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FITTING TRIBUTES

It will be recalled that at the last session of Parliament Mr. MacKenzie King, disgruntled at the mounting figures of Canada's export and import trade, launched a bitter partisan attack on the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, alleging that that organization, in some way or other, was "doctoring" the evidence. We have heard nothing since of this astounding charge, but are reminded of it by a statement recently made by Gilbert E. Jackson, professor of economics at Toronto University, who said in the course of remarks before the Ottawa Canadian Club:

"Without the aid of these officials, Canadian academic economists would be like airplane pilots flying 'blind' in the night. One of the most eminent European authorities visiting me some weeks ago said to me that, with the possible exception of Berlin, there was no capital to be found anywhere with as efficient a statistical office as the Dominion Bureau of Statistics here."

PACIFISM: TWO KINDS

A New Brunswick exchange calls attention to the fact that pacifism, at least in the form indicated by a questionnaire distributed among university students of the British Isles, the United States and Canada, has little about it to interest the students of New Brunswick. Not more than nine per cent. of the students attending that institution filled out the questionnaire presented to their attention a fortnight ago. The percentage of those interested among the women attending the university was even lower. But two answered the questionnaire.

This is not at all surprising, nor does it mean that there is any lack of abhorrence of war or the war spirit among New Brunswick university students. The greatest human agency for peace is the League of Nations, but there have been occasions when the League has been handicapped by reason of inability to enforce its decrees. There have been occasions too, since the War, when the armed power of nations like Great Britain has been a potent factor in preventing outbreak of war among other less powerful nations. Would the cause of Peace, under present world conditions, be advanced by the scrapping of every British battleship and the demobilization of every British regiment? The pacifist argues on the assumption that it would. He might as reasonably argue that the disbanding of all the police forces in the United States would solve that country's crime problem.

It is interesting to note that Dr. Albert Einstein, who has spoken eloquently on behalf of pacifism, now recognizes that non-resistance on the part of any one nation would be a futile gesture in the cause of peace. He revised thoughts on pacifism are set forth in a message which he sent recently to the Progressive Education Association, from which they quote:

"The United States, because of its geographic location, is in the fortunate position of being able to teach sane pacifism in the schools, for there exists no serious danger of foreign aggression, and hence there is no necessity for inculcating in youth a military spirit. There is, however, a danger that the problem of educating for peace may be handled from an emotional rather than a realistic standpoint. . . . It should be pointed out that nothing can be gained merely by demanding disarmament so long as there are powerful countries not unwilling to use militaristic methods for the attainment of more advantageous world positions."

On the other hand, of course, there is everything to be said for those who are working, persistently and untiringly, in the cause of peace. The linguistic attitude was never a part of Canadian patriotism, even during the war years. A striking illustration of this comes from a Toronto exchange, which quotes a reference made to that best known of war poems "In Flanders Fields" by Lieutenant Colonel the Rev. G. O. Falls, C.B.E., senior chaplain of the C.E.F. Colonel Falls had discussed person-

ally with the author, the late Colonel John McCrae, the meaning of the line: "Take up our quarrel with the foe." Colonel McCrae explained to him that the "foe" mentioned was not the German, not the Austrian, not the Turk or the Bulgarian. It was the spirit of warfare. His men had been told that this was a war to end war. The Torch that he saw thrown to succeeding generations was the will to realize the great ideal for which the dead had fought—the ideal of a world at peace because of their sacrifice.

The men in the trenches were the true pacifists. The New Brunswick university students may have had this idea in mind when they showed such lack of interest in the other kind of pacifism about which they were circulated, the basic principle of which may be defined as non-resistance under any provocation whatsoever. Which in short means "anything for the sake of peace." There is no warrant in history, sacred or profane, for assuming that peace on such terms would be desirable or even possible of endurance, except by a nation of slaves.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Judge Murray, Halifax, wants a seat at the Hauptman trial to compare American methods of trial with those of his own country.

A baby born at Kirkland Lake, Ont., on November 29, has been named Margaret Marina McDonald, the first child in Canada to be named after the Royal bride.

The Canadian National Silver Fox Breeders Association's office at Moncton is doing big business, 2,400 pelts being taken in on Thursday, while on other days the average was round the 1,500 mark.

