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Peaceful Penetration

Interesting facts bearing on the present and future relations between Canada and the United States were given at the recent Canada-America Conference at Kingston by Mr. R. H. Coats, Dominion Statistician. From the census returns Mr. Coats showed that our American-born citizens, in number 3,450,000, are to be found everywhere; they are not absent from the population statistics of a single county in Canada. Also they are to be found in every occupation.

The Canadian contribution to the United States, checked over the census figures for the last eight years, in contrast with the American contribution in actual numbers and not in percentages is 37 to 1. In 1850 they were 1,480,000 Canadian born citizens of the United States and the number rose with succeeding decades until today the figure stands at 1,280,000. This, of course, excludes American-born citizens wholly or partially of Canadian descent.

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Canada's Role

There is food for reflection in the following comment in Toronto Saturday Night: "We don't know that we approve entirely of the international role that of late has been assigned to Canada by well-meaning statesmen of Great Britain and the United States. It has been suggested in very flattering terms that this country is important because it can act as an interpreter between those two great countries, explaining the Americans to the English and the English to the Americans."

A Polar Pipe-Dream

It is announced that a United States Arctic expedition is planning to parallel the work of the Russians at the North Pole and pay them a visit in an autogyro. The party, consisting of eleven Americans headed by C. J. McGregor, a U.S. government meteorologist, have certain objectives, one of them being "to claim any land for the United States that may be in Arctic areas where no white man has travelled."

It will not result in the acquisition by the United States of any Arctic territories over which sovereignty is not already claimed. The allocation of Arctic territory was fixed by international agreement some years ago. Canada's partition was announced in Parliament by Hon. Charles Stewart, Minister of the Interior at that time. The United States exercises its sovereignty control within its sphere delimited by longitude in the same was as Canada and Russia.

Col. Harrington's Defeat

"No disparagement is implied of Mr. George M. Morrison, who fought a clean and creditable fight, when it is said there will be general regret over the unexpected and certainly undeserved defeat of Colonel Harrington in Cape Breton South," says the Sydney Post-Record (Independent). "The ablest man on the Opposition side of the House and one of the most useful members of the last Legislature, his retirement, even if only temporary, cannot but be regarded as a loss to the whole Province."

Editorial Notes

The Fourth of July is being celebrated today. The Minister of Agriculture seems optimistic over the prospects of a good and steady market for our strawberries in the Old Country.

This week will see the resumption of Ministerial activities at Ottawa, the Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, and Minister of Trade and Commerce being due there Friday.

If Sir Evelyn Wrench expected to hear any "separatist talk" he came to the wrong province, for the Union Jack has always been considered good enough for us. But, as the Prime Minister said about the Dominion, we here like to manage our own affairs.

Since the Union Government has refused to amend a ten-year-old Act, many bars in South African towns will be closed in a few months' time. Ten years ago, the late Mr. Tielman Roos, then Minister of Justice, sponsored the Act whereby bars were given ten years in which to be converted into hotels, failing which they would be closed. The ten years will be up at the end of this year.

Mexico is going socialist and co-operative. A decree has just been promulgated putting all farms and agriculturalists under strict State Control. The edict provides for government regulation of farm production and for fixing maximum and minimum prices of farm products as well as putting the exportation and importation of agricultural products under State control.

As a result of the steady Nazification of the German people in South West Africa since 1932 the Union Government (which rules South West Africa under Mandate) has promulgated a drastic measure to prevent further interference by the Nazis in the domestic affairs of the Territory. The new proclamation gives the Administrator power to forbid alien membership of any political organization or public body.

Basically, the gold problem is a war problem. The nervousness over a Hitler or a Mussolini breaking loose in Europe, embolizing the continent in a new fight to make the world safe from distasteful, has made European capital extremely leery of staying at home. Remove the war scare, and governments would curtail their armament expenditures, taxes would be reduced and European business once again would tend to move ahead.

notes by the Way

We are at the beginning of a period of labour unrest; no admonitions or invocations of patriotism will prevent it. We have a sopping of an essential public service in the capital; a widespread movement of transport; symptoms of unrest in at least one great engineering centre. In a few days notices will be handed in for a national sopping of the coal mines.

The century-old Ordinance enables a person in authority to "disperse all persons gathering together on the Lord's Day in any public or open place for the purpose of gambling, fighting dogs or cocks, or playing any game of chance."

One thing is certain: the regime which found it necessary to befall its intended victim in a significant straits. Already there are increasing evidences from the spot of the inebriate suffering amongst the German population. It is the vilest and most vicious assault on the very roots of Christianity in that pitifully subjected kingdom.—Derry Journal.

