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That Ottawa Conference

Last week's meeting at Ottawa of the National Finance Committee failed to come to grips with the major financial problems of Canada or its provinces. The Minister of Finance says the conference was a great success. In the eyes of most students of public affairs in Canada it was a complete failure.

This from the Financial Post, Independent Liberal, which, after commenting on the failure of the Conference to make refunding provision for the western provinces, continues:

"It is difficult to see how the conference can boast of its accomplishments. The list of delegates was imposing to say the least. Every provincial premier and treasurer in the Dominion, with the exception of Premier HERRICK of Ontario, was present. Mr. HERRICK'S budget dictator represented him. Nearly every premier was accompanied by another minister and one or two deputies or advisers. In addition there were four federal ministers and a number of federal officials.

"Such a conference could be expected to tackle the major problems of public finance. Yet most of the time was given over to administrative details which could as well have been dealt with by a smaller committee of Government officials. Many of the items were referred to such a committee in any event.

"What the people of Canada had a right to demand from such a conference was not discussions on matters of minor importance, but rather solutions to some of our major problems.

"It was up to the Dominion to take the lead. True, the Dominion ministers had to spend a great deal of time turning down some of the more imprudent demands of the provinces who were not backward in demanding that the Dominion give them new sources of revenue and at the same time take over the cost of relief and other social services. But the Dominion's duty was not to reiterate a succession of 'No's' but to offer leadership in a debt refunding plan."

The Christmas Season

This year, as on other occasions, early shoppers are profiting by their foresight in the bargains they are obtaining. "First come, first serve" is a maxim which nowhere applies more fittingly than to the Christmas trade. The belated purchaser, hurrying frantically from store to store to find suitable last-minute presents for friends he had nearly forgotten, will no doubt be in evidence this year as on other occasions; but he is fortunately becoming the exception rather than the rule. The wise Christmas shopper has already set to work, and will have completed his requirements before the late rush begins. In doing so he will have lessened the burden on clerks and shop-keepers, as well as on postal employees to whom belated purchasing means an unnecessary accumulation of tardy Christmas mail.

While remembering friends and relatives it is also a privilege, at this season, to remember those less fortunately circumstanced than ourselves, to whom Christmas would be drab and miserable but for the annual gift which makes public generosity. The Santa Paul fund, the Free Dispensary, the Salvation Army, the Infirmary, the hospitals and orphanages—these and other channels of benevolence are open to all. This year, notwithstanding some evidence of general economic improvement, there is a great deal of unemployment, hardship and suffering. Let us not forget that these conditions exist right in Charlottetown and throughout the Province; and that the extent to which we endeavour to alleviate them is a pretty fair measure of our appreciation of the real meaning of Christmas.

A Needle in a Haystack

Under the above heading appears the following interesting comment in the December issue of "Canadian Aviation":

"Recently aviation, if it may be so-called, has at least a few islands where the Magdalen Islands are situated. To emphasize our point, however, it might be well to state that they lie 105 miles north and east of Charlottetown, P. E. I., and there is a water hop between the two of 85 miles. The Islands have a population of roughly 8,000.

"Since 1920 a winter airmail service to the Islands has been authorized by the Federal Government and it has brought immeasurable benefits to the population, otherwise pretty much isolated. By reason of airmail services it has also been possible to provide a commendable mercy flight service as there is no hospital on the Islands and very little medical attention is available. As many as five stretcher cases have been handled in one day and during the winter of 1935 there were six ambulance cases.

"The service has been operated efficiently by Canadian Airways Limited from their Maritime headquarters at Charlottetown. The equipment used was first a Fairchild, later a Loening amphibian and, during the past two winters, the twin-engine Dornier. One trip per week is made, and the average mail load is around 800 pounds. In the winter of 1935 there was a total mail load of 11,304, and 150 pounds of express. Altogether the service is one of greater value than can be realized except by those who directly benefit by it.

