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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink."
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A Banker's Advice

A strong appeal for return to the practice of the old-time virtues of thrift, prudence, justice and mutual help is made by the Hon. Es. L. Patenaude, president of the Provincial Bank of Canada, at the shareholders' annual meeting held recently.

Specifically, Mr. Patenaude said it is essential that there should be readjustment, balanced budgets, and retrenchment in public spending. Lighter taxation, lowered cost of living, and increasing value and yield for investments would contribute to the birth of new initiative, and in many quarters would stimulate the desire to practice economy and to save.

This is not a new panacea for our social and economic problem; it is just the old and tried remedy which it will be necessary to get back to after all the panaceas fail.

Mr. King's Technique

Of Prime Minister Mackenzie King, Bruce Hutchison, a friendly Liberal writer, says this in the current issue of an American magazine: "It is hard for anyone else to work by Mr. King's method. Being a bachelor, he has no notion of fixed hours or family responsibilities.

This is not the way the story was given out officially at the time, but Mr. Hutchison—who is an associate editor of the influential Liberal paper, the Winnipeg Free Press—probably knows what he is talking about.

Abnormal Trade Figures

In his year-end review Hon. J. A. MacKinnon, Minister of Trade and Commerce, has given an encouraging progress report on the state of Canada's trade. The figures for 1946 are the largest on record for any peace-time year.

MacKinnon recognizes that this volume of trade is, in a sense, abnormal, for it arises from the demand for goods of all kinds from war-shattered countries; and also because a large part of these exports are financed by Canada in loans or export credits.

A significant item in Mr. MacKinnon's report dealt with imports. Never before has Canada imported goods in this volume—their value is placed at \$1,900,000,000—and again this should be part of the government's policy of stimulating two-way trade.

British Farm Experiment

The Financial Post notes a disturbing similarity between the farm control bill now before the British House of Commons and early nationalization measures in Soviet Russia. The liquidation of the independent kulaks in the USSR did not take place until years after the Red revolution.

In the current British bill there is plenty of power to bring land and marketing just as completely under government control as say the government-owned postal or telegraph systems.

This bill proposes to make permanent the arbitrary authority granted the government in wartime. No longer would the individual farmer do his own planning, make his own decision as to what his land should grow and when produce should be sold.

bureau at London and orders issued through local boards. If these planners are human and make mistakes then the mistakes would be on a national scale. No longer would there be the cushion of production by those who refuse to follow the general herd, a cushion which has saved nations from misery and sometimes starvation, when the majority proved wrong or ran into abnormally bad weather.

Guaranteed a minimum price far in advance the natural tendency would be to concentrate on the surest and easiest lines and in a year of favorable weather two or three times normal production might be the result. Costs would be staggering and most of the output unwanted. The natural fluctuation of farm volume from year to year would be dangerously aggravated. At the same time there would be no encouragement, indeed perhaps no permission granted the individual farmers to experiment with new lines, without which there can be no progress.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A monopoly, without adequate auxiliary service, is somewhat of a menace, as we are finding to our cost.

Members of Parliament are once more making tracks for Ottawa to be in readiness for the opening of the new session, which promises to be a hectic one.

That newspapers are essential textbooks was recognized recently when the U. S. Government authorized the payment for newspapers used by students taking journalism courses under the G. I. Bill of Rights.

John Scott, 1st Earl of Eldon, died this date 1838 at the age of eighty-seven after a hectic career as an ultra loyalist politician and lawyer; he conducted the high treason prosecutions against Horne Tooke and others, and vehemently opposed the abolition of capital punishment for minor offences; his favourite maxim was "Quickly enough if safely enough." When he was resident Fellow of University College, Oxford, some of the under-graduates complained that the cooks had sent to table apple pie which could not be eaten. Lord Eldon ordered that the pie should be brought before him, but was informed the pie had been eaten, whereupon Lord Elgin gave judgment for the defence, saying to complainants: "You complain that the pie could not be eaten, but the pie has been eaten, and therefore could be eaten."

