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CIVIC FINANCES

Finance Chairman Holman, in introducing the Estimates at Wednesday's special meeting of the City Council, presented a statement outlining the plans now in operation for improving the City's financial standing by means of adequate sinking fund provision which is deserving of the most careful consideration by all our citizens.

Such an ideal condition, of course, is dependent on economic conditions. In a time of world depression, it can only be done by curtailing necessary expenditures or by increasing taxation. This fact is one which is facing every government today, municipal, provincial and federal.

A PATRIOT MARE'S NEST

The local Liberal press has discovered another mare's nest. It has found that a small section of the experimental sand-asphalt highway at Southport, built late last fall, has not stood up satisfactorily to winter conditions and is being repaired.

The facts in connection with this work are given in an interview in today's Guardian given by Mr. Spawford, who had charge of the work for the contracting company.

Our contemporary endeavours, somewhat amusingly, to draw a parallel between the cracks in the Southport highway and the cracks which appeared in 1931 in the McIntyre highway.

As Hon. Mr. Sharp stated in the Legislature, the work was of an experimental nature, pure and simple, so far as the Government was concerned.

The contracting company, as will be seen from Mr. Crawford's statement, assumes responsibility for the faulty section done under unfavorable conditions last fall, and is convinced that the experiment, as a whole, will be successful.

FARM CREDIT

Appropos of the discussion on the Farmers' Creditors' Arrangement Act, the following comment from the Toronto Mail and Empire, corroborating the statements of Mr. McPherson, superintendent under the Act, will be read with interest:

The census of 1931 showed that in the preceding ten years, during most of which the Mackenzie King Government was in office, the number of Canadian farm owners decreased 4.6 per cent, while the number of tenants increased nearly 1 per cent. In every province except

Prince Edward Island, the percentage of tenants increased, the proportion of increase in Manitoba being the highest, 22.84 per cent. Saskatchewan was second with 22.60 per cent, and Alberta third with 16.26 per cent.

This remedial measure is only getting under way, but up to the end of March over 40,000 farmers had interviewed the official Government Receivers throughout the Dominion, 11,819 in Quebec, 8,778 in Saskatchewan, 8,311 in Alberta, 2,832 in Manitoba, 5,321 in Ontario, 1,068 in British Columbia, and 2,177 in the Eastern Maritime Provinces.

EDITORIAL NOTES

There promises to be a brilliant social season ending up the week after the Jubilee celebrations. Everybody who is anybody will be doing it.

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must have created a record, at this distressful period for governments, by putting its sinking funds on a sound actuarial basis. In most other cities and provinces they wish to forget there is a hereafter for bond redemption.

With reduction in income tax in the lowest brackets, and with increases in allowance for a married man and in exemption for children, the British taxpayer should realize that he is getting both a new deal and a square deal.

The future is very bleak for the old time Liberal party—the most that is hoped for is that it will be absorbed by the Liberal Conservatives. It has no distinctive policy except "Free Trade as in England," and alas England has abandoned Free Trade, and adopted "Protection as in Canada."

In connection with the Jubilee demonstrations and grand procession it should be realized that all overseas men, whether they are members of the Legion or not, are invited and expected to participate. There should be a great re-union of veterans over the week end of May 4-6.

And speaking of veterans there will be on parade on May 6, men who volunteered for service during the Northwest rebellion, South Africa veterans, Old Contemptibles from Great Britain, as well as our own Legionnaires of the Great War.

In its campaign against "the destructive work of pacifists and anti-military organizations," the German Government announces that the death penalty will be invoked to exterminate pacifism in time of national emergency. Contrary to common belief, the militaristic Nazis seem to be convinced that it is peace that is destructive and that war is a thing to be glorified.