"In the circumstances, it is all the more unfortunate to discover that the service is being carried out with an inexcusable lack of ground. We venture to suggest that had it not been for the outstanding skill of the pilots involved, notably WALTER FOWLER, the Chief Pilot for the Company in the Maritime division, there might have been impressive reason to regret that the needs of this route were not fully realized.

One is almost astounded to learn that the route has to be flown without the aid of directional apparatus of any kind from the Magdalen Islands and the object to shoot at over the 85-mile water hop has a width of only five miles. Weather reports have to be secured in a roundabout way through Cape Breton Island, and are obtained from the Islands largely through the courtesy of one, CAPTAIN WILLIAM ARSENAULT, a Fishery Inspector of the Quebec Provincial Government who has rendered splendid personal co-operation. Thrilling stories could be written around the efforts of this man. On one occasion, it is learned, he drove a distance of over 60 miles by horse and sleigh under trying conditions to find a suitable landing place in order to pick up a party in urgent need of medical treatment.

"Even supposing that weather reports were prompt, and indicated all clear conditions, it is readily possible for the whole situation to change very quickly in that area and if the truth were known it is not unlikely that pilots on this run have put in some pretty anxious times, the kind that produce grey hairs prematurely.

"Particularly at a time when major attention is being given to the preparation of ground aids, it is respectfully urged upon the responsible authorities that immediate steps be taken to render to the operators of this route, who for some unaccountable reason do not appear to have complained about it, at least basic directional radio services and in so doing forestall what might easily become an unhappy occurrence."

Editorial Notes

Today's the last of pre-Christmas week.

Pre-Christmas Church Services tomorrow.

Be a Santa Pal for that kiddie who is longing for next Friday to arrive.

Nobody worth while saves money at Christmas; most honest people get into debt in a good cause.

Charlottetown Male Chorus are helping out the Dispensary Christmas distributions by their concert after church in the Prince Edward Theatre tomorrow.

The Hon. Cyrus MacMillan, Ph.D. gave an address on "The Maritimes and Confederation" to the members of the Rotary Club, Montreal, on Tuesday.

The victory of Ald. J. A. Raynault, M.L.A., in the Montreal Mayoralty contest is considered a new triumph for the National Union which swept through the metropolis in provincial elections of August 17, last.

A white leghorn pullet owned by Mr. John Acquard, Attica, N.Y. heads for some kind of record. Acquard said he has collected a dozen big eggs from the bird, each of them about eight inches by six and a half inches in circumference.

The London County Council is considering legislation to prevent films classed by the board of censors as "horrific" from being shown to children under sixteen. Two pictures recently classed as "horrific" were "Dracula's Daughter" and "The Walking Dead."

Mussolini has added a gold sword to the other war-like indication of peace he boasts of. He received the gold sword from the Italian Senate, and told it, Italy would defend her frontiers with a "sword finely tempered and strongly held." The gift was presented to Il Duce at the opening of a session dedicated to celebration of the founding of the Italian Empire.

Christmas business throughout the eastern provinces surged forward in the first ten shopping days of December, topping comparative 1935 figures by 10 per cent, and generally giving indications of developing into the best Yuletide season in seven years, the National Retail Dry Goods Association said yesterday following a telegraphic survey of its member stores. The ratio of gain this year is exceeding that of a year ago, when the first ten shopping days of the month brought an 8 per cent. increase over 1934 sales. A 12 per cent. gain for the whole month this year would bring business to within 14 per cent. of the peak December trade registered in 1929, the survey showed.

Senator Smeaton White of the Montreal Gazette who has just passed away, used to recall with sardonic glee the days when newspapers were run "from outside the counter". It was nothing, he said, in his early days, for politicians, prominent in the party ranks to dictate the Gazette's policy, but his father and uncle, who became joint proprietors, soon rectified that. For many years now the Montreal Gazette has been a creator and moulder of public opinion, not a follower. Perhaps it can be said with absolute truth that the Montreal Gazette is outstandingly one of the two leading Canadian newspapers, the other being the Winnipeg Free Press.

