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IN THE VAN

Elsewhere in today's Guardian appears a despatch from Geneva, stating, on the authority of the League of Nations Economic Section, that Canada led all countries of the world in increase in industrial activity in the first quarter of the present year. This remarkable showing is directly attributable to the policies, notably embodied in the Empire Trade Agreement, which the Bennett Government initiated, and for which it has been subjected to such persistent criticism by Liberal politicians. These politicians, (including the sole Island Liberal representative in the House of Commons) have done nothing but talk pessimism since their party's defeat in 1930. They have had the temerity to declare that the official figures of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics have been garbled in some way so as to make a false showing in favour of the Government. They have stopped at no misstatement in their subversive campaign to discourage confidence and initiative on the part of our people in this critical period of world recovery. It remains to be seen whether they will have the hardihood to challenge the authenticity of the League of Nations report, which places Canada in the van of world progress, so far as industrial recovery is concerned.

FARM SURVEY 1934

In June of each year, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, in co-operation with the Provincial Departments of Agriculture, distributes cardboard schedules to farmers for the purpose of collecting statistics of acreages under crop and the numbers of live stock and poultry on farms. An innovation of 1931 extended this survey to cover the breeding and marketing intentions with regard to live stock. In all of the provinces, except Nova Scotia, Alberta and British Columbia, these schedules are distributed to the farmers through the rural school teachers. The acreages of field crops, in particular, are the real foundation of the federal scheme of agricultural production statistics. Only slightly less important in national planning is the necessity of having correct knowledge of the numbers of live stock on farms. The accuracy of compilations in both these classes is largely dependent upon the obtaining of completed cards from a fair sample of the total number of Canadian farms. The importance of this matter should appeal to all our agricultural readers, and it is urged that prompt replies be forwarded to the Bureau where the forms have been received and distributed.

ANOTHER MARE'S NEST

Mr. Mackenzie King's latest attack on the Marketing Bill before it passed second reading is thus commented upon by the Ottawa Journal: Mr. Sax Rohmer had better look to his laurels. For while that fascinating and mysterious creature of his pen, Dr. Fu Manchu, continues to operate famously, we are impressed increasingly by the imaginative powers of Mr. Mackenzie King. Unlike the wily Manchu, whose dark ways are along the London water-front, Mr. King's villain is always in Whitehall, but the deftness of their machinations are none the less sinister. Among their latest exploits, as Mr. King unfolded the tale to Parliament, was a gigantic attempt to control all the products of all the Empire, including those of Canada. Thus: "It (the Natural Products Marketing Act) is the means whereby an arrangement has been made by certain men in different parts of the Empire who are hereafter to have the products of the Empire regulated from some central body in London, which will be either visible or invisible." And again: "Mr. King fortified his argument by reading editorials from the London Times, describing the bill before it was introduced in Ottawa. And he wondered if the impending visit to Ottawa of Rt. Hon. Stanley Bruce, the Australian crusader for Empire-wide commercial planning, had anything to do with the legislation and its progress in the House." That, surely, is in the authentic thriller touch. Mr. "Billy" Moore may draw upon his knowledge of philosophic Liberalism to show that this Act is Socialism, but who but Mr. King, with his luxuriant imagination, could make it the centre of a dark and deep-laid plot, hatched by Whitehall imperialistic con-

spirators anxious to make us all in to serfs to perpetuate England's glory!

R. C. M. P. AWARDS

The reward of continuous duty performed without blemish by members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police is a long-service medal, much coveted and a great honor to be greatly prized. Very naturally, therefore, wide interest will be stirred by the news coming from the Department of Justice at Ottawa—that upwards of three hundred members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police are actually eligible for this proud award. Accordingly, the long-service medal, issue of which has been authorized by the Royal Warrant of King George, will be presented to these men in due course. The medal signifies twenty years' service and certifies that during the period the character of each and every recipient has been irreproachable. Hence, it is more than a decoration that these men will receive. The medal is a badge, or symbol, of duty fulfilled with integrity, firmness, steadiness of principle, just moderation and unconquerable perseverance, and as such the award reflects what are, indeed, the qualities of the Royal Mounted Police as a body.