According to the English newspapers, everyone is anxiously waiting the arrival of Premier Bennett to direct the Dominion representatives in their unofficial Conference with the Mother Land Statesmen. Never has Canada stood higher in the world's estimation than it does at present under Premier Bennett's leadership. Even the League of Nations has appointed the "nation of Canada" one of the committee of 13 nations to deal with economic sanctions and violations. This notwithstanding that Canada is not now a member of the Council.

The division of economic and history of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace will hold a general conference on the economic, industrial, political and social relations between Canada and the United States in the week of June 17-22 at St. Lawrence University,

Notes By The Way

The great point for road users to grasp right away is that the mixture of whom and laxity by which the old limit was operated is over and done with. The law means what it says. Thirty miles an hour in built-up areas is the maximum. There is no reason to look for contemptuous defaulting, and the attitude of mind which developed under the old order and made non-conformity all but universal ought not to arise.

The St. Mary's Journal-Argus notes that in a nearby village there is a blacksmith shop which has defied the modern tendency of such places to become garages, and the smith is always busy with horses or with a woodworking business which he carries as a side line. This man came from Berkshire, where his forebears have been village blacksmiths for centuries and his wife is also the offspring of a long line of smiths.

Co-operation alone can organize successfully business in farm products; it will compel farmers to perfect their methods of production and sale, to classify their products, to adapt their system of sale to the needs of the markets. It gives to agriculture a formidable weapon against the monopolies which control business in farm product.

The scholarly Edward Everett

was the selected speaker of the day at Gettysburg. For two hours he spoke. Then President Abraham Lincoln arose and read less than 300 words from a little paper which he held in his hand. It probably took him less than three minutes to deliver it. That long speech of Everett's has long been forgotten, but the words of Lincoln—spoken in simple genius—have become immortal.

The Royal Commission Investigating

British Columbia relief camp conditions has been informed that some men have made a practice of entering the camps receiving clothing and then quitting and selling the goods in Vancouver. After that they would go to another camp and repeat the process. Racketeers of this type may be alarmed over the prospect of a closing up of some of the camps because of strikes. Walk-outs will spoil their opportunities of making a dishonest living.

When Hitler threw off the mask and openly announced the recreation of the German army and the adoption of war planes and as a practical witness held the warplane demonstration over Berlin, there was instant reaction on the stock exchanges the stock of armament and allied firms rising in value. In Berlin these stocks rose from 1 to 5 1-2 points. Steel, aviation, and electrical equipment was in lively demand. United Steel rose 1 1-2 points. Bavarian Motor Works stock rose 4 3-4 and the Berlin-Karlsruhe stock over the course of the week rose 5 1-2 points.

Forever will the power of the written word ride down the ages and rout every enemy to progress. Long after the blood has been wiped from the sword by the written words of seers, prophets, and dreamers be revered and become a guide by day and a light by night. Banish from the world every recorded word of man and what a desert it would seem! From whence would come our solace, our understanding of even the vague elements of human life, or our appreciation of those long gone? Are not the written words of the world the very tracks of those who feet have beaten an immortal path for us? The human body dies and its brain becomes dust—but deathless are the written words of that brain, conceived in life!

During the recent dust storms field in the Texas Panhandle lost as much as three feet of soil and subsoil. But it was one real estate movement in which neither the man on either end nor the middleman made any profit.

Canton, N.Y. The conference will be part of a comprehensive survey of Canadian-American relations. The study of Canadian capital and industry is being made by Professor Frank A. Southard, Jr., of the Tariff Commission in Washington; Professor Kenneth W. Taylor, of McMaster University, Hamilton, Ont.; Professor Frank A. Knox, Queen's University, and Herbert Marshall, Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

That Body of Hours

By James W. Bowers, M.D. ASTHMA SUFFERERS HELPED BY EXERCISES

Asthma is such a distressing ailment that physicians everywhere are seeking and often finding the cause or causes. Many are useless, so that the "hopelessness" of former years is gradually disappearing.

Thus it was found that certain dusts, pollens from plants, the fur or feathers of animals were the causes in some cases.