Premier Dymally of New Brunswick has returned from Ottawa with a nice Order-in-Council for \$1,500,000 to replace a bridge destroyed in the past Fall. Naturally the people of New Brunswick are enthusiastic over the success of their Premier in dipping into the Federal treasury. What has Premier Campbell to show for the time and money he and his colleagues have spent in Ottawa? So far as the Patriot discloses, it amounts to a promise to reconsider the rental arrangement between the Federal and Provincial Governments for the upkeep of Hillsboro Bridge. The least the people on the other side of the river, as well as the business people in this city, expected, was an Order-in-Council authorizing the construction of a new bridge as advocated by correspondents and at public meetings.

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Notes By The Way

This skill in timing is the secret of the Nazi Government's outstanding sequence of successful strokes of policy. No existing regime has achieved anything comparable. It is without parallel in history. The German Government, indeed, had set up an Olympic record in successful statecraft long before its athletes won world-primacy in sport. While the rulers of other countries deliberate and dawdle, Hitler acts. As Dr. Goebbels has told us, no step is ever announced by the Nazi Administration until it is not only prepared but taken. The adroit selection of the right moment for these hammer-blows gives them an appearance of inevitability which accords well with the dynamic character of the leaders of the German people.—London Daily Mail.

The last claret of deflation have now fallen. But it may well be that we have not rid of world deflation only to face world inflation. There is a more plentiful supply of money in the world today than ever before. Moreover, almost every country in an appearance of increasing its budget. The fact that devaluations and cheap money programmes can be overdone may be laughed at now, but so in 1931, was the idea that any good could come of devaluation. These are some of the considerations that should preclude a premature or excessive complacency.—The Spectator (London).

No mistake can be made in time spent on teaching students how to speak and write good English. Both are essential. Why should particular stress be laid on composition, and public speaking be neglected? In the earlier days throughout Ontario debating societies existed in almost every school section for the development of public speaking, and it cannot be denied that these activities were justified by the results. Many men eminent in public life first started their careers in these societies. If young people of public school age are taught to express themselves clearly and effectively in public, they are not likely to be troubled with embarrassment and stage fright when they become older. There is an extensive movement at work in the secondary schools to promote a knowledge of public speaking, and it has met with great success. The endeavor to stimulate public interest in the public schools is commendable from every point of view.—Brantford Exposition.

By isolating France and interlocking with all Germany is working towards her central objective—a free hand for conquest in the East. That war will happen—can only happen—when the last defences of collective security are broken down. How much of them in the light of Belgium's action, remain in being? Against this situation, rearmament—above all, rearmament in isolation—is no safeguard; on the contrary, it leads straight to a war which will be, when it comes, so shattering that it will matter little who wins and who loses. The problem is first of all political. Until there is the will to stand together, until we evolve on our side some unity of command, and some common plan of action, arms are a waste of resources and a counsel of despair.—Exc.

A publication of high repute, Printer's Ink, tells of the growing popularity of newspaper advertising. During September, this journal reports there was more than a normal gain in newspaper advertising, being 15.1 per cent above the same month in 1935. It represented the largest index gain record so far this year. Comment is not necessary these figures speak for themselves. If further proof is sought of the high regard in which newspaper advertising is held by advertisers who seek the best returns for their money, it can be found in the fact that for the first nine months of this newspaper advertising increased by 9.4 per cent over the same period of 1935.—Windsor Daily Star.

In the Basque Provinces the statute of autonomy, which has figured on the republican programme since 1931, has not yet become law. The present Popular Front government is ready to vote it, with the minimum possible delay. The bitterest opponents in Madrid of Basque autonomy have always been the Catholic Right Wing. "One King, one nation, one faith," is their constant answer to all questions of separatism. On the other hand the staunchest partisans of Basque autonomy are not the workers, but the industrial capitalists, who in this region are strongly Catholic. We therefore have the curious spectacle of the bourgeois democrats in Catalonia and the Catholic Right Wing in the Basque Provinces pledged to the support of a Left Wing government goes to the Left, the more fully it is likely to accede to their autonomist demands. It should be remembered that the Communist plan for Spain is the Union of Spanish Soviet Socialist Republics.—Exc.