The Chef at the Canadian National Hotel informs us he was responsible for the delicious Haggis served at the St. Andrew's Dinner while the Pastry Cook made with the splendid oatmeal cakes served with it which melted in your mouth.

According to Onlookers in the Moncton Transcript, the most popular names in the Railway Hub are Joseph and John among boys, and Mary and Shirley among girls. The names popular in England, viz: Peter, Michael and Anthony for boys, and Rosemary, Pamela and Penelope for girls, are conspicuous by their absence in Moncton.

A new system of preserving perishables has been formally introduced to the commercial interests in London as an alternative to cold storage. The system, which has the trade name of "Vac-Pac," has been the subject of experiments in all climatic conditions for 4-1-2 years, and regular consignments of butter, cheese, honey, meats, fruit pulp, and fruit juices have been successfully transported from New Zealand to London, India, China, and elsewhere for the past three years. The goods are packed by a special vacuum process, which does not involve heating or the use of preservatives, the cases being then conveyed as general cargo and not in cold storage. The system is at present confined to New Zealand, which has three factories, but it is now proposed to make it available to all food-producing countries in the Empire. Sir James Parr states that the Government of New Zealand, a country which sent more butter to the English market than any other country in the world, viewed the new venture with interest, as it would any venture which aimed at improving the quality of their products and the prices at which they were sold.

Hon. J. E. Thomas, Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs has entered a vigorous protest against magnifying the troubles in Europe. "All the talk of war was creating the war mind and was disturbing the people," he said recently. "There was no justification or warrant for it. There were difficulties, and all over Europe there were elements of jealousy, suspicion, and mistrust; but so far as the British Government were concerned in no way whatsoever was there any agreement, other than the obligations submitted to Parliament, which involved us in any commitments on the Continent. How many realized that we were the only country which had got a licensing system enabling an effective control to be exercised by the Government on the export of arms? To his knowledge millions of pounds' worth of orders in the last three years had been refused by this country because of our licensing system. The Government had refused, and would refuse, to give any credit for the manufacture or export of arms."

Notes By The Way

The beaver is an indefatigable worker and chops down the trees, cut up his lengths, carts his mud, and pads it down with his tail and makes a tidy bit of workmanship out of his job. But from the experience of the railway men at Springfield, the beaver is evidently "evolving" too, for they received the surprise of their lives, when going back to get some wire fencing left when they were repairing the railway fence, they found it gone, and search revealed it built into the construction work of beavers.

Spiders, more so than other insects, are particularly susceptible to the congeniality of their surroundings, a French naturalist has established. They often take a great dislike to a certain locality, in which case they climb to the top of a tree and weave a long thread from which they suspend themselves. The wind comes, despatches the thread and carries the spider away, sometimes for a considerable distance.

Least of all should the League of Nations be condemned because some of its plans have failed to work out satisfactorily. Even the greatest supporter of the Geneva idea has never claimed perfection for it. It was an outgrowth of the Great War, the concrete expression of a universal desire for the taking of such steps as would make a repetition of that awful tragedy unlikely. One cannot say whether the League will accomplish its purpose, but it is worth noting that the organization has some definite achievements to its credit and there is no reason for believing that it will not accomplish others. In any event, it is the world's chief hope for peace and, if for no other reason than that, merits our continued support.—Borcer Cities Star.

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The beauty of a good life is the highest kind of beauty. The Greeks joined two words meaning "beautiful" and "good" to form a third meaning "righteousness" but as Ernest Dimmet says: Satan has worked to separate beauty from goodness, so that many today are shy of goodness that is attractive. The urge that has brought into being beautiful churches is sound. Organs and choirs come into their own in the same sanctuary and help to create the "beauty of holiness." Do not find fault with goodness that is attractive, for it is this very quality which gives people the desire to make more of themselves.

It is stated upon high authority the Duke of Kent hastened his engagement to Princess Marina because he had, it is noted, that if he began proposing the Princess of Wales might offer his hand. The heir to the throne, according to an informant, realizing that there were few eligible royal princesses left, began to manifest some interest in favor of Marina, whom he had known since she was a girl.

