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A Loss Indeed

The passing yesterday of COLONEL W. B. PROWSE, D.S.O., and Mr. A. J. HOULE, but the other day of Mr. G. H. REDDIN, recalls the services, in different ways, which each of these widely known and esteemed citizens rendered to this community and province.

Our Bacon Quota

One farm product which did not react advantageously to the general price uptrend last year was bacon hogs, which showed an average price decline of 12 cents per 100 lbs. over the 1935 price. Nevertheless, for the last four months of 1936 hog marketings exceeded those of the same four months of 1935 by 41 per cent.

Mr. Gladstone Murray, the able director of radio, insists upon proper pronunciation by broadcasters. He should instruct Halifax and elsewhere that the President of Ireland's name is pronounced Val era, (emphases on the first syllable) and not Va leera as it is habitually mispronounced.

Stocks of creamery butter on January 1 were estimated at 35,948,000 pounds, of which 25,748,000 were held in cold storage warehouses. There was an increase in the stocks of 3.9 million pounds or 12 per cent. over January 1, 1936.

Once upon a time John Jones was infuriated, but the editor shut him up in two seconds. "Is this the newspaper office?" inquired Jones. "It is," responded the man at the desk. "Didn't this paper say I was a liar?" "It did not."

Jersey State (Legislature) estimates, presented recently, anticipate a balance of 60,000 pounds at the end of the financial year next February. Income tax remains at sixpence in the pound in spite of extraordinary requirements of 120,825 pounds.

Progress In Newfoundland

According to the Monthly Bulletin of the Newfoundland Railway, the Railway operating deficit in the ancient colony was last year entirely wiped out, a result no less significant of many changes that have taken place in the country than it is gratifying.

It is not worth recalling the facts which make up the tale of the burden imposed upon this country during the years when the Railway was under political domination—a domination which took little thought of economy and which paralysed the efficiency of those who formed the permanent staff," says the St. John's Telegram.

Breaking the silence of years, a restraint that was not the least of the evils imposed, the Railway bulletin says: "The battlefield was not unlike any other warpath, for political barbed wire entanglements were met and overcome on every front and only by the intervention of Commission Government, through the intercession of the Mother Country, was there a total elimination of this evil."

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given full opportunity to demonstrate their initiative and efficiency. It is a practical illustration of what has frequently been said that with capable leadership, unhampered by demoralizing influences, and regarded as they deserve to be as possessing sound, practical intelligence, the people of this country may be relied upon to deal effectively with many of the present outstanding problems.

It is gratifying to Canadians to see Newfoundland forge ahead in this fashion. We too have had experience of the damaging effects of political interference with public services. When will we be able to say, with Newfoundland, that our "political barbed wire entanglements were met and overcome on every front"?

Editorial Notes

A bit of old London fog here yesterday. It is only the "principle" of the Trade Treaty that Britain approves—what we want is approval of the details.

A movement is on foot to create a portfolio of Fisheries in the local Government, with the Hon. Mr. LePage as the portfolio holder.

Practically double last year's enormous sum has been collected in Federal Income Tax at Charlottetown this year, viz., \$641,334, against \$367,533 last year.

The situation in Europe has eased considerably, due largely to the actions of London and Washington in ordering their respective nationals to show a restraining example to European continental nations.

The 1936 production of factory cheese amounted to 117,769,341 pounds as against 100,427,390 in 1935, a gain of 17,341,951 pounds. Ontario was the largest producer with 87,799,352 pounds, a gain of 16.2 per cent., while Quebec with 25,668,400 pounds registered a gain of 26.7 per cent.

Five powerful radio-beacons are now located on the Prairie sections. Sixteen airports and landing-fields have been provided between Vancouver and Lethbridge. When the entire trans-Canada route is completed, there will be landing-fields every 25 or 30 miles.

Compulsory educational films, lasting from 8 to 12 minutes, will have to be shown at the beginning of each performance in Turkish theatres under the provisions of a new bill which has just been drawn up. Some of the films will be produced in Turkey. They will depict various aspects of town and country life, with an aptly pointed moral.

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Babson's prediction that in 1937 Canada's business will smash all past records has elicited press comment all across the dominion, trade papers as a rule concurring in the forecast. Leading dailies, while rather more cautious than commercial journals, are nevertheless virtually unanimous in the opinion that this is to be a year of progressive industrial activity for Canada.—Sydney Post Record.

So much is heard about substitutes for wood that there is a general belief that the daily use of it is decreasing. This is not the case, says the forestry branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The proportion of wood used in the modern building has already reached its minimum and is now tending to increase. More wood is used in the manufacture of automobiles than was ever used in making carriages and wagons.

The reciprocal trade program of the United States will be continued, though it may possibly be superseded by a world more universal to lower tariffs, possibly on a flat 10 per cent basis. Until such a move is made, Washington will continue to negotiate on a most-favored-nation bilateral basis. The Argentine is one of the important nations with which preliminary talks are under way.