At the end of last week more persons were registered as unemployed in Alberta than at any time since the fall of 1933—11,731. Against the background of generally improved conditions in Canada, these figures carry an obviously discouraging significance. Alberta is apparently not sharing in this improvement in proportion to its population and resources, so far as concerns the unemployment problem. This is worse than it was a year ago, and growing worse, while in other provinces the figures tend the other way. In part this may be because registration is carried on more carefully now than it was in former years, though that has not been

That Body of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

COLD WATER TREATMENT FOR BURNS

Some years ago it was my privilege to accompany a railway surgeon who was attending thirty cases resulting from railway accident. He pointed out an engineer and fireman and told me that they could not live more than a day or two as more than half the surface of their bodies had been badly burned. Death would be due to "shock" caused by the loss of fluids from the blood.

Since the tannic acid treatment for burns was discovered a few years ago the lives of many of these badly burned patients have been saved. To-day every first aid kit or cabinet in industrial establishments has the tannic acid solution for use. And in households where tannic acid is not available, strongly brewed tea is used as it contains the tannic acid. It is certainly surprising and very gratifying then to read of a newly discovered treatment for burns—the cold water treatment.

Dr. H. W. Rose, Seattle, in Northwest Medicine, describes the "Initial Cold Water Treatment For Burns." "When the patient is seen soon after the accident cold water is applied to the burned tissue after as much clothing as possible has been removed. Ordinary tap water is used. In the case of a small burned area of hand or foot, cold wet dressings are applied or the parts put completely under the water in basins containing cold water. In the case of extensive burns the patient is placed in a tub. The immediate results are favorable; patients with severe pain are relieved in a few seconds without the use of opium in any form. Patients in early shock often respond promptly without any other form of treatment, the weak and feeble pulse becoming slower and stronger, the blood pressure rising and the patients color returning a normal appearance.

If, however, some time has passed before the patient is first seen, so that the state of shock is far advanced, other methods of treating shock must be used in addition to the cold water. In this treatment by cold water the water is first at a temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit, being gradually warmed as the patient is able to bear the pain until after two hours the temperature is at body heat—about 98 F. In severe cases, morphine is given at the end of the second hour, the dirt and dead tissue wiped away, the body dried by a hair dryer, and the tannic acid treatment then given.

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PUBLIC FORUM

WHAT IS THE COST

Sir,—I presume facetiously, you wonder if Premier Campbell returns from Ottawa with a golden pocket lining, or will it be another \$3,000,000 loan?

Don't worry. If a loan, it won't be from the "Not a nickel" Mackenzie King government.

What is more of interest to Island taxpayers is—How much of increased taxes will we have to pay for those multitudinous and overcrowded picnics to Ottawa?

I venture to say that there has been more individualism in those picnics, in the one year of Liberal government, than in the whole four years of the Stewart-MacMillan regime. And to increase the agony not a dollar of advantage to the people, all with the one design, to devise new means of increasing the taxation of the people.

I am, Sir, etc. PICNICER

GOVERNMENT RAKE-OFF'S

Sir,—More than once I have called attention to the exorbitant cost of a Liberal tariff policy, wherein by excessive use of parliament they proceed to reduce tariffs, then by judicial administration they actually add to the taxpayers burden.

Your Ottawa "special wire", discloses re automobiles an instance where the "rake off" operates in so doubled a capacity as to ascend to the status of "government racket".

