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The Employment Commission

According to the Ottawa correspondent of the *Financial Post*, reports persist at the Dominion Capital that a change is scheduled in the personnel or policies of the National Employment Commission.

There has been a noticeable slowing down in the reported activities of the Commission; the Home Improvement Plan has not proved an Aladdin's lamp in solving the unemployment problem; Chairman Arthur B. Purvis is said to be displeased with the lack of government co-operation, while members of the Commission are not wholly in agreement as to the best plan to be followed in dealing with the problem of the unemployed.

A considerable amount of work has been done by the Commission under Chairman Purvis in surveying the employment situation. Statistics have been gathered, investigations made and many plans studied. From these the Commission submitted a recommendation to the Government for approval. This is said to have been done some time ago, but to date the Cabinet has not passed upon it due to the absence of various members at the Imperial Conference and elsewhere.

Naturally recommendations made by the Commission to the Cabinet are of importance politically and otherwise. For that reason it is not likely that the Government will take action until it is possible for the report to be studied by all members of the Cabinet.

Despite the fillip given to the construction and allied industries by the Home Improvement Plan, total volume of construction undertaken in the country remains disappointing. Moreover, it is apparent that the amount of employment created under this scheme, while helpful, particularly during the summer months, is not a complete cure to the unemployment problem.

The short crop in the West will probably add further to the unemployment problem this fall, as limitation of spending power in the West may serve to curtail industrial activities in the East.

On the whole, says the *Financial Post* writer, the employment outlook over the near term is not too encouraging. For that reason it is regarded as essential to have a workable plan functioning now in order to cope with the situation.

A Familiar Quotation

The late Premier Lea, whose fund of homely philosophy was one of his endearing characteristics, used to say, on occasions, that "the wheel that does the squeaking is the one that gets the grease." It was a pretty sound political maxim. We often wondered where he had gotten it. A search through an anthology of quotations failed to solve the mystery. Possibly it was one of those truisms which Mr. Lea shrewdly derived from experience. If so, the following lines furnish a curious coincidence. They appeared recently in the *New York Timess*

"I hate to be a kicker, I always long for peace,
But the wheel that does the squeaking is the one that gets the grease.
It's nice to be a peaceful soul, and not too hard to please,
But the dog that's always scratching is the one that has the fleas.
The art of soft soap spreading is a thing that palls and stales,
But the guy who wields the hammer is the guy who drives the nails.
Let us not put any notions that are harmful in your head,
But the baby that keeps yelling is the baby that gets fed."

Coronation Medals

Locally and elsewhere, a good deal of interest will be taken in forthcoming distribution of Coronation medals. The determining factor in the distribution, says an exchange, will be the official function of the individual. Certain categories of medals have been prepared and, with some exceptions and adjustments, they will be similar to those used at the time of King George's Jubilee. Many who got medals on that occasion may receive another to pin on. All Senators, members of Parliament and members of Legislatures are to get the decoration, but, as there are new Legislatures in British Columbia and Nova Scotia, it is a question whether they will get medals or whether it will be the members who were in office at the time of the Coronation. The 10,000 medals will be sent by mail and not be presented at particular functions for the purpose.

More Light On Russia

Walter Duranty, writing in *"The New Republic"*, gives an account of recent events in Russia which contradicts a common opinion about the trials and executions for treason and espionage. Mr. Duranty has been for years the *New York Times* correspondent in Moscow. His book on Russia, "I Write as I Please," has had a world-wide public and he is generally rated among the ablest and best-informed of the foreign writers on the Soviet scene. Mr. Duranty's story is that the plot against Stalin and his regime actually happened, and was not a trumped-up excuse for "liquidating" opponents; that Trotsky in exile was the chief plotter; and that he got help from Germany, from Japan and from Russians highly placed in the Soviet army and government service.

The "Kremlin-opposition" conflict, says Mr. Duranty, falls into three chronological phases. The first ran from 1923 when Lenin was on his deathbed (he died early in 1924) to 1928. Mr. Duranty calls this the phase of "open controversy." Trotsky was active within Russia in these years. In 1928 he was banished and his adherents scattered over Siberia and eastern Asia. The next five or six years, in which Trotsky was quiescent and his former followers paid lip service to the Stalin regime, Mr Duranty calls the phase of "reconciliation." It ended in 1934 when Kirov, one of Stalin's closest henchmen, was assassinated in Leningrad. Then began the third, and present, phase of "secret conspiracy." By 1934 Trotsky — whom Mr. Duranty credits with great executive ability, brilliant intelligence, unlimited ambition, a profound belief that he is right, and a gift of leadership—had matured his plan for wrecking the Stalin regime, and the international situation favored him.