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Notes By The Way

For some time shipping on the Pacific coast of the United States has been paralysed by a strike among seamen and dockers. The problems at stake are still unsettled. The new year's prospect is that strikes will spread widely in other quarters, and already a large part of the motor industry is paralysed.

"The railways are forced to keep in mind that it is to some extent artificial and temporary in its nature. In many cases road-borne traffic has been carried at unprofitable rates, partly as a result of unprofitable operation of highway transportation facilities and partly because public authorities have not yet responded to the increasing demand for a policy of making road users bear a proper share of the costs of highway construction and maintenance."—Sir Edward Beatty.

Ending one of the most remarkable years in economic history, Britain looks backwards and forwards with equal bewilderment. In the fall of 1933 the mood was "Can recovery really be here?" By the fall of 1934 this had changed to "Can recovery really be sound?" The fall of 1935 saw the mood "Can recovery really go on?" This year the question is—"It can't last, but what can stop it?"—Business Week.

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A Gallant Soldier Passes

Tribute To The Late Colonel Prowse, D.S.O.

(BY COLONEL D. A. MacKINNON, D.S.O.)

I had known for some time that Colonel Prowse was very ill, and together with thousands of others felt the deepest sympathy for him. In his passing I have lost a very good friend, comrade in arms, and former business associate.

We were rivals in the Militia for many years. In the Great War we played our parts in different branches of the Artillery, but from time to time I would hear of the exploits of the 98th Battery which he commanded, and afterwards of his Brigade when he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

It is not too much to say that he was one of the outstanding artillery officers of the War. He possessed iron determination, ability and courage, coupled with the capacity to bind his men to him as few men could do.

It is not surprising that his Sovereign should have decorated him with the Distinguished Service Order, and that on three occasions he was mentioned in despatches for signal acts of valor.

It is too late to pay a tribute to him that he will be conscious of. But we can honour his memory as a gallant soldier, whose service to Canada and the Empire through those terrible campaigns of The Somme, Hill 70, Passchendaele, and the battles of 1918 is enshrined in the hearts of all his overseas comrades.

One of our own Island poets has nobly voiced the feelings of all of us at this time:

"Sleep on, brave heart, thy broken sword beside thee! The last red breach is stormed, the last foe slain. There is no strife nor sacrifice denied thee, No trumpets call to fierce assault again. Now with our bright blades sheathed And colours laurel-breathed We come, thy comrades in the trampling fight, And bear thee with a long, proud song To the deep house of night."

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

FARNORTH SUBSIDY

Sir.—In your report of the Annual meeting of the Charlottetown Board of Trade you state that Mr. C. E. MacKenzie inquired about the saving of freight on turnpits by using the "Farnorth". He was referred for information to the Farmers' Co-operative Organization, who were the largest users of the boat. Evidently the Potato Growers' Association was meant by the reference. Mr. MacKenzie is alleged to have replied that he could not get information from this source.

We would like to state that Mr. MacKenzie was as much in error in making that statement, as he was in saying that the freight rate was more than cut in two. In the first place he never asked for the information, which had he done so, would have been given him freely. In the second place, everyone knows that the reduction was not more than about four cents (4c) a sack, and this applied only to the quantity that would be carried by the "Farnorth" to Boston, where a much poorer service was rendered than by the Eastern Steamship Lines, which to a great extent nullified this saving.

His repetition of the rumor that the larger dealers were in collusion in cutting prices is too contemptible for comment.

We are Sir, etc., P.E.I. POTATO GROWERS' ASSOCIATION

The Sad Pianist

(Winnipeg Free Press) Hofmann sits relaxed as the notes of the anthem echo and re-echo from the piano. He waits for the rustle of the audience to subside. In those brief moments the discerning study the great pianist.

He is not a large man; neither is he small. He does not dominate the stage; neither is he unobtrusive upon it. And if there is any one uncommon quality or characteristic about him which can be named without fear of refutation, it is this—Hofmann is a sad pianist.

His rectangular face is a sad face; its straight mouth, prominent nose, mild eyes and high forehead give it a melancholy air, as if its owner often stood apart from the world upon some peak and gazed broodingly at the perplexing antics of Man. This feeling in the contours and carriage of Hofmann's body. And the whole quality of sadness seems to be uniquely concentrated in the pianist's powerful, reddish hands.

Nor is the conviction in any way contradicted when Hofmann begins to play. The opening piece is Hady's "Theme and Variations in F Minor"; and though Hady's music is noted for its optimism and freshness, there is a strange wistfulness in Hofmann's interpretation of it. It is permeated with the sadness which is so apparent in his looks and actions; but it is an exquisite sort of sadness, which woos and intrigues and captivates.

Even when the selection is rollicking and puckish and full of tingle, that feeling of sadness creeps in: after all, life is not so simple and as elemental and as direct, as many would have us believe. That is the impression which comes from Hofmann's playing. Whether he looks at the keyboard, or gazes over the uplifted top of the piano, he expresses his bewilderment of the complexity of things by pouring out his whole emotional being in sound.

off, withdrawn, contemplative air about him.