HONOURED IN CANADA

Hon. Iyemasa Tokugawa has received the honorary degree of a Doctor of Laws from the University of British Columbia. This high honor comes very appropriately from the Pacific coast because the Japanese Minister's work in looking after his nation's lives mainly in that province. Mr. Tokugawa, says the Ottawa Journal, has proven himself a diplomat extraordinary, widely versed in the policies of the many countries in which he has served and the trade relations of those countries with his own, and it is a practical compliment to his abilities that trade between Canada and Japan, even in depressed years, has shown a steady increase. Son of a former President of the Japanese House of Peers, member of a family which was semi-royal before Alexander swept across Persia, the Minister's record to date indicates the certainty of an even more illustrious career in the service of his Emperor.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Province of New Brunswick, which came into being in July 1784 celebrates its 150th anniversary this year. Saint John does likewise as an incorporated city.

Halifax Harbour Commissioners issue an optimistic report on the increase of imports and exports during the past year, and express the belief that the results of the Imperial Economic Conference held at Ottawa are very definitely making themselves felt. "The proof of the pudding,"

In Ontario crops are suffering from cold and drought. A Niagara district despatch says the farmers are experiencing considerable anxiety. Hay is already a failure, wheat has been hard hit by frost, cherries and strawberries are short crops, nipped by late frosts, and unless heat and rain come soon will be a failure altogether.

Some 13,000 civil servants who owe their positions to political patronage are now urging the abolition of patronage; in other words they want to kick away the ladder by which they climbed so that nobody may follow them that way. They include Income Tax employees, Soldiers Settlement Board officials, postmasters in small post offices, etc.

Mr. Cutten of the Dairy Branch of the Federal Department of Agriculture has been telling Nova Scotians that the number of dairy cattle in Canada is steadily increasing since the recovery in agricultural prices set in. In her best years, before the U.S. tariff played havoc with our main industry Canada marketed \$280,000,000 worth of dairy products.

While the Empire trade treaties concluded at the Ottawa Imperial Conference have definitely brought about a revival in the lumber industry of New Brunswick by opening up a large market in the United Kingdom, a further impetus to woods' operations is in prospect, and should trial shipments of pulpwood to be forwarded this summer and fail to Continental European countries prove successful, operators and

Notes By The Way

Two professors of the University of California, both over 70 years of age, ride bicycles to their daily classes. Things are certainly looking up when college professors are once more able to afford bicycles!

Russia seems to be drawing closer to the League of Nations. That is something much to be desired, and it may help to impart some semblance of reality to the League. So long, however, as Germany, Japan and the United States are out of the League it necessarily remains very incomplete, and it is to be feared that the defections of Germany and Japan may have had no little influence on Russia in inclining her to join. That, of course, is not the spirit in which nations should enter the League which is already far too much under French influence. However, the British Empire is privileged to find most of the money to support the League, if that is any comfort.

London Daily Mail (Ind.): So remarkable has been that improvement, and so cheap is money at the present time by reason of the fact we hope the Government will float a loan for housing purposes. Nothing could be more popular with the public, and nothing could better help to stimulate the revival in industry which is steadily gaining strength. Today we have the cheerful fact that all the States of the Empire are well on the road to recovery. There are still clouds, it is true, on the domestic horizon—Far Eastern competition, heavy taxation, and unprosperous shipping. But there is good reason for declaring that the worst is over. The nation's securities and Mr. Chamberlain's careful finance have not been in vain.

Manufacture of beauty preparations will soon have to be reckoned as a major industry. The Canadian woman is said to spend nearly \$7,000,000 annually on additions to her wardrobe, in addition to importations valued in 1932 at \$737,274. This during hard times. There are seventy-one plants in Canada making beauty preparations. Creams being the principal product, closely followed by face powder. If talcum powder would be added to the latter, powder would surpass creams. The windows and counters of all various stores bear evidence of a large and flourishing industry.