Editorial Notes

George Bernard Shaw was born this date 1859.

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Less than a month till the exhibition with all its manifold attractions. You should see the grounds, they are simply superb—nothing to equal them outside of Toronto.

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They do not mind sitting through the "dog days" in the Parliament in London. Here members would consider it an outrage to be asked to remain in Ottawa after May.

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Concern is manifested in Liberal circles in Ottawa over the Fall Provincial election in Ontario. Prime Minister King has had interviews with the dismissed attorney-general, Mr. Roebuck, and the dismissed Minister of Labour and Municipalities, Mr. Croall. Premier Hepburn's ears must have been tingling.

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Commenting on the northern Ontario labor situation, Premier Hepburn reports that the mine owners have made certain concessions to the workers and "except in a few isolated instances, everybody is satisfied." He said capital expenditures of private funds planned for this year and next in sulphide mill and lumbering development would amount to $40,000,000. It is easily seen an election is in prospect.

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We must envy Quebec and its "do something Government," for it is making its presence felt in every worthwhile direction. Early reports of his Department showed that more than 25,000 men were at work on highway construction during the month of June and indications were that the 35,000 mark would be passed before the end of July, Hon. Francois J. Leduc, Provincial Roads Minister, announced in Montreal. "At the present rate, August will see our objective realized of 50,000 men employed," according to the Minister, who disclosed that new road stretches were being put into work very day.

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Mid-July finds N.B. contractors laying hard-surface on trunk roads that link Saint John with St. Stephen, Moncton and Fredericton, shifting their operations to new locations, having fulfilled early summer specifications. Two companies, one working south of Fredericton and the other located west of Moncton, have already moved paving crew and equipment to new sites. Leaving the finished eastern section of its Penobsquis-Jones stretch on Route No. 2, Rayner Construction, Ltd., has started working eastward out of Penobsquis, proceeding toward Anagance. McNamara Construction Co., Ltd., has withdrawn from the road above Oromocto for the present and is now paving below that community on the river road.

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What reader of English novels, what earstwhile sojourner in England, does not feel that something as British as strong tea and kippers has disappeared with the closing of Mudie's Library? If not the first of all subscription libraries, Mudie's was far and away the most celebrated. For close on a hundred years everybody that was anybody in England, from Mr. Gladstone and Mr. Balfour to one's favorite characters in fiction, either subscribed to Mudie's or, like Carlyle and Ruskin, demonstrated their independence of established custom by not subscribing. Mudie's was a British institution, and at the peak of its prosperity served more readers and circulated more books than any library in the United Kingdom.

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Music lovers should not fail to take advantage of hearing the celebrated concert pianist, Mr. Paul de Marky, in his recital at Prince of Wales College Hall tomorrow evening. To the piano student his performance will prove a revelation; but it is not necessary, fortunately for the rest of us, to be students in the technical sense to derive inspiration from a recital of this kind. Its appeal is much wider than that. Capacity for intense emotional experience is inherent in most people, and that is all that the great interpretative artist asks of his audience. Mr. de Marky's performance will be under the patronage of the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. DeBlois. The programme will include both classical and modern works. In the latter category will be two compositions of William Keith Rogers, son of Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. K. S. Rogers, Charlottetown, who is to be congratulated upon this signal recognition of his talent by one of Canada's outstanding performers.

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Premier Duplessis promised the Gaspe people that if he were elected he would take measures to reopen the paper mill at Chandler and he has been as good as his word. This is what a columnist of the Montreal Gazette has to say on the subject: "Yes, this is real government. The Cabinet leans over and listens to a thousand griefs, decides what must be done. The paper mill reopens. Plumes of smoke beckon to all who'd do clean business with men and their sons earning by clean toil. Stores perk up. Travelling salesmen no longer shun the town with the ghost of a mill. Farmers go to market. Fishermen get their chance. The dollars circulate. For a thousand men are at work. That means well-night a thousand women with budgets to spend. If things are running right down in Gaspe, the two together ought to mean about ten thousand kids. God bless 'em! There'll be merry-making, weddings, baptisms, nation-building!"

