. He licks us, and he licks us hard and a brave one. We almost hate to see him go."

If he's neat, he's concealed. If he's careless, he's a bum. If he's pleasant, he's a flirt. If he's brief, he's a punch. If he hurries, he overlooks things. If he takes his time, he's lazy. If you get pinched, he had it in for you. If he's energetic, he's trying to make a record. If he's deliberate, he's too slow to catch a cold. If you strike him, he'll strike you back. If you outwit you, he's a sneak. If you see him first, he's a bonehead. If he makes a mistake, he's a fool. If he misses it, he's a slip. If he gets promoted, he's got pull. If he does it, he's what's the use?—Canadian Police Gazette.

The people of this country, who have committed themselves unreservedly to the principle of international co-operation. This means more than mere words, more than intelligent far-sighted collaboration in the political sphere. It means also a large measure of economic assistance to the many war-scarred nations whose prosperity is essential to our own. To this end, a spirit of co-operation and a willingness to accept necessary privations are necessary, but they alone are not enough. The primary requisite in the post-war world is a sound, healthy American economy.—Providence Journal.

**The Poet's Corner**

FROM DING DONG BELL  
 Just a span and half a span  
 From head to heel was this little man.  
 Scarcely a cupful of small bones  
 Reached up erect his Midget once.  
 Yet not a hunkie was askew;  
 Inches for feet God made him true;  
 And something handsome put between  
 His coal-black hair and beardless nose.  
 But now, forsooth, with mole and nose,  
 He keeps his own small darkened house.  
 —Water de la Mare.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

This column is open to the discussion by correspondence of questions of interest. The *Charlottetown Guardian* does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

**RURAL BEAUFICATION**

Sir—I was much interested in Colonel Johnston's letter in Saturday's *Guardian* suggesting a rural beautification contest for our farmers, with a number of valuable prizes offered to those who, entering the contest, make the greatest improvement in the appearance of their homes during the summer by painting, tidying, tree planting, better fencing, etc. It is certainly to be hoped that Colonel Johnston's idea will be encouraged to such an extent that his proposal may be made effective at once so that the particulars of this year's contest could be announced at an early date.

The appearance of Colonel Johnston's own home is very outstanding—a delight to everybody who drives that way, and must be a source of continuous joy and satisfaction to himself and his family as well as to the neighborhood.

If many others could be encouraged to follow his example, even though on a lesser scale, the rain which has been so unimpressive, probably would more quickly bring about a great improvement in the appearance of the rural districts. I am, Sir, etc.

ROBERT L. COTTON.

**GAME PERMITS**

Sir—In reference to the resolution presented to the P. E. Island Farmers' Federation by Mr. L. P. P. Johnston, I would like to point out that his information is misleading, and if an invitation had been extended, a delegation from Island sportsmen would have welcomed the opportunity to state the policy of our club to the Federation.

The suggested permit is not, as Mr. McLeas stated, two dollars, but a suggested fee of one dollar; and every dollar collected would go to the P. E. Island Sportsmen's Club. The aim is to increase the pheasant and quail membership and provide better shooting for all residents of the Province, and to encourage the tourist gunner who would contribute additional tourist revenue to the Island.

In regard to a committee being formed to inquire into the Pheasants Unlimited, we have no objection to this. Everything is "on the level" and above board. Our books are open to the public and all meetings are in public. We are not, as was stated by the speaker, a "group of so-called sportsmen" who are "in the pockets of farmers, doctors, lawyers, and everyday citizens. Our farmer friends make up thirty-five per cent of our present membership, which embraces all sections of the Province.

As was stated in our circular letter to all parts of the Province last November, we have no intention of trying to force this permit on the sportsmen of the Island; we merely wish to provide the means by which this propaganda scheme could be financed along with the membership fee of our club.

It was stated that it was the intention to make the Island a "sportsmen's paradise at the expense of the farmer." The farmer, or any other resident of Prince Edward Island, if he is a gunner would be asked to pay a permit at one dollar; and we have no hesitation in saying that we believe that all gunners, whether farmers or any other occupation, will have no objection to this permit when the monies collected are put to the use of the Pheasants Unlimited, and are to be used in the betterment of game shooting, and the improvement of fishing on P. E. Island.

The present game law requires every male, sixteen years and over to hold a license and to be incorporated town, to have a license to fish or hunt in the Province. Our petition is merely asking to have the license fee collected outside the city and incorporated towns.

A request has been made to the President of the P. E. Island Farmers' Federation, that a delegation from Island sportsmen be invited to the meeting of the Federation. I am, Sir, etc.

**Radio And The News**

(Ottawa Journal)  
 The chief news editor of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation complains that CBC "is facing a serious problem in the let-down in interest in news."

That is not quite accurate. The let-down is in the interest in radio news broadcasts; it is the common experience of newspapers that circulation continues to increase. And just why this should be a serious problem for CBC we do not know. CBC is a public-service enterprise, and if it makes the news (collected by the newspapers) available to such of its listeners as want the news it need have no regrets.

As the CBC news editor frankly admits, radio news can be nothing more than a bulletin service. During the war the people wanted bulletins, and they liked to go to bed with the assurance that if we had not won any great victories, at least there were no new disasters to report. Now the news is less urgent, the bulletin is largely old stuff which the listener may have read in his newspaper hours earlier, sensational events are rare rather than commonplace, and we suspect not many bridge games are interrupted nowadays for the national news summary.

There is nothing CBC can do about this, and we see no reason why it should worry. Despite everything that has been going on in the excitement of the war, with its hosts of commentators and correspondents and its broadcasts of spectacular events, the reliance of the people on the newspapers was unshaken. That leaves radio a field of enterprise in which newspapers cannot enter.

There was a time when radio thought editors would rather listen than read, that radio made ready for the end. It was all a dream. Even with all the advantages the war offered radio was no more than a little ground it struggled so hard to gain has been swiftly lost.

someone clues which could lead to utilization of many articles which are now considered valueless.

LONDON (CP)—Harry Powell, 41, of Brighton, married with 12 children, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for bigamy.

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By Ken Reynolds



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**NORTH BROOMFIELD**, Northumberland, England—(CP)—A woman who asked that a coffin be opened so she could see her mother for the last time found the body was that of a stranger. The wrong label had been stuck to the body, because of staff shortage at a hospital.