James M. Barrie began as a journalist, like most of his great British contemporaries. His newspaper work in India we have seen, just reading in his own story. Chesterton in his later years spoke of Fleet Street with horror and loathing, but as a matter of fact he practiced journalism to the end of his life.

A generation of parents who have grown up according to the "turn of mind" of the school and leave it that they have to be given first-hand knowledge of the fact that while a school or college course can do many things for those who receive it, there is much that it will not and cannot do for them if entirely divorced from parental interest.

From June 1936 to June 1937 Canada exported 205,751,476 bushels of wheat, as against 195,996,233 bushels in the preceding twelvemonth, an increase of some ten million bushels, which represents a more appreciable gain if we remember that the value of these exports totalled \$160,971,667 in 1936-37, as against \$122,238,000 in 1936-37. Prices have followed a definite and constant upward movement during the past year, with the result that wheat sold at an average of \$1.03 a bushel instead of the eighty-two cents of two years ago.

Many European countries, now inarticulate so far as the mass of the people is concerned, will not submit to a policy of being charged exorbitant prices for foodstuffs in order to furnish producers with a scanty subsistence for unremitting toil. The levy made on the consumers does not reach the pockets of the producers; it becomes part of the taxation imposed to meet the cost of military stentorianism, ambition and economic pretensions. This restless ostentation has, unfortunately affected the Budgets of the peaceful nations of the world.

Somehow the courageous attitude of the Basques, determined to fight to the last man, though their chief cities are taken, must strike a responsive chord in the descendants of those who "sit Walling-bied." Basques are also a race of mountaineers, and the hills have always been the home of liberty.—Ex.

Chat Body of Hours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

WHY YOU NEED A VACATION

Routine is dull and tiresome; change sharpens our wits and renews our strength. Every year at this time I feel that as a health writer and editor I should pass along to all readers the knowledge that everybody—man, woman, boy and girl—should have a change, a vacation that means vacating their present surroundings and going elsewhere.

Others think that a vacation is just wasted time and money, that they will return home tired, irritable, with the need of a lot of sleep to become normal again. In thinking about vacation and of anyone who thinks resting or vacationing is wasted time, this one should think of himself as a "run down" or "nearly run down" battery, which has to be taken from the car and recharged before it is put back into the car to do its work again.

Vacation is thus not wasted time, because as you rest from your labor, you are like one who stops using his scythe to sharpen it. While he rests he hones the blade of the scythe, so that when he starts work again, the sharpened blade does much better work in less time than before.

So everybody should take a vacation; should vacate their present surroundings, which sometimes may mean a "holiday" for those left behind. The real benefit from a vacation comes not so much from doing what you want to do during the vacation, but getting away from everything you see and do during the rest of the year.

A British Subject

(Vancouver Province) Sir John MacDonald probably knew very well what he meant by that famous saying of his, written on his statue at Kingston, looking out over the lake: "A British subject I will die."

The Imperial Conference has decided that every member of the British Commonwealth, each for its own, must settle the question of its own citizenship. It is the tradition of citizenship which obtains in Great Britain. Characteristically, the Mother Country has no hard and fast legal definition of citizenship. But she admits any British subject from any part of the Empire, without respect of race or creed, and she admits them to a full equality of political status, by citizenship. It will be remembered for instance, how Battersea in London for years elected as its member of Parliament the Indian-born Parsee Communist, Shapurji Saklatvala.

But Great Britain, maintaining that liberal tradition, has still never been threatened, as Canada and South Africa have been, with an influx of cheap labor from India, or as Canada and Australia have been, with the labor invasion of China and Japan. If Great Britain has been something would have been done about it there. If the conference has been politic in leaving the question to the individual settlement of the nations of the Empire, that is not to say that there is no good reason why the Dominions should not overhaul their own separate laws of citizenship. Canada for instance ought to remove the anomalies and injustices by which her British-born citizens coming here from other parts of the Empire, can lose their Canadian status, by losing their domicile, as a native-born Canadian can not lose it.

With Faint Praise

(Hamilton Spectator)

Before the twenty-first Imperial Conference concluded its deliberations, Prime Minister Mackenzie King, of Canada, referred to the conference as "a clearing house for ideas which later, if action should become necessary, would be submitted to the Empire Parliament for action."

In presenting this viewpoint, Mr. Mackenzie King is giving voice to rebellion on his side. Mackenzie, in his efforts to secure a dismissal, not only appealed to the political prejudices of the American people but openly indulged, while on trial in the most desperate attacks upon the British Government and Canada. In flowing tones he recalled the story of how the colonies had "released themselves from the chains of British tyranny," and asked why he and Case (another indicted) had been chosen for trial while American citizens were left alone.