NOTES BY THE WAY

We have every sympathy with those who like dogs. But we cannot commend either the good sense or the affection of dog fanciers who express that liking by keeping their favorite animal or animals cooped up in the cramped quarters of a city. Sometimes the attitude of dog lovers is similar to that of lovers who will rip the most beautiful garden blooms out of their own or public beds and plaster their homes with them. Flowers, like dogs, should be cherished in their natural habitat, flowers in gardens and dogs in the country. It is just as cruel and vandalistic to try to keep a dog in a small city space as it is to ruthlessly rob beautiful flower beds for the purpose of ending a fleeting charm and aroma to a living room.—Vancouver Sun.

In view of this year's large wheat crop in the United States and the high price prevailing there is already some speculation as to whether the farmer will "plant his head off" next year. It he did not learn anything from experience in the years when there was too much wheat he may do that very thing. It rests with him whether there is enough crop control to stabilize prices.—Exchange.

"Defence of Madrid" the book written by Geoffrey Cox who was correspondent for The London News Chronicle in Spanish capital perpetuates the legend of General Emilio Kleber, supposed naturalized Canadian citizen and veteran of the Canadian Expeditionary Force in the Great War. The fact that no such name appears in Ottawa's naturalization lists nor on the records of the C. E. F. may merely mean the great general is in reality Feodor Yiffniffsky. Hans Frankfurter of Joe Doakes. —Windsor Star.

It is a curious thing how some company executives, however, fail to play cricket with the newspapers and their stockholders in the matter of information. When they are selling stock or securities they pester the life out of the newspapers, wanting all kinds of free publicity and they are then only too ready to spend hours talking about the prospects of their company, but once the securities are sold they close up like a calm. There attitude becomes like that of people such as Colonel Lindbergh or Gene Tunney, who, once they have arrived, are ready to kick over the ladder which helped them climb. In the end if business goes well no harm is done by the publicity, while if the company gets into difficulties and the public are kept in the dark till the annual meeting or until publicity is forced, they will not forgive very readily.—Monetary Times.

Why the general yearning for home-cooked meals —for anything home cooked? Because home cooking is best. Mother may not have known much about vitamins, but she did know good food and how to prepare it. What gave earlier generations of Canadians, for instance, the stamina required to lay the foundations of this country Mother's cooking. She provided for the workers' substantial foods, not weird concoctions bearing names that call for linguistic talent. —Globe and Mail.

The United States navy was not built to the purpose of looking for Amelia Earhart, lost in what a great many people will persist in thinking was a rather mad escapade, let it be no matter how gallant. But who will say that it was built for anything better — Vancouver Province.

The word propaganada, so often carelessly used, has acquired a bad reputation. It is in fact merely a derivative of the Latin verb meaning to propagate, or spread . We find it in the annual report of the board of censors of motion pictures for Ontario. Chairman Silverthorne notes that films may be used for education or for propaganda which he thinks "may be appropriately described as direct opposites," the latter being the dissemination of harmful misinformation.— Woodstock Sentinel Review.

In a recent address before the Connecticut Medical Society, Dr. Foster Kennedy reminded his audience of a case in which an English judge, Lord Bramwell, met one kind of defence and dealt with it. The lawyer was pleading that his client had had "an irresistible impulse" to steal an umbrella, and the judge interrupted him in order to ask whether the defendant would have taken the umbrella if a policeman had been present. The lawyer admitted that he would not have stolen the umbrella. Then, said the judge, "the impluse was irresistible in the absence of a policeman." This remark represents something much deeper than a layman's common sense. It is a penetrating psychological insight into the real problem of mental disorder and criminal responsibility.—Brandon Sun.

The average sentence in Soviet Russia for a common murder is ten years and living under good prison conditions. But if an act is done against the State, it is a capital offence, with the firing squad at work within 24 hours. This is the price of dictatorship, the hangover from a revolution. —St. Catherines Standard.

The great naval review by His Majesty King George VI was obviously meant to be a great peace demonstration. With warships of seventeen nations lying peacefully alongside the colossal ships of the British Navy, spectators of this magnificent sight had to admit that a meeting of this nature is bound to lead to better understanding between the nations. The harbour was full of sailors of so many nations that it looked like a veritable League of Nations. Last, but not least, Admirals of the visiting navies could see that talk of the British Navy being obsolete was absurd. Many were the innovations shown by some of the foreign warships, but in every case the British ships could compete with them in efficiency and seamanship. The strength of the British Navy adds to the maintenance of peace. That is why the Naval Review should be regarded as a peace demonstration. —Vienna Ei

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.