Other cases were found to be due to certain growths, or deformities, in the nose; with the removal or correction of these conditions the attacks were stopped.

Thus the Asthma Research Council has issued an illustrated booklet on the treatment of asthma by exercises. The object of treatment is to restore the lungs and chest to normal size or to prevent distension of the chest from occurring.

The exercises are designed to relax the lower part of the chest and the upper, and second to use the diaphragm more.

The body should be held loosely with the arms by the sides. The patient should face a mirror so that he can watch the effect of the exercises on his chest.

When the exercises are performed properly they should cause wheezing and often coughing as the air is all driven out.

Interview With Mr. Buchan

Colonel John Buchan, whose appointment as Governor-General of Canada was recently announced, will take up his new task with enthusiasm.

In an interview with a Sunday Times (London) representative April 5th he stated: "I am looking forward to my stay in Canada immensely. It will be an experience of infinite variety, in which I will find a great deal to exercise heart and mind."

Country for the Pioneer

"Until recently Canada was a country of incalculable resources. It was still essentially a country for the pioneer. Now those resources are becoming defined; their exploitation has been set upon an ordered industrial basis; rationalization has taken the place of the usual developments of the old days. In this new state of things the citizen is finding new opportunities as well as new restrictions. He has the task of social development and construction, but also of personal adaptation."

"There is always something dramatic in the spectacle of a great nation marching through a quiet revolution to a new destiny. To have some part in it, even as a watcher behind the scenes—for that will be my lot—is a privilege of which I am more proud than I can say."

"Canada has already a literary and artistic achievement impressive in a country which is, by the common standards of age, still young. I must confess to only a nodding acquaintance with its art, but I have delved pretty deeply into Canadian literature."

"I am a little disappointed by the reflection that, although I have to my credit quite a number of books, I have not laid the same one of them on Canadian soil. The nearest I got was Virginia. But there is still time to make amends. I start, I hope, with more than a passing knowledge of Canada and Canadians. True, I have not been in the Dominion since 1924, but, as a Scot, I understand the permanent elements in the make-up of my own kin—and Canada is full of them. I have also, as a historian, studied Canada's story with profound interest. The United Empire Loyalists were bold heroes of mine. My admiration, too, for the French Canadians is unbounded. They produced some of the boldest pioneers in the world's history."

Duke Of Marlborough And Hudson's Bay Company

Few Canadians realize the important role played by John Churchill, the great Duke of Marlborough, in the early history of the Hudson's Bay Company. In Marlborough; His Life and Times (Ryerson Press), Winston Churchill says of his notable ancestor that he had that curious mixture of business capacity and Imperial vision which in our day excites the admirers and the critics of Cecil Rhodes.

In 1666 two French-Canadian Protestants who had opened up the fur trade around Hudson Bay, but had found no support from their own Government either in Quebec or Paris, went to England and obtained the audience of King Charles II. After a successful voyage a permanent company was formed. In 1670 King Charles II granted a charter "to the Governor and Company of Adventurers of England trading into Hudson Bay."

John Churchill, twelve years old, was elected to succeed him. On James' accession John Churchill was chosen. He thus became the third Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company.

"I have myself heartily into the work of the Company" in 1688 it declared a dividend of 50 per cent, in 1689 a dividend of 25 per cent was paid; in 1690 of 75 per cent, and in that year it was decided to triple by share-splitting the value of its original stock. Nor was the expansion of the original 10,500 capital unjustified. The stocks in the warehouse were alone worth that sum: the trapping of the year was expected to bring in \$20,000 worth of beaver; and a claim for \$100,000 was made.

Twenty Years Past

(Toronto Globe) "In the latter half of April, 1915, the Fifth Canadian Division, now allotted to the British Fifth Army Corps, occupied the northeast face of the Salient as far as the Ypres-Poelcapelle Road. Thence to the Ypres-Zer Canal the line was held by French troops, chiefly Africans. It was against this last section that, on April 22, the Germans delivered the first gas attack."