President Roosevelt has done a very gracious thing in asking Congress to return to Ontario the mace used by the Parliament of Upper Canada in 1813. The President suggests that an appropriate day for the return would be July 4, the day when the mace was captured in Toronto in honor of United States soldiers killed in the attack on York, now Toronto. The mace is now in the United States naval academy at Annapolis. The President's proposal will be cordially reciprocated in this country.

One hundred and sixteen different kinds of grasshoppers are to be found in South Dakota, says Professor H. C. Severin, head of the department of entomology at State College. "Fortunately," he says, "only a very small number of these ever become sufficiently numerous to cause serious harm to farm or garden crops. During the past few years four species of grasshoppers were responsible for more than 90 per cent. of the damage done within the State."

A Minnesota farmer relates that he saw a lot of ducks huddle in the middle of his little lake. They were kicking up such a commotion that he took a rowboat and went over to the web-footed assembly to see what all the fuss was about. In the centre of the huddle was a duck more than half under water being dragged down by a turtle that had got it by the foot. The other ducks were pressed as close as they could get in an effort to help their playmate up as long as possible, meanwhile sending out their distress signals as best they could. The farmer put the finishing touches to the rescue efforts and the ducks disbanded.

We have always understood that when we saw the flash of lightning it is too late to dodge, and that shrinking from the sound of thunder is even more futile. Now we learn from a South African scientist that descending lightning has no flash at all, that what we see is the flash of the return stroke, after the "leader" has already struck the ground. So dodging is sillier than ever.

No more triumphant example of the British genius for compromise can be imagined than the proposal to impose a speed limit for just 19 hours a day and only on roads that are lighted by street lamps. As Sir Austen Chamberlain pointed out the other day, our ways are beyond the comprehension of benighted but admiring foreigners.

Regular economy is still the best means of avoiding poverty and misery. In school the fine virtue of economy ought to be preached and young people to be given to acquire in early youth, the virtue runs less risk of being lost than in later years.

The clear truth—it must be clear to all intelligent Americans—is that, in the last analysis, war debts can be paid in only one way—in goods and services; principally goods. With the United States tariff making payment in goods impossible, the epithet of "defaulting creditors" is not unjust. It is by the doctrine laid down by Thomas Jefferson, who was the father of Franklin Roosevelt's own party.

"Women's instincts," says Henry Ford, "are better than men's, but of a different order." Yes, a woman woodsmen are assured of busy times ahead.

That Body of Hours

By James W. Barlow, M.D.

LOCAL ANAESTHETIC FOR HERNIA OPERATIONS

As rupture or hernia is very common it may be that you or one of your family must undergo the operation for this condition. The first thought should be that you are not sick when you go into hospital; there is no hurry about the operation because there is no pus formation or anything that would endanger life if you delayed the operation for any length of time. But the time has come when the stress you are wearing, despite careful manufacture and accurate fitting, simply will not hold the hernia in place and you cannot stand the annoyance and pain any longer. However, for various reasons—heart or lungs—it is not thought advisable to use a general anaesthetic—putting you to sleep—and so a local anaesthetic is now sometimes used.

Dr. J. C. O. Bradbury, Victoria Hospital, Folkestone, recounts his own experience of undergoing an operation for hernia under a local anaesthetic. His operation was fixed for 2 P.M. At 1 o'clock a hypodermic injection of a quieting drug was given which in 20 minutes gave him confidence with a feeling of drowsiness. The surgeon then started injecting the local anaesthetic with a tiny needle into the skin, then used a large needle to go into the deep muscles of the abdomen. The full time taken to give this local anaesthetic was less than ten minutes. One or two twinges was all the pain he felt. He was able to lie quite still while the whole operation was performed. He didn't watch the operation and times surprised when he was told that the operation was about over and that the outer cut into the skin was about to be closed.

