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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink."

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Diesel Engines Ordered

It is pleasing to note that at long last an order has been placed by the Canadian National Railways with the Canadian General Electric Company for eighteen 72-ton Diesel-electric locomotives for general service in this Province.

Legislative Petition Ignored

It is to be hoped, as requested by our fishermen, that the Federal Government will reconsider its refusal to purchase a portion of this year's East Coast fish pack, and thus relieve a situation which threatens to become very serious.

This is not a political issue, as was shown in our Legislature last session when a unanimous resolution was passed, urging the Fisheries Prices Support Board "to immediately put into action a plan of purchasing canned fish of the types purchased in 1948, in order to give relief to fishermen and their families."

Old Age Pensions

Many thousands of old-age or blind pensioners are doomed to disappointment when they receive their next pension cheques, says the Globe and Mail. As they were entitled to, they probably took at face value the Federal Government's announcement that their basic pension was being increased by \$10 a month.

The Federal Government, hastening to dismiss Parliament, brought up in the closing days an amendment to the Old Age Pensions Act. It provided that Ottawa would hereafter pay 75 per cent of \$40 a month in place of the previous \$30, the Provinces to pay the remainder.

But now it develops that many will not receive this amount in full. The reason is that their total allowable income from all sources has not been increased. It still remains at \$600 a year for single people, \$1,080 for the married, \$1,200 for a pensioner whose married partner is blind and \$1,320 if both husband and wife are blind.

Among Canada's old people are thousands who, despite age or infirmity, have found ways and means to supplement their pensions. They now learn from the Government that no credit is to be given to them for this effort on their own behalf.

Fundamental Problem

In the opinion of Mr. R. A. McEachern, editor of the Financial Post, speaking recently in Newfoundland, the fundamental problem facing Canadians for the next decade or two is whether Canada will be able to maintain her present position of independence — a half-way house between Britain and America — or whether we shall be pulled by the realities of human nature and politics much closer to the U. S., and perhaps into actual union.

Canada depends almost entirely on her export trade, and Britain has always been a big market. But right now Britain is becoming a less dependable market for Canada's raw materials. A very grave danger in the months and years ahead is a serious and continued shrink-

age in our sales to Britain. In addition, war shortages are ending everywhere, and the probability is that one of these years the U. S. will weary of well-doing and will end its aid to European countries.

If and when we reach that situation, Mr. McEachern predicts, Canada will be in a bad spot. We shall be faced with a serious decline in our prosperity and in our standard of living. If that happens, it is certain that the cry for union with the U. S. will go up.

"That," Mr. McEachern added, "is something we don't want. But it is going to be a supreme test of our national intelligence and of the statesmanship of our leaders to maintain conditions favorable to prosperity, and to create the true national unity indispensable to our survival."

The Financial Post editor may be unduly pessimistic regarding the British market. As indicated recently by Mr. Noel-Baker, the Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, Britain in spite of present difficulties is still maintaining a high level of purchases from Canada. Imports for the twelve months ending June this year will total nearly \$700 millions.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Friday the thirteenth, when men find rational excuses for doing it some other time.

The Berlin blockade is now history but the contest with Soviet Russia it is merely a change of fronts.

The Federal Government has now the fishermen as well as the farmers to reckon with in providing outlets for produce.

The Iron Curtain was supplemented last week by the radio curtain when Britain and the United States pooled 61 short-wave transmitters to carry their news broadcasts to the Soviet Union against an estimated 100 Russian jamming stations.

Cooking over a hot stove is going to be as obsolete as carrying pots of water when the electronic oven comes on the market. The United States Navy is experimenting with such a high frequency gadget. It reduces cooking time from hours to minutes without itself becoming even warm.

The Canadian Cancer Society and its president, Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan, O. B. E. can look back on a year of great advances in the struggle against that disease. Much has been learned by science but its general application is a costly undertaking in which every man and woman should contribute.

The Winnipeg Free Press reminds us that the foreign policy of any democracy can be strong and successful only if it is non-partisan. It is necessary in foreign affairs that a consistent policy be followed whatever party or policies may be currently in favour on the home front.

A big, untapped market in the men's clothing trades exists, according to a report released by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Only four men in ten own a Summer-weight suit, 47 per cent do not own pajamas, and 35 per cent have never worn sports suits.

Alfred, Viscount Milner, English statesman and administrator, died this date 1925. Began his diplomatic career as under-secretary for finance in Egypt; then became chairman of the Board of Inland Revenue, followed by the governorship of the Cape of Good Hope 1897-1901. This began a long period of service in South Africa which carried him through the Boer War. He retired in 1905, but re-entered politics as a member of the War Cabinet in 1916 with the portfolio of Secretary of State for the colonies. He did outstanding work in the reorganization of Britain's relation with Egypt, the fruit of which was reaped in connection with Great War II, and the recent situation in Palestine.

Juvenile delinquency is a symptom of an immature society, Dr. Douglas J. Wilson told members of the Lions Club of Montreal at luncheon in the Mount Royal Hotel. Dr. Wilson said that the major responsibility for delinquent children rested with parents and teachers. "While most teachers are underpaid I know of cases where they are greatly overpaid," he said. "A teacher's main job is not to teach mathematics and reading and spelling but to realize that he is instrumental in moulding character and personality. That is the primary function."