The code names designating the principal operations in which the Canadian Army participated during the recent war were as colorful as they were numerous. "Greenlight" was the landing on Kiska, "Husky" was the invasion of Sicily, and "Baytown," the invasion of the "toe" of Italy. Some were suggestive of the "shape of things to come" and two examples were "Blockbuster," signifying the break through the Hochwald defences to the Rhine, and "Plunderer," which was the code name for the Army's exploitation from the Rhine bridgehead. "Goldflake," to men who were in the know, was not a popular brand, but the move of the 1st Canadian Corps from Italy to Northwest Europe. However, the two which have become most widely known since the end of war are "Gauntlet" and "Overlord." The first was chosen to cover all activities connected with the Allied landing on Sitberggen and the second, "Overlord," was the call sign for the invasion of Northwest Europe.

To deprive a Scotsman of his oatmeal porridge is equivalent to sentencing him to die by slow starvation. Accordingly residents of the remote glens, who have enjoyed the traditional Scottish fare of oatmeal even if all else failed, now wonder how they are to manage under new rationing regulations. In districts like Strathdon and Corgarff some families are nine miles from the nearest shop and in winter roads are blocked with snow for weeks at a time. In the past, purchase of a boll (140 pounds) of oatmeal in the fall provided a safeguard against hunger in the winter. Under rationing this represents 280 points and each is allowed only 32 points a month. Storekeeper Thomas Shand said he has known families to be snowbound for 13 weeks. Before the war a common order for a family in a remote district was a bag of oatmeal, a bag of flour, a bag of salt, and 100 pounds of sugar.

The rural Equipment Committee charged under the Monnet plan for French reconstruction with the modernization of rural France, estimates that it will need 36,750 million francs (at their 1939 value \$1,101,500,000 app.) between now and 1950 to carry out its program even without allowing for annual replacements. It is planned to spend 30 billion francs (\$900,000,000) on machinery, particularly tractors. In pre-war days France possessed 30,000 and present requirements are 250,000 tractors. The committee has set the mechanization of 25,000,000 acres under cultivation as a reasonable objective. It is estimated that 30,000 tractors will be needed for heavy work, 100,000 for lighter work such as vine and fruit culture and 100,000 for work such as hauling seeding and mowing machines. Finally 20,000 tractors will be needed for special work, particularly in the forests. Rural electrification would cost eight billion (\$240 million) 1939 francs and at the moment only about a thousand communes remain to be supplied with electricity or about 7 per cent of the population. The committee estimates 3,500 million francs (\$105,000,000) would be needed to build 1,200 abattoirs and to modernize 500 dairies and 1,200 millions for the equipment of orchards and cheese factories. The committee has reduced its rural housing program to two billion of francs (\$60,000,000) instead of the needed 125 billion (\$375,000,000) for the modernization of all dwellings. The most urgent task now consists of repairing the war damage.

Notes By The Way

Alphamethylheptamine is a new drug, said to be a sovereign cure for coughing. But how could a man with a cough manage to order it? —Edmonton Journal.

A woman of 107 explains her long life as the result of good food, exercise, regular hours and no worries. With also, it is probable, good judgment in the selection of ancestors, and on top of it all a lot of luck. —Ottawa Journal.

When the Government begins to relinquish some of the numerous office buildings it now occupies in Ottawa, we will be ready to believe that it is in earnest in its desire to reduce expenditures. —Brockville Recorder and Times.

More fragile than the filligreed ice traceries which form on wind-rows in the heavy frost, the snowflakes can hold their purity but briefly. There is a quick-changing life, individual as they drift from the clouds, falling softly in a silence that becomes almost tangible, to lose identity in the temporary white blanket they spread upon the land. Yet, in their short transit, each is a model of nature's artistry, a symbol of supreme harmony of line that defies imitation by man's most skillful hands. —Victoria Times.