In some of these "rake-offs" or "rackets", it might be well worth investigating as to the beneficiaries of the piñage, in the item I have referred to before, an article sold in this city and all over Canada at 5c the government scooped in 4-1-3c leaving 2-3 of a cent for dealer and producers. This rate of course is not collected from insouciant political friends.

As two thirds of a cent will not pay more than a quarter of the actual cost of handling, it makes importation prohibitive. The Canadian profiteer, thus protected by government, primarily pockets this 40 per cent rake off on the sale of his goods.

But does it remain in his keeping, or to credit of his bank account? If not, how is it divided? Would a government or any of its administrators play this outrage upon consumers without some little (or more material) compensation? Then, so, who gets the benefit? Or does private interest get a direct contribution? Or, is it through the channel of dividends that the tariff juggler realizes his reward? Surely this juggling with tariffs is not done purely for vengeance on political opponents, nor yet purely for pastime.

I am, Sir, etc. LEWIS F. TANTON

THE BOARD OF REVIEW

Sir,—There was a sensible timely letter in the Patriot of the 7th inst. calling attention to the havoc the Board of Review, under "The Farmers' Credit Arrangement Act" is making with the credit and business of the Island. The writer of the letter in question invites suggestions from persons who have the welfare of the Province at heart, as to what should be done to stop the activities of this Board before the injury it is doing becomes irreparable. In my opinion, all that need be done is for some reliable persons to report the facts to the authorities at Ottawa and the Government of this country, which has not yet gone Bolshevistic, will soon call a halt to the career of the Board of Review. But who will take action? Our Island born representatives should do it; but I fear they are not much interested. I suggest, that the merchants of Charlottetown, wholesale and retail, call a meeting in that city, through the Board of Trade early next month, at which meeting the facts could be obtained and then forwarded to Ottawa and I feel sure the Government would do the rest. I suggest Charlottetown, as the place of meeting, because it is easy of access to all points in Queen's County and easier of access to all points in King's than any point in that county would be. A similar meeting could be held in Summerside, to accommodate the people of Prince County.

The writer in the Patriot relates a couple of findings or decisions by the Board which in all conscience are bad enough, but the writer of this letter can give, from his personal experience, cases which are much worse. If the present Board is administering the Act according to law and according to the intention of Parliament, the title of the Act should be changed. It should be called an "Act to Encourage Dishonesty Among Farmers, and to Eliminate Country Retail Merchants." The farmers of this Island were not, as a class, dishonest men, neither were the country retail merchants, nor are they Shylocks. We were all getting along fairly well with one another, till these precious Boards got started, and when they have destroyed the confidence, the credit and the business of the Province, the farmers will feel the injury fully as much as any other class of the community.

The writer in the Patriot gives instances of judgments duly obtained and recorded according to the Statute law of the Province, to secure a debt, being set aside by the present Board. The first Board we had, started doing this thing, and the second followed in its footsteps, and went far beyond these footsteps in many other respects. This thing of setting aside judgments is equivalent to a repeal of our provincial laws, and the Bri-

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lish North America Act as well; and this is something that even the Parliament of Canada cannot do. Evidently our Boards of Review have some idea of their own importance. The British North America Act gives to the Provinces all power over property and civil rights. The Legislature of this province made Judgments a lawful form of security, and only the Legislature can change the law or take the judgment rights of creditors away. The more this thing is looked into, the more it is seen that adequate and immediate action by all the sensible people of the Province is necessary.

The Poet's Corner

I FLEE FROM BEAUTY

I flee from beauty of the thousand swords, Beauty that wounds and will not let me rest; Her shadow on the hills, her singing words Down autumn winds, her challenge in the west.

I flee from beauty with her gift of pain, Seeking to walk in dim shining heights Content to touch no shining heights again

If from those following steps I may be free, But on a sudden down the wintry sky I see Orion wheeling into spring And swift my heart leaps to an ancient cry.

My hands uplift an old old offering, And once again I know, while man draws breath Beauty must be, and pain and love and death.

—Susan Myra Gregory, in "Spirits"

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