THOSE RELIEF PROJECTS

Sir,—When is a job an unemployment project? I couldn't help asking myself that question the other day when I was informed that the gravelling work on the Town road was instituted in order to help the unemployed.

And when I began to put two and two together I couldn't but come to conclusion that this whole term "unemployment work" stinks high to heaven.

I found for one thing that the farmers of this Garden of the Gulf are very much in need of all the work they possibly can get under an employment project because they have laid veritable siege to the car dealers for new $1300 to $1500 trucks with which to gather up the cream of the unemployment grants. Of course there are always two sides to all stories and when one realizes that a farmer can hire a man to run his farm for $10 to $15 dollars a month and then earn good money at the rate of $40 a day on an unemployment project, why, he's no fool. He almost classes with some of our financial geniuses.

At the Iona pit there are 25 to 26 or more trucks busily engaged in converting this fair Island of ours into a wilderness of dust (under government supervision) and of all the trucks in use a good third are brand new machines with plodding, honest farmers at the wheel, while the farm stands still in all its ancient beauty and needing weeding very badly. Yet, the hay is getting very ripe and really should be seen to. But what's a ton of hay in comparison with a load of gravel?

And speaking of hay—when Mr. Jones discovered that the farmers were, in the quiet of the evening hours, really worrying about the hay, it was decided to shut the pit down for a certain number of days until the hay should be all garnered in. And so it was—of course, the fact that a number of really unemployed men working at the pit would be given a compulsory rest was a very small affair to those in authority.

And speaking of wages, while the truckmen make from 30 to 40 dollars a day, those that carry a man to help load (and some don't) pay the poor sucker anywhere from $1 to $1.50 a day, while the government does a little better at the rate of $2.00 per day at the pit. Of course, the government use an inexpensive tractor and grader in the pit to loosen up the gravel so that they will not have to pay the exhorbitant price of $2.00 per day to an unemployed man.

The country is filled with young men of education trying to get a few dollars together during the summer months, young men with business ability and all that, but they mustn't be given any chance to earn a few cents. No, the checkers etc., must be men who would be better employed staying home tending their shops and their farms. But the spoils system is especially rampant when the Grits are in power and all the hangers-on must be seen to. No wonder the poor members are all worn out after a two years' siege and have to take a trip to Europe or elsewhere.

Such are some of the thoughts which came to me when trying to understand the perversity of men and I ask myself the question in all sincerity; "are we ever going to get an exhibition of truth and justice in this country?"

I am, Sir, etc.,
FAIR PLAY

Shortage Of Farm Managers

(Financial Post)

H. R. Hare, M.A., B.S.A., of the Agricultural Economics Branch, Ottawa, speaking at the Agricultural Representative Conference the other day, pointed out that in Canada, statistics show, there is ten times greater demand for good farm managers than for industrial managers.

There is an average of 20 to 30 workers employed in each of Eastern Canada's industrial plants for each urban industrial manager. That is, industry requires one manager out of each 20 to 30 persons employed. Ontario has 160,000 farms operated by as many managers. Each manager directs the work of from 2 to 3 persons only. In agriculture, we have only two to three workers from which to choose a farm manager. The comparison indicates that there is ten times greater demand for farm mangers than for industrial managers. It is Mr. Hare's conviction that the successful operation of a farm requires just as great management skill as is needed in industry. Training in farm management is vitally important.

He could not but pay tribute to farmers who have risked all in taking their families to farms and wagering that they could maintain themselves and their families from the soil. Many have succeeded in spite of handicaps, but management training would have greatly reduced the apprenticeship period improved the income of those carrying on and avoided many failures.

The basis of farm management lies in accounting.

Farm account books have been available to farmers for years but have been used scantily. Farm accounting is more than the recording of details to learn the status of the business. This is very useful but the record of this year's business can readily form the basis of an improved farm business for the coming year.

That Body of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

DISLIKING A FOOD DOES NOT MEAN THAT YOU ARE SENSITIVE TO IT

Now that it is known that certain foods and other substances cause hay fever, asthma, eczema, hives (urticaria) and stomach intestinal upsets, many individuals are watching their food intake very carefully. Many have found foods to which they are sensitive or allergic and have been able to prevent the symptoms above mentioned.