The New York Central is deservingly congratulated for undertaking the elimination of Gulf Curves at Little Falls, N.Y., where a disastrous wreck occurred in 1910. Elimination of the curve makes necessary the diversion of the Mohawk River into a new channel and construction of more than one mile of four-track railway. In addition, it will require the straightening of State Highway 5105. The total cost will be \$2,500,000. —Buffalo Courier-Express.

New England Yankees, who fought so hard the supposedly inferior stocks of the more recent immigration, have to take a back seat on one clearly measurable, physical test. Examining dentists at a wartime selective induction centre have found that persons with English, Scottish, Irish, Canadian or American parents or grandparents were dentally inferior. Their teeth tended to decay. On the other hand, Russians, Chinese, American Negroes and Portuguese stocks tended to have teeth resistant to decay. —Des Moines Tribune.

For some reason or other many girls and women ridicule the idea of modesty, treating it as a survival of the Victorian era that should be laid out of existence. There was when girls and women were always spoken of as the modest sex; they cannot as a whole, be called so today. Relatively speaking, it is the male that is the modest sex. No young youth or man would have the nerve to appear in public as scantily clad as many girls and women are, and if their feelings may not be ascribed to modesty, it can at least be said that they feel too self-conscious to do so. —St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Once before, some generations ago, Europe went through the same experience and threw off the yoke of regimentation at the hands of the European history great and colorful officials. The years which followed the downfall of the older system were bitter years indeed. Europe went through great misery. Out of that misery there came the greatest and most glorious period of European history, great and glorious because it was a period of liberty. Europe will go through the same experience. Provided that Europe and the same thing stands true of Britain, the United States and Canada, will keep liberty and refuse to be bribed into regimentation by promises of security, the great crime committed by the Nazis will have failed completely and Europe will once again be great and glorious, rich and happy. —Brandon Sun.

As a lover of dogs, we are happy to see that the American Veterinary Medical Association is branching out into the field of animal psychiatry. Dr. J. C. Hardenbergh says that many irritable, maladjusted dogs have developed complexes from improper treatment. He is undoubtedly right. Consider, for example the effect on the masterful English bull at the loss of dignity he suffers when he has to roll on the floor as the price of a tub of Canada. The oftener the animal is herded goes slowly nuts as a succession of well-intentioned visitors wisecrack: "If you're a police dog, where's your badge?" How deeply wounded must be the gentle, affectionate dachshund when he sees himself portrayed in cartoons as the symbol of Nazi brutality? Or the loving Great Dane who gets cuffed when he tries to follow the Pekinese into his mistress' lap? Who laughs are left with a dog's psyche when he can't find a dog-house because they won't rent to dogs with humans? —Chicago Daily News.

There is a new recreation on the horizon—rotobowling. As the name implies, the game has much in common with ordinary bowling. It is played on an alley 94 feet long and 52 inches wide, and the object is to knock down as many as possible of the pins. The alleys are carpeted with felt and the metal-core pins are incased in rubber, making the game practically noiseless. The sides of the alley are cushioned like those of a billiard table and there are two stationary "hinged pins" about halfway down the alley. The oftener the player can bank the ball off these, the higher his score. The 18-pound, hollow aluminum ball is not propelled by hand, but is ejected from a specially built machine which starts whirling at speeds up to 4,500 revolutions per minute before releasing. —Kitchener Record.

The Poets Corner

SONG BEFORE SINGING

Giver of song from out thy depth Of beauty, truth, transcendent fire, Giver of song, from out thy depth A sorry to lift him higher and higher.

I would be instrument, Master, for Thee, Singing above earth's common lure, Bringing to man a song divine, Give me a song that shall endure.

Give me a song that shall make man whole, And lead him away from death and wrong; Play on my soul, till its strings respond, Give me the words, O Master of Song.