The prospect of the imminent lifting of the Berlin blockade and the possibility of a reasonable settlement of the problem of the establishment of a government for Germany, are giving rise to conjecture as to subsequent developments in the field of relations between Russia and her satellite states on the one hand, and the Western powers on the other. Most informed observers appear to believe that the resolution of the difficulties in Germany will open the way to the lifting of at least some of the trade barriers now existing between East and West, and hence, eventually, to the betterment of mutual understanding and the brightening of chances for lasting peace.

The Poet's Corner

OLD FISHERMAN
Daily he comes here to the shrunken pool.
Made secret by its wind-guard of old pine,
To smoke his pipe and loiter by the cool
Sweet water, like Time's truant, with his line.
Even a child would know no fish are left.
For streams like men may fall on evil days,
Yet he still lingers where his joy ran swift.
As a trout leaping... Now the dusty rays
Of afternoon lie golden on the land
And the tall dark creeps nearer from the wood,
And there he stops, the old rod in his hand
For last try before he goes for good.
The line floats out—though not to water hung
But far upon the days when he was young.
—T. Morris Longstreth.

Old Charlottetown

LOUISBURG RELIC
An unusual ceremony and one of much historical interest took place in front of the Provincial Building on November 9, 1900 when the unveiling of a cannon from a French frigate sunk in the defense of Louisbourg in 1758 and recovered in 1900, brought together a great assemblage of interested citizens. The gun, much eroded by its long immersion in the ocean, is still to be seen in its carriage in Queen Square gardens. It was placed there, with an appropriate inscription, by the Natural History and Antiquarian Society of Prince Edward Island.

Memo For Candidates

MEMO FOR CANDIDATES
(OBC News Letter)
With the dissolution of Parliament and the calling of a federal election, all the political fronts have blazed into activity. The party leaders are starting the traditional series of campaign tours. And the air is filled with charges and counter-charges aimed at developing "an election issue."

1. Don't consider us all complete fools. We are thinking now of political promises. If you stand for increased social services—increased old age pensions, increased family allowances, increased subsidies, guaranteed prices, and the rest—by all means say so. But please do not insult our intelligence by indicating that you will provide all these things and lower taxes too.

2. Don't drive wedges between various sections of our economy. If you are talking to labour, don't run down the farmer, the investor and the businessman. Do your best to make each group aware that only through partnership can we develop as we should.

3. Don't shove all make political capital out of sectional, racial or religious differences.

4. Do point out that you will act to the best of your ability in the interests of Canada and Canadians as a whole.

5. Do promise to do your best to see that government is run on sound business lines, with a minimum of waste.

6. Do promise to use your influence to see that the function of government is restricted to that of governing.

There are a lot of details that could be filled in, but a candidate who campaigned on a platform such as that outlined above might be surprised to find how much support would be forthcoming. If honest men can be persuaded to run in each Canadian constituency, then other things being equal, the voters can be depended upon to elect them.

MOONSTRUCK?



Notes By The Way

As the birthplace of the industrial revolution and the free enterprise system, Britain changed the economic face of the world. The Labor party, now in office, plans a vast new nationalization program. The results of Britain's trend toward socialism are incalculable, and may well influence world history as profoundly as did the development of capitalism in the United Kingdom. — Ottawa Citizen.

The newspapers of Canada may not be perfect, but they appreciate that if freedom of the press—one of the fundamentals of our British liberties—is to be maintained they have a great responsibility to their reading public in the accurate, unbiased presentation of news. Mr. Caldwell's attack is either based on his lack of knowledge of the situation, or is a deliberate attempt to misrepresent the papers of Canada because editorially they do not agree with the views of his party and himself. — London Free Press.

A St. Catharines businessman, who likes to take a jaunt over the river on his Wednesday afternoon off, not to smuggle but just for the change, tells of a couple of incidents he witnessed on the way home. One chap was bulging at the seams, his coat buttoned up. The customs inspector unbuttoned him and out fell three or four cartons of cigarettes. What it cost him to have the presumption to think that customs inspectors were actually blind deponent knoweth not. Another incident did not have quite such a sad denouement. A St. Catharines negro had two bottles of liquor on the bus seat. He was told to get off for inspection by customs. He got off, left the whisky on the seat, came back and resumed his seat; the bottles were right where he left them. — St. Catharines Standard.

Among the 10 Japanese-Canadians who have been granted licences for commercial fishing on the Pacific Coast, following the 8-year ban which was lifted April 1, is Tatsuro "Buck" Suzuki, 33-year-old former sergeant-major in the Canadian Active Army. Suzuki served with distinction in the Canadian Army, with the Malaya Command. His parents are naturalized Canadians and his wife was born in Canada. At the beginning of the Pacific war they were all summarily shifted to Ontario. While he was at war, Sgt. Suzuki's Fraser Valley farm was sold by the custodian of enemy properties, an official who seems to have been accountable to no one, for \$1,963, upon which legal fees were charged. There was a \$3,000 insurance policy covering the house, and Suzuki says he can prove it was worth \$4,000. Now Suzuki is living with his wife and children on a tiny boat on the Fraser river. — Vancouver News-Herald.