The foods that most commonly disagree are eggs, onions, cabbage, apples, milk, fats, beef, cantaloupe, strawberries, lettuce, cauliflower, coffee, melons, pork, corn, and pickles. There are also of course the foods that are hard to digest —raw vegetables, cucumbers, radishes, fried foods, tough meats, soggy bread, apples, fats.

Naturally the question has arisen as to what effect the liking or disliking of a food has in causing or preventing stomach or intestinal upsets and symptoms such as head colds, asthma, eczema, and hives. Does the liking of a food mean that that particular food will not cause symptoms, and disliking of the food means that it will cause symptoms?

It is known, of course, that when we like a food, even before we eat it, the digestive fluids in mouth, stomach, and small intestine begin to flow freely, and when we don't like a food these digestive juices do not flow readily.

However, it would appear from experiments carried out by Drs. Warren T. Vaughan, Richmond, Va., and David M. Pipes, Shreveport, La., and recorded in the Journal of Allergy, Chicago, that even if we like a food it will not prevent symptoms if we happen to be sensitive or allergic to that food. Eggs are liked by most individuals, yet eggs are the commonest cause of allergic symptoms. Also, foods we dislike in the majority of cases are not the foods that cause symptoms.

In an experiment with 100 patients the seven foods most frequently disliked were, in order: spinach, turnips, cabbage, carrots, okra, lamb and squash; yet the foods most frequently found to be responsible for allergic symptoms — swelling of lips and tongue, nausea, vomiting, stomach distress —were, in order: cucumber, watermelon, raspberries, strawberries, tomatoes, onions, cabbage, and cantaloupe.

"While foods disliked may be responsible for allergic symptoms, this is not the rule, and foods disliked cannot be relied upon as showing that the individual is sensitive or allergic to these foods."

The Poets' Corner

MOONLIT APPLES

At the top of the house the apples
are laid in rows,
And the skylight lets the moonlight
in, and those
Apples are deep-sea apples of green.
There goes
A cloud on the moon in the autumn
night.

A mouse in the wainscot scratches,
and scratches, and then
There is no sound at the top of the
house of men
Or mice; and the cloud is blown,
and the moon again
Dapples the apples with deep-sea
light.

They are lying in rows there, under
the gloomy beams;
On the sagging floor; they gather
the silver streams
Out of the moon, those moonlit apples of dreams,
And quiet is the steep stair under.

In the corridors under there is nothing but sleep,
And stiller than ever on orchard
boughs they keep
Tryst with the moon, and deep is
the silence, deep
On moon-washed apples of wonder.

—John Drinkwater.

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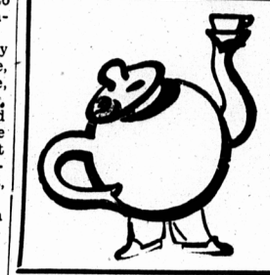

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Rehabilitating The Drought Area

(Winnipeg Free Press)

This year's programme of rehabilitation in Western Canada drought area, as announced a few days ago by Hon. J. G. Gardiner, federal Minister of Agriculture, contains a significant and highly important new feature. In co-operation with the provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta, former grazing areas, some of them ranging from 50,000 to 100,000 acres in extent, but most of them smaller in size, are to be taken under government lease and through the grace of God and the efforts of the agricultural departments are going to be given a chance to produce fodder once more. They are to be fenced in with the aid of local labor grassed over; water holes will be provided and under no circumstances will they be sown to wheat. Thus if the drouth years continue or when drouth strikes again, as it undoubtedly will, there will at least be grazing lands for the livestock.

In addition, the government will continue its policy started last year of constructing small dams and dugouts wherever watersheds and land contours are suitable throughout the drouth area. Already approximately a thousand of these have been provided at a cost of around $1,000,000. Heavy rains of the past few days have demonstrated the effectiveness of this procedure. With the land baked as dry as it is, there is a quick run-off from heavy rains. Recent downfalls filled dugouts and reservoirs in many cases to overflowing. There will be water now for livestock which was threatened with extinction, the slaughter house or virgin fields in other provinces. And there will be a little grass where there was none before.

At Val Marie, where a government dam was built last year at a cost of $150,000 there will be average crop on part of the 4,0 acres served. The Val Marie development and a similar one Eastend and a number of oth smaller ones are not intended f the raising of wheat. The land under option of the governme Next year it will be either leased taken over and the plan is to rai feed only and provide pastura even in the driest years.

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