—William D. DeCoste (formerly of Charlottetown) in "Sing! Soldier Sing!"

Old Charlottetown (And P.E.I.)

EARLY ESTABLISHED CHURCH

A frame of a church 48 feet in length by 30 in width and sufficiently high to admit of side galleries with a handsome tower of sixty feet in height was raised at St. Eleanor's in Richmond Parish last week. The building is already partly boarded up and there is every prospect of its being covered in by the middle of July next. Great praise is due to the inhabitants of this part of the Island for their efforts in securing to themselves the privilege of having a clergyman of the Established Church situated among them, and the bounty of the society for propagating the gospel in foreign parts cannot over-merit the gratitude of every well wisher to the prosperity of the Island.

It is to be hoped that the example of the inhabitants of St. David's and Richmond parishes will stimulate their fellow Islanders to similar exertions and that the village spire will yet be seen peeping above the surrounding wood in many of the parishes in Prince Edward Island.

This is the first building exclusively appropriated to the use of the Established Church erected in this Island. —P. E. I. Register, May, 1925.

On Being Fussy

(Toronto Saturday Night)

"Canada wants only the finest type of prospective immigrant; only that type of immigrant is needed or will be welcomed." —Montreal Gazette.

The present population of Canada, who will do the welcoming, are of course entirely the product of the finest type of immigration. We have only to look at ourselves to see that the process which produced us must have been the most exquisitely selective process that can be imagined. Yet, as it happens, no single immigration movement at the time when it was taking place impressed the existing inhabitants of the country as being anything of the kind. The arrival of the French was certainly not a source of unmitigated satisfaction to the Indians. The arrival of the British was resisted with the utmost vigor by the French. The arrival of the United Empire Loyalists came nearer to pleasing their predecessors than that of any other influx, but that was because the British had just acquired a potential enemy on its southern border and had been forced to realize its need of population, and these new citizens were already North Americans and their advent weakened the new Republic while it strengthened the British settlements. The arrival of the Irish pleased nobody except the steamship companies which employed them as navies. The arrival of the new English influx after the opening of the prairies led to the slogan "No English need apply" and to the term "remittance man". The Chinese were so unwelcome that their women were never admitted and they themselves were ultimately excluded altogether (after a long period of being charged \$500 entry fee) and they were already North Americans and were restricted by a "gentleman's agreement" because they could not be excluded by law. The

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Ukrainians—well, this is getting too near recent times, and we have no wish to hurt anybody's feelings. We have not mentioned the Scots, and the truth seems to be that they come in so quietly that nobody notices them, and in twenty years they are running the country and nobody dares to raise any objection to them.

Income Tax Anomalies

(Sydney Post-Record)

The new income tax schedules which came into effect at the first of the year are a typical example of the futility of piece-meal legislation. They amply demonstrate that a great deal more is needed than the juggling of forms to re-establish the principle of equity. The tax structure continues to rest on no sounder or fairer basis than it did in wartime. The raising of a given sum of money in the most convenient way possible the motivating factor.

King Cabinet Vagaries

(Halifax Chronicle)

The outside observer viewing the vagaries of the Dominion Cabinet must be struck with amazement at the blind pertinacity with which its members do in incongruities of fact and theory. A favorite watchword of this august body for years has been the maintenance and development of the unity of Canada. Throughout the war, and especially on the conscription issue, it balanced precariously on the tightrope joining Quebec and the rest of the country. It raised a futile flag issue on

and is receiving a family allowance of \$120 a year he is only \$49 better off. If he receives an allowance of \$144 a year he is only \$73 better off. But the man a bit higher up the scale is even more handicapped. He gets no benefit from the family allowances he receives, but pays more to help another family which is in less fortunate circumstances than a man earning the same income, but with no children at all.

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QUICKIES By Ken Reynolds



"Those clubs you got with a Guardian Want Ad are not much good—four tries now and you haven't made a hole-in-one!"

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