In New York there is a "Home for Homeless Boys." One of the activities of this institution is to collect plants and bulbs that people are discarding, take them to the garden belonging to the institution and in due course to send bouquets from the garden to shut-ins. A notice in a New York newspaper informs those who are about to throw away plants and bulbs that if, instead, they will call a given number, a messenger will be sent to take the unwanted things away. It is said that, at this season of the year soon after Easter, literally thousands of plants and bulbs are just thrown out; and when we come to think of it that is probably no exaggeration. It may not be a serious form of waste, unless all waste is regarded as serious on principle; but it does suggest that it may well be that here is something worth salvaging and recovering for the pleasure of those who appreciate the joy flowers bring. — Saint John Telegraph-Journal.

Bombs have begun raining into kitchens, sickrooms, greenhouses and other peaceable places. Millions more are coming. These will destroy insects, germs and offensive odors—and do quite a number of other chores. They are "aerosol bombs"—small steel or aluminum cans that at the touch of a button emit under pressure ultra-fine sprays of insecticides, deodorants or what you need. Developed during the war to ward off malaria-carrying mosquitos in the tropics, aerosols already have gone far to displace old-style spray guns. Manufacturers estimate seven million were sold last year—a figure they hope to triple in 1949. A score or more makers in the field are busily devising a myriad of new canned sprays designed to kill moths and cold germs, polish furniture, shampoo rugs and even paint the porch chairs. Drawbacks to the "bombs" first marketed were that they were bombs indeed—in weight, shape and cost. They had to be made of heavy metal to contain the high pressures under which the contents were then kept—and hence cost \$3 or \$4 apiece at retail, with refills \$2 each. But now producers have developed low-pressure sprays which can be held in light cans selling for half as much. — Wall Street Journal.

An old magazine records the following among convictions and penalties at the sitting of the Court of King's Bench for the district of Montreal at the Spring term, 1823: Francois Monceau, compound larceny, sentenced to be hung; Char-

Holy Innocent

(Manchester Guardian)
For the second time in two years the Archbishop of Canterbury has publicly dissociated himself from the political opinions of his Dean. A certain rift has been apparent for some time; its significance should now be clear even in the less populous regions of the Saskatchewan or Alabama dioceses, if Dr. Fisher's words are reported there. Dr. Hewlett Johnson has authority to preach Communism neither in the name of Canterbury nor of his Church; he may not be dismissed for his opinions, for he has committed no civil or Church offence and free speech is precious in this country. Things are handled differently in Bulgaria. — The Communist Government has made all Christian Churches part of its State machinery. It can alter Church statutes, and send to penal servitude any clergyman who "by speech or in writing uses the Church for propaganda purposes against the People's Government." It can dispose of a recalcitrant cleric in the twinkling of an eye, if he "works against the democratic regulations of the State." The Dean of Canterbury can be no more ignorant of all this than is his Primate. He is in the happy position of being able to enjoy the best of two worlds. Sofia pays him compliments and Canterbury pays his stipend.

les Parent, for burglary, to be hung; Jean Baptiste Dinelle, grand larceny, to be whipped in the public market place; William Blair, for manslaughter, six months' imprisonment and to be burnt in the hand in open court; William Parks, for uttering a forged note on the Montreal Bank, six months' imprisonment and one month in the pillory; Joseph Morin, for feloniously stealing four bank notes, six months in the house of correction and to be whipped; Warren Giossen, Peter Johnson and Jean Baptiste Albert, for burglary, to be hung; Morrill Magoon, for forgery, fine to the King £500, in jail for two years and to stand in the pillory one hour; Jerome David, for stealing from a dwelling-house above the value of 50s, to be hung; William Leighton, for sheep-stealing, to be hung; Abraham Paradis, for horse-stealing, to be hung. — Brockville Recorder and Times.

We are officially assured that the Atlantic Pact is not directed against Russia. But almost the whole world thinks it is and if almost all the world is right on that point there is reason to conclude that France and England have disavowed their commitments to Russia, since, following the Second World War the two countries engaged themselves for 20 years to "conclude no alliance and to participate in no coalition directed against Russia." Suppose that tomorrow Russia attacked Holland. Is it to be understood that only nine of the eleven signatory powers would defend Holland? Logically we must believe that... Let us suppose, again, that next year one of the signatory parties freely elected a Communist government and was, none the less, attacked on some

When housing accommodation is vacated on May 1 or after, the premises concerned are free of rent control. In Windsor some rents are being increased from 35 to 100 per cent. In Toronto, where 5,000 families have notices to vacate within the next two months, some rents are being increased from \$35 a month to \$135; in a second case from \$100 a month to \$100 a week, and there are other startling demands. None suggests all landlords are guilty of such extortion. Most probably play fair. But the exceptions offer ample proof of why it has been necessary to have rent controls. If the minority got away with extortion, this would have forced all rents sharply upward. — Windsor Star.

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