He had little or no pain in the wound except when he coughed. It is certainly interesting to read of a doctor giving his impressions of undergoing an operation for hernia under a local anaesthetic. The thought of course is not that everybody should have this operation performed under the local, because the general anaesthetic has many advantages in its favor. However, there are times when the local is the ideal method and there are patients who do not wish to undergo a general anaesthetic. It is for these latter patients that Dr. Bradbury says, "Possibly this account of my operation may persuade others who are enduring an ill-fitting truss to undergo the radical cure for hernia."

Baffled Scientists

(St. John's, Nfld., Evening Telegram) Two learned societies in America, or at least they should be learned if their names imply anything—the Society of Mamologists and the Society of Ichthyologists—have been giving serious study to the question as to why a motor car crosses the road in front of a motor car. Eventually they had to admit they were baffled. If the scientists had begun their investigations with individuals, some of whom have the same tendency they might have learned something. It would at least be possible to talk to them in a language that could be understood, and even if the explanation was not very satisfactory, they might have been able to persuade them that the practice was foolish. With the hen on the other hand, except in such moments of elation when an egg is laid or a brood of chicks is hatched, there is nothing very intelligible in its cackles, and no one would claim that it is amenable to reason.

The scientists might have been better employed in attempting to ascertain whether the difficulty which every motorist has experienced with the hen could not have been overcome in some other way. Hens proceed that it was the nature of a hen to run on the approach of a motor car and preferably, straight across the front of it, they might have considered whether it would not be possible by feeding the fowl in a certain way by other means to develop one of its legs slightly more than the other. The result would be most effective, for when that hen decided to follow its usual inclination, it would no longer be able to do so, but instead, would travel on a curve which would take it, let us hope, out of harm's way.

Hens and people, however, are not the only creatures that have the predilection to cross in front of motor cars. There is the cow, for instance. Approaching this animal which to all intents and purposes is a permanent feature as it stands by the side of the road chewing its cud, the motorist is generally compelled to apply the brakes, not only to his car but to his tongue as well, as he discovers the animal in motion—with no sign of haste or flurry but with a nice adjustment of the distance and of the time required to bring it exactly into the line of route. There is little about the appearance of the ordinary cow, and least of all, its facial expression, that could suggest it possessed a sense of humour, and few have had this experience—and few have not—could mistake for anything else but satisfaction that look bestowed upon the stalled motor car when the trick has been carried out successfully.

signals for a left-hand turn when she intends to make a right-hand turn, whereas a map—or most of 'em—goes right ahead and turns without bothering to signal.—Border Cities Star.

New Bible Evidence

(New Glasgow News)

Professor Garstang has summed up the evidence supplied by the Jericho excavations in this succinct statement as reported by Sir Charles Marston:

"Set side by side with the Bible narrative, the material evidence is seen to bear out in every essential detail the record of the capture and destruction of Jericho by the Israelites under Joshua."

Now records come through Sir Charles that another confirming "sensational" find has been made. The newly discovered ruins are believed to be those of the Bible city Lachish, which was also captured and destroyed by Joshua. The King of Lachish was one of the five kings that encamped against Gibeon because it had made peace with Joshua. It was in the ensuing battle in which Joshua with his mighty men of valor came to the help of Gibeon that the "sun stood still upon Gibeon" and that the "moon stayed in the valley of Ajalon."

There followed the dramatic story of the finding of the five kings hidden in a cave after the battle, of their imprisonment, of the ceremony in which the war chiefs put their feet upon the valley of Ajalon, of the hanging of the five kings, of the five trees and of their burial in the "wave which in they had hidden themselves." A few days later Lachish was taken and all its inhabitants were put to the sword. So also were the other hill cities destroyed and the land had rest from war."