The highly forced unity of Nazi Germany is artificial, but at least it is apparent to the world at large and accepted by the German people. So with Italian unity. Aggressive nationalism, the cult of national self-sufficiency, are the catch cries of the moment, and it is necessary that the British Empire should do anything to destroy British prestige, but if the peoples of the British Commonwealth, together with those of the United States, should combine, or illustrate their willingness and ability to combine, to protect the peace of the world, that peace, we feel, would be kept.

Mackenzie's Career

(Fred Williams in The Globe and Mail)

June 19 and 20, 1839, were memorable days in the tragic story of William Lyon Mackenzie. He has been indicted at Albany in June, 1838, for breach of the neutrality laws and released upon bail, but the trial was deferred for various reasons. Meantime, Mackenzie did not improve conditions because he devoted that year to a more vigorous campaign against Canada and British authority. Indeed, as late as March, 1839 he had called a convention at Rochester with the avowed object of forming an association of refugee Canadians to "attain Canadian political independence and the entire separation of its government from the political power of Great Britain."

Eventually Mackenzie's trial began at Rochester on June 19, 1839, before Judge Smith Thompson of the United States Supreme Court, and Alfred Conklin, Circuit Judge of the Northern Division of New York. The Grand Jury having returned a true bill, the case proceeded. Mr. N. S. Benton, United States District Attorney, prosecuting, and Mackenzie conducting his own defense. The indictment, under a law of 1794 and another of 1818, charged the defendant with setting on foot a military enterprise at Buffalo, to be carried on against Upper Canada, a part of the Queen's Dominions, at a time when the United States was at peace with her Majesty; with having provided the means for the prosecution of the expedition; and with having done all this within the Dominion and territory, and against the peace of the United States. It was stated in evidence that Mackenzie had at a meeting in the Buffalo theatre in the winter of 1837 called upon the people of the States to imitate the example France had set them in their own case of aiding a revolution in another country; that at Black Rock he had stated that four or five wagon-loads of Muskets on their way to Navy Island would be of great value to the Patriots; and that, on two separate occasions while the forces were on Navy Island, he was there; and that he had issued a proclamation on Navy Island in violation of international law.

BEAUTY OF HOUSE DEPENDS ON ROOF

If one has any doubt as to the importance part the roof plays in the appearance of a house, one has only to study for a moment a few houses which seem especially attractive. The roof will be found

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The Poet's Corner "AND YET MY SORROW SPRINGS" The sote season, that bud and bloom forth brings, With green bath clad the hill, and eke the vale; The nightingale with feathers new she sings; The turtle to her mate hath told her tale; Summer is come, for every spray now springs; The hart hath hung his old head on the pale; The buck in brake his winter coat he flings; The fishes fete with new repaired scales; The adder all her sough away she flings; The swift swallow pursueth the flies and smale; The busy bee her honey now she mings; Writer is worn that was the flower's hale; And thus I see among these pleasant things Each care decays, and yet my sorrows spring.

Adding to his offense in Toronto and elsewhere in stirring up rebellion on his side, Mackenzie, in his attempt to preserve his freedom, used that speech as a weapon to still more act the traitor. "Why should there be deception used?" said he. "You want Canada. I know it. I never met an American who did not want European government removed." Then, looking back, he told the story of the attempt of Franklin, by diplomacy, and of Arnold and Montgomery by arms, to reduce Canada into the Republic; he recalled the War of 1812 "when the one thing you wanted was Canada," and "now you have the opportunity to secure for ever control of St. Lawrence navigation to the sea." Much more of this sort might be quoted. However much the jurors may have been affected by this further proof of his own treason by Mackenzie, Judge Thompson was not all. His charge was against Mackenzie at virtually every point. And it was effective, for the jury required only three hours to bring in a verdict of "guilty as charged." Then Mackenzie cited eighteen reasons why the sentence should be nominal; Judge Thompson took into consideration that it was the first trial under the law of 1794; that the defendant had been ignorant of its provision; that the case involved no moral turpitude; and that the defendant had acted with a zeal which actuates men, who, however mistaken, think they are right.

As to the setting, design, color and landscaping. Color plays an important part in the good looks of a roof, and it is usually subdued. With the exception of glazed tiles, brilliant exotic colors in a roof don't weather well and too often prove irking. A roof may either harmonize or contrast with the walls of the house. A single color may be used—a soft red, brown, green, grey or blue. Or several tones of the same color may be blended to produce delightful results. But it is well to keep in mind when considering an unusual color combination, that it is unwise to choose a roof color without giving a little thought to the location of the house, its general type of architecture, and the colors of the roofs of nearby houses.

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