In case you haven't seen it, I report that a London columnist has thought up an entirely new form of humor. He records that Hitler went to a fortune-teller and asked on what day he would die. The fortune-teller said immediately that he would die on a Jewish holiday. Hitler asked why he was so sure. "Whatever day you die, Leader," he said, "will be a Jewish holiday."

The rumored withdrawal of France from the contest in the Saar would be more significant had France previously been campaigning at all vigorously. To all appearances France long ago gave up any idea of gathering the Saar and she only wished other nations would follow.

Premier Hepburn has reinstated Mr. Sorsolle as Deputy Minister of Public Welfare. The suspension of this official caused a tremendous outcry, following as it did an address he delivered in camera to the members of the Toronto Centre United Church Presbytery. It was another case of Mr. Stevens, passing judgment out of time. Mr. Croll, the Minister of Public Welfare issued the following statement in explanation of his action: "It is now evident that when he made his much-publicized address, Mr. Sorsolle was discussing problems in the institutions under his care as Deputy Minister of Public Welfare. The department was well aware that such problems existed and was deeply concerned. I had, indeed, on Aug. 16, appointed a committee to conduct a thorough examination of all phases of juvenile delinquency, the present problems included. That committee has been carrying on an active inquiry ever since, and will report as soon as it is humanly possible. Judge H. E. Mott is Chairman and Mr. Sorsolle is a member of that committee. Pending completion of the committee's work, I regret that Mr. Sorsolle chose the public platform for a discussion of industrial school problems at the present time."

That Body of Pours

STOMACH OR INTESTINAL ULCER IS OFTEN INHERITED

I have spoken before of two brothers who were under such stern discipline by their father that notwithstanding the fact that they were in their early thirties they were so "nervous" and upset all the time that both developed ulcer of the first part of the small intestine—peptic or duodenal ulcer.

Dr. H. H. Riecker, in Annals of Internal Medicine, records his study of 942 cases of duodenal ulcer. There was a history of other members affected with ulcer, or with cancer, or with both, in 13 per cent or 121 cases of the 942.

Many research workers consider that there is a certain build of body that is more likely to develop ulcer; the thin or narrow nervous type of individual.

The individual thus inherits his tendency to ulcer along with his narrow or thin build.

It would appear that the extra flow of acid stomach juice is not the cause of the ulcer, but that the "nervousness" causes the change in the lining of the stomach or small intestine and the extra flow of acid digestive juice follows later.

Now while all ulcer cases do not give a family history of ulcer, it may be that it has skipped a generation or two, but the nervous or family tendency to ulcer is present just the same.

Dr. Riecker states that the study of these ulcer cases emphasizes the fact that the constitution of the patient (this build) is the most important thing in the cause of the disease; and that once a member of a family has shown peptic ulcer, others should be watched for a developing anti-Nazi. The suggestion that the taking of a second plebiscite "after Hitler is gone," in the event of the Saar electing to remain under the League of Nations now, is a clever move of the anti-Nazi.

That Nazi-ism is doomed within a measurable time is not likely to please the predominant party in Germany, however. Naturally there will be rumors of a coup preparatory to the political failures, and he sees it. To get out of the scrape he is scheduled to interview Premier Lethbridge-Stewart, to get some pennies (or "Nickels") dropped into for his relief.

HEPBURN—GIANT OF POLITICS

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Fortunately Conservatives who rule at Ottawa are not of the new "Not a Nickel" type. They consider the interest of the country first, with petty politics not in consideration. Because of this Ontario will no doubt profit. But to the Patriotic bluster about Hepburn or any other Liberal bringing Premier R. B. Bennett to his knees is too ridiculous even for a newspaper that does most of its talking through its hat.

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LOYAL TO ROYALTY

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Editor reserves the right to delete or to modify the opinions of correspondents.

S. P. C. A.

Sir—Meetings of the S. P. C. A. have been called for the first Monday in every month, and last night being the first Monday, only four members attended, though a number of representatives of the truckmen were present.

As there was important business to be brought before the meeting it had to be adjourned till tonight at 7 o'clock, when I hope all the members and those interested in the Society, will attend promptly.

I am, Sir, etc.