This all took place 3300 years ago or thereabout, but ages and ages after the time of the Neanderthal man, who 60,000 years ago went to sleep in another Palestinian cave and has only recently been discovered, as reported in last Sunday Times. What he could tell of the world would be little by comparison with the testimony of the five petty kings, which might indeed have been put into writing, for one of the most important relations of the recent excavations is that the "wave which is of writings" in the days of Moses and Joshua, and that therefore it is no longer to be held that their sayings and doings were preserved only through oral transmission. The cumulative evidence of the earlier books of the Old Testament. Such is the old conclusion which Sir Charles reaches.

Sound And Foam

(London Spectator) General Goering has written, for the benefit of the English-speaking peoples in particular, a short book, or lengthy pamphlet, which his publishers describe as unique. In the sense in which General Goering's speeches may be regarded as unique—as they fortunately are—the adjective is appropriate. But certainly in no other. It will confirm in all respects the unenviable reputation General Goering has established for himself among the English-speaking peoples who he specially addresses. His history is a travesty. He writes of the surrender of November, 1918, without mentioning the fact that the proposal to seek an armistice came from the generals in the field; he writes of pre-war Germany without mentioning the Kaiser; he writes of post-war Germany without mentioning the man foreign policy without mentioning Stresemann. His chapter on Herr Hitler is a parody of adulation; his chapter on himself a crescendo of egotism; his references to his opponents broadsides of abuse.

The character of the volume is best indicated by a few sample quotations. The cause of the War, of course, was simple: "The encirclement of Germany was complete"; and so threatened from all sides Germany had the sword thrust into her hand. The German people, guilty of the outbreak of this greatest of wars, had to fight in order to defend their life and honour. "The German army in order that it should not itself be overthrown and destroyed, marched through Belgium. It was self-defence in the highest sense of the word." The War ended; "in spite of all, the troops unconquered carried back their unpotted shield of honour and their victorious banners." But a republic was declared; "those traitors were victorious for whom the very idea of a Fatherland was non-existent. Those cowards who had deserted from the front were victorious, that human scum that always makes its appearance in times of stress."

So the story continues, till at last "a man of the people, Adolf Hitler, arose and took German destiny into his clean strong hands." Herr Hitler has evidently never been understood by the English-speaking peoples. They have made the fundamental mistake of thinking of him

as a man, when he is in fact a demigod—with no excess of emphasis on the demigod. "Everyone who knows the close inner bond between Hitler and his men will understand that for us followers it is axiomatic that the Leader must possess any quality attributed to him in its highest participation. Just as the Roman Catholic considers the Pope infallible in all matters concerning religion and morals, so do we National Socialists believe with the same inner conviction that for us the Leader is in all political and other matters concerning the national and social interests of the people simply infallible. Wherein lies the secret of the enormous influence which he has on his followers? . . . it is something, mystical, inexpressible, almost incomprehensible, which this unique man possesses, and he who cannot feel it instinctively will not be able to grasp it at all."

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In the Empire's far-flung outposts, Heard the auld grey mither's cry: Swift frae her leal heart's cam' the answer— "Mither, we are standin' by."

"Love like yours can bridge the ocean, Love like ours can span the frith; Though we're exiles, auld grey mither, Dear the land that gied us birth."

Whaur the Southern Cross 'is gleamin', Whaur the maple leaf grows red, Whaur the veldt 'is wide o' stretchin', Breathes the message forth, love sped.

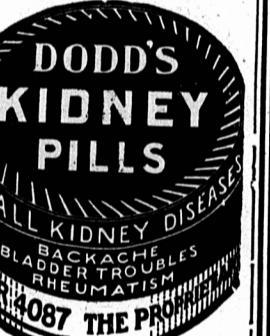
Frae the land o' flowers an' sunshine, Chieftan on seven hills, Balm ta mither he 'is waitin'— "Love endures through a life's ills."

Proodly stannin' the auld grey mither Streetchin' haun's across the faem; "Mine ye are, for ye 'im prayin'— Some day, ye'll be comin' home."

—Joan B. White, in The Weekly Scotsman.

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