The effect upon the listener is startling. And it is even more startling when the music is energetic, such as the closing bars of the Liszt "Campanella." Hofmann interprets it with a surprising furious sort of sadness, as if he were anxious to have done with it, as if he were anxious to put the experience behind him fearing that he cannot altogether trust himself with such positive certainty.

But the best example of the sadness of the great pianist is in his own composition. He plays "Berceuse," a pearl of soft limpid sound. It is a lullaby, and falls upon the listener's ears like gentle summer rain fluttering upon the crisp petals of a new-born rose.

Yet do not imagine that there is gloom in Hofmann's sadness. Oh, no. It is invigorating kind of sadness; not depressive but stimulating. The world may wag far too often at sixes and sevens, yet there is some hope of a final haven if one has the singleness of purpose to seek it out. That is the implication. The last note of the last encore is drowned in a thunder of applause. Hofmann rises slowly from his seat. He rests one hand upon the back of the chair and the other upon the keyboard of his Steinway. He bows, sadly. Without a smile. And he walks with brisk, defiant melancholy from the stage. His head is thrown back; and he rubs his hands together, deliberately, sadly.

Empire Link Vital

(Saturday Night)

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We do not think these manifestations are yet serious, but we expect much clearer and stronger evidences of them at Ottawa during the coming session than we have yet seen; and we think that the best, because the most truthful, means of combating them is the argument that in Canada's association with the British Empire lies the best if not the only assurance that she possesses for the maintenance of democratic institutions in her own territory and in a large part of the world. What the British Crown symbolizes to us is the most efficient means yet devised—a means devised slowly by a great nation in specially favorable circumstances—whereby people can govern themselves instead of being governed by a particular class, an organized society, a private army, or a gang leader.

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By James W. Barton, M.D.

PREVENTING WHOOPING COUGH

These of us who have had children attacked by whooping cough are not likely to forget the whoop and the sight of the spasms or paroxysms that shook the little bodies. While the fact that whooping cough of itself did not cause death in many cases was comforting to some extent, nevertheless the suffering was acute and the serious after effects—pneumonia and tuberculosis—sometimes followed by death, were, and are, known to parents.

However just as diphtheria and scarlet fever are now being prevented by cooperation between health authorities and parents, so it would appear that the prevention of whooping cough is soon to be attained.

About three years ago Dr. L. W. Sauer, in the Journal of the American Medical Association reported the results of using a vaccine in 394 selected children who had not previously had whooping cough. In the course of five years 31 children under observation, who had not been vaccinated, in twenty-four of the families, contracted whooping cough. Twenty-nine of the injected children were well exposed to the disease but none contracted it. Not one of the 162 children accidentally exposed contracted whooping cough. Active immunity of protection against whooping cough is completed in four months and lasts four years.

Recently Dr. E. Y. Shorr, Brooklyn, N. Y., checked the efficacy or preventive power of this Sauer vaccine and the preventive power of a toxin developed by Dr. Mishulow in the New York City Department of Health which had been distributed by the Department since 1930; that is for five years. Of seventy-four children injected with varying doses of whooping cough vaccine and followed over a period of thirty months, eleven developed whooping cough or about fifteen percent. A number of control children—had not been vaccinated against whooping cough—followed for about 19 months showed 36 percent as having developed whooping cough. The injections not only prevented a larger percentage of cases, but rendered the symptoms much less severe in the small percentage that did develop whooping cough.

"Thus the use of Mishulow vaccine compares favorably with that of Sauer in its preventive power and where a large number are to be vaccinated is more readily obtained." It is certainly gratifying that in such a large percentage of children whooping cough may be prevented.

Thus the lives of many children will now be saved as whooping cough was the cause of many cases of bronchitis, pneumonia, and bronchopneumonia.

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The Poet's Corner

BALLAD

Into the wood the old king went And greeted an ash and touched an oak. Out of his soul's sore discontent He sighed and spoke:

"Children I had, and she is dead A wife I had, and she is lost. What do you do, good trees," he said, "At the hour of frost?"

The oak trees sighed, the ash tree sighed, But never a word they gave that king. The crow in the ash tree cawed and cried, But did not sing.

The old king shut his two eyes fast And leant his forehead against the tree. And thought of all the dead leaves past— A marvellous company.

They came, they came, like waves of the sea, These ghosts of leaves came round that king. They hushed, they whispered, ceaselessly; And he heard them sing:

Children and bright-eyed wives were we, But Time forgot us, and no one grieves. Who will remember us? Who will stir The ghosts of leaves? . . .

The world is a world of forgotten things; It is better so, far better so. Wives and children, even a king's Are as brief as snow.

And who can be happier than the dead, By all forgotten, forgetting all? Come with us, King!—the dead leaves said— The year's at the fall. —Conrad Aiken.

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