Thus badly begins the story of the Second Battle of Ypres; the battle that is engraved forever in Canada's remembrance as St. Julien. Twenty years is far to remember. Yet all across Canada in these days memories twenty years past return to live again. Scenes of terror and confusion and unconquerable courage, of suffering beyond words, and endurance above praise rise clear of the mists of time for men who were actors in them. And the hearts of women, awaiting, remember waiting in terror and desolation and the long agony of loss.

Few Canadians of the war generations but can recall, bright as yesterday, the face of some boy who died at St. Julien. Few among them but have been tempted, not once, but many times, to envy the dead boy's fortune. Life in the years since 1915 has proved no such fine affair as to be counted all loss to those who left it at St. Julien, young and undefeated.

"Loss is not with the dead, but with the living." The time that has passed since April 22, 1915, has not dulled the bitterness of the old to-day in his own country. I know the old—that unless he has changed mightily in the past 30 years I shall like him enormously. America I happen to know well. It is not, I think, disadvantageous to Canada to have as its Governor-General one who knows pretty thoroughly its neighbor over the border.

The Fourth Commoner

Speaking of the Governor-Generalship, I was interested to see how prevalent was the impression over here that I was the first commoner to be appointed. I looked into the matter and found that actually I was the fourth. Lord Lisgar, Lord Lorne, and Lord Sydenham were, in this respect, my predecessors.

Poet's Corner

UPON ECKINGTON BRIDGE, RIVER AVON

Man shall outlast his battles. They have swept Avon from Naseby Field to Severn Ham; And Evesham's dedicated stones have steep'd Down to the dust with Montfort's oriflamme. Nor the red rear nor the reflected tower Abides; but yet these eloquent grooves remain, Worn in the sandstone parapet hour by hour. By labouring bargemen where they shifted ropes. Even so shall man turn back from violent hopes To Adam's cheer, and toll with spade again.

A "Warrior Priest"

(Toronto Star) Reverend John Pringle is dead, and with him passes almost a tradition of the "church militant, here on earth." It is years now since he figuratively set the Yukon on fire, but the record of his battles on that then far-off frontier in the days when mining camps were still modelled upon those of '49 is an epic of the war upon unrighteousness of which the Canadian church is properly proud. The Yukon in '96 had within it all the elements that might have made its camps into latter-day Tombstones and Lead-veins and it was only the spirit in men like John Pringle, backed by North-West Mounted Police, that turned the balance against the "Soapy Smith" and his wide array of gold rushes invariably attract from all over the world.

But Mr. Pringle was not content with, figuratively, tucking up his sleeves against Apollyon in the Northland. He took his pen in hand and he travelled the Yukon, arousing a legatistic sentiment in favour of better conditions throughout the Yukon. He let the chips fall where they would as he laid about him, and there were those in Parliament and elsewhere who were made more than a little uneasy by his untiring zeal, but he got what he went after, and the North was the gainer.

He was seventy-two when the Great War broke out, an age when going to war is not in most men's minds, but John Pringle was not as most men. Here was a hardy enemy, unexpectably more dangerous than the thugs and the crooks of Dawson and the camps, and he went forth against him with the same zeal, the same conviction, though necessarily with a lessening of those remarkable physical powers that awakened the admiration of even the huskiest in the Yukon's palmiest days. He was a warrior-priest, in the very best sense, "on the Lord's side," with every ounce of his strength and every thought of his brain. Any country may well be proud of such sons.

Potato Duties

(Washington Post) The State Department has addressed a very solemn and decidedly humourous admonition to the "potato growers of Maine and others who have written to the State Department."

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President in regard to the possibility of reductions in duties in connection with the proposed trade agreement with Canada. Instead of betraying considerable vexation with the unnamed "propagandists of high protection" who are believed to have inspired the letters in question, the State Department might have more effectively indulged in a satiric chuckle over their incredibly bungling methods.

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