L. I. JENKINS Vice-President

DESPICABLE

Sir—Probably the most despicable piece of rotten propaganda that ever disgraced the pages of a Canadian newspaper, is that in Saturday's Patriot, captioned, "OH PROMISE ME."

While the British and civilized world, without regard to party, politics or creed, were filled with joy, praise and congratulations at the happy marriage of His Royal Highness Prince George and the Princess Mariana, the Patriot drags the event and the beautiful words of the ceremony into its political mud to draw attention to two thirds of a column of its slims and slander against Hon. R. B. Bennett.

Knowing that decent readers turn with disgust and refuse to read its foul calumnies against clean public men; to drag them into reading its filth, it trailed the sacred ceremonies of the Royal marriage into its political cess-pool, as if it were a dog in the street it tried to stir up.

It is a disgrace to Canadian loyalty that such subterfuge is tolerated. The dishonor is worse coming from Prince Edward Island, named after the Duke of Kent, where loyalty abounds more abundant than in any part of Canada, and whose people will resent this shameful attempt to associate the sacred and beloved Royalty with the foul odor: scandal of the Liberal organ's creating.

Thank heaven there is not another publication in Canada that would smirch its columns with anything so disgraceful as the disreputable product of degenerate politics.

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"NOT A NICKEL"

The Poet's Corner

AT NIGHT

Home, home from the horizon far and clear, Hither the soft wings sweep; Flocks of the memories of the day draw near. The dove-like doors of sleep. O, which are they that come through sweetest light Of all these homing birds? With wings the straightest and the swiftest flight? Your words to me, your words!

—Alice Meynell.

Publicity on behalf of Canadian seed potatoes in Cuba has been carried out in the form of radio broadcasting in Spanish from Havana.

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An Ancient Carthage

(Exchange)

The cultural section of ancient Carthage, teeming metropolis of the classical and early Christian world, is believed by archaeologists to have been uncovered by ancient excavations.

On a hillside, which may be the spot where, according to the Latin epic, the Aeneid, Queen Dido cast herself into the flames at the departure of her hero-lover, Aeneas, a complete villas, flagstone streets, temples, and other records giving a vivid picture of life in the second and third centuries of the Roman and early Christian era have been dug out of the North African sands. The excavations are being directed by Father Lapeyre of the Lavignere museum, who recently appealed to the French Government to save the ancient city for centuries one of the most important commercial centres of the Mediterranean world, from vandalism and loss from the natives, who were using priceless mosaics as building stones for their huts.

A whole section of the city, much as it was in the height of its glory, has been brought to light on Odeon Hill, overlooking the Gulf of Tunis. The hill was probably so named from a temple dedicated to music and poetry which crowned it.

The location recalls the story of the wounding of Carthage and the classical love suicide of Dido as related in the Aeneid. In the poem, Queen Dido is described as having purchased, for a small sum, "as much land as a bull's hide would cover." But the wily Queen out of her small strips and with them encompassed the city on which the city was founded, Aeneas, escaping from burning Troy, landed there and for a while succumbed to the Queen's blandishments, but, following out his destiny, departed and went to Italy to found Rome. As he sailed away, Dido, sighing after the departing vessel from a hill, cast herself into a burning pyre, the smoke of which Aeneas beheld from his ship.

Carthage became the commercial mistress of the world, a symbol both of high living and of cruelty of its god, Moloch. Its great Hannibal, threatened Rome, and historians are agreed that his unsuccessful campaigns against Italy were one of the critical points in the history of the western world.

At the insistence of Cato the elder, who kept haranguing the Roman Senate on the theme "Delenda est Carthago" (Carthage must be destroyed), the city was stormed and salt plowed into the ground so that no living thing might grow there again.

A thriving metropolis soon sprang up again, however, and it became the capital of the province of Africa under the Empire. Many famous Christian martyrs lived there, and the renowned early Christian Bishop Cyprian made it his seat.

It is from this era that the present excavations are believed to date.

The winter mortality of the rather threatening number of chinch bugs in south-western Ontario this past season is under observation of officers of the Entomological Branch of the Dominion Department of Agriculture against a possible serious outbreak in 1935.

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