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Hepburn On The Rampage

The dispute between Premier Hepburn of Ontario and Prime Minister Mackenzie King over the St. Lawrence waterway project has assumed the proportion of a first-class family row. Mr. Hepburn has charged the Ottawa and Washington Governments with being in agreement to block Ontario's power development and export plans, asserting that correspondence with Mr. King, marked "confidential," supported this charge. Mr. King, in repudiating the Hepburn charges, intimated that he would table the confidential correspondence referred to, when Parliament met in January. To this Mr. Hepburn rejoined "Why wait till January?" and he has now released the correspondence himself.

Much water has flown under the bridge since Mr. Hepburn, two years ago, made a Canada-wide tour on behalf of Mr. Mackenzie King. It will be recalled that he spoke in Charlottetown on that occasion, extolling the virtues of his federal leader whom he now evidently regards as a bare-faced prevaricator.

It is not the first time Mr. Hepburn has gone on the rampage. The question is, what his influence will be on the Ontario supporters of the King Government at Ottawa. If they are of Mr. Hepburn's opinion as to Mr. King's duplicity in this matter, it will be just too bad for Liberal harmony when Parliament meets next month.

Commenting on Mr. King's attitude towards the issue raised by Hepburn, the Sydney Post-Record says: "Strong, resolute, purposeful leadership has never an outstanding characteristic of the Dominion Prime Minister. In his recent interview that the issue will be decided by Parliament at the next session he indicates a desire to evade the responsibility of reaching a definite judgment on an important point of national policy. The question is surely one for the Government to dispose of. The administration of this country is not run on the Continental group plan, or on the Soviet system of a show of hands for the settlement of knotty public questions. Under the British constitutional practice the Government assumes full responsibility for decisions such as this one, and is answerable to Parliament for its conduct of public affairs. It is surely something new to see a responsible Prime Minister ask Parliament's opinion on a matter of administrative policy before his Cabinet ventures to take action. Possible this is not what Mr. King means, for it must be conceded that his language is obscure and ambiguous. It is to be hoped that the event will show that he has convictions with regard to the power exportation question, that he has the courage to translate them into action, and after the Cabinet's decision has been taken to place it before Parliament for approval or rejection as the case may be. At present he is conspicuously wobbling."

Home Improvement Loans

Prince Edward Island is at least "keeping up with the Joneses" in the matter of Home Improvement Loans. According to figures just released by the Department of Finance, Ottawa, the per capita loan for this Province under the scheme was \$11.8, which is precisely the average per capita for all Canada. The per capita figures for Manitoba, New Brunswick, Quebec and Saskatchewan are lower, and those for Nova Scotia, British Columbia, Ontario and Alberta higher.

The Dominion total, as from Nov. 1, 1936, was well over the twelve million dollar mark. New loans were reported from every province during Nov. 21 to Dec. 21, 1937. Prince Edward Island's loan total increased by \$635, bringing the total amount loaned to Dec. 21 in this province to \$104,474.21. 384 loans are represented in this figure.

Mr. King Busy

Prime Minister King is busy trying to patch up the differences between the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Gardiner), and the Minister of Trade and Commerce (Mr. Euler) in connection with the charge of the former that the latter had neglected to advertise Canada sufficiently to her loss in the British market. Discussing the report over which the resentment was said to have arisen, the Prime Minister said that some inaccuracies might have been contained in it, and this was being investigated. If they were found they would be corrected. "Mr. Gardiner will continue to look after the Agriculture Department and Mr. Euler will look after Trade and Commerce," the Prime Minister said. There were some things in the report that might leave the impression it was reflecting on some present method of doing business. They really referred only to past methods. I think some things in the report might have been expressed differently, but that often happens in preparation of such documents," Mr. Mackenzie King added. But are they not usually checked and corrected by the responsible minister before publication?

Dairying In Belgium

The dairy industry in Belgium has been singled out for special attention by the Belgian Government and a comprehensive program for the development of the production of milk and its derivatives has been put into execution, writes Mr. Yves Lamontagne, Canadian Trade Commissioner at Brussels in the Commercial Intelligence Journal. Action is being taken to improve the conditions under which milk is produced, such as the adoption of more sanitary methods and measures to lessen disease among cows. Subsidies will be granted for the selection and improvement of livestock, and credits will be made available to farmers for the pur-

chase of additional land or equipment as well as for the construction of silos for the storing of green fodder with a view to reducing the cost of feeding animals during the winter.

The manufacture of powdered and condensed milk is to be encouraged so as to absorb the surplus when milk is plentiful. Arrangements have been made with local manufacturers of chocolates and fine biscuits for the use of milk in this form.

Provision is also being made for government intervention in the production of butter, and it is expected that an official quality mark will shortly be introduced, intended only for producers who have complied with specified requirements. An effort will also be made to obtain more remunerative prices for skimmed milk in order to decrease the cost of production of butter.

A system of premiums will also be inaugurated as regards the production of cheese. These premiums will be granted only provided certain standards of quality are achieved. It is expected thereby to bring about a gradual development of the cheese industry in Belgium without resorting to increased import duties to encourage local production.

Editorial Notes

This is the shortest day of all the year, and possibly one of the busiest.

However short the day, it is not too short in which to do a good turn.

When wily politicians like King and Hepburn fall out, the honest elector discovers how he has been fooled.

Now is the accepted time to become a Santa Pal, tomorrow may be too late, and some expectant child will have tears instead of smiles.

It pays to advertise. A citizen lost \$52 on Monday, and advertised his loss in yesterday's Guardian. Before ten o'clock Mr. James Hughes former Captain of the Harland, walked into the office and handed over the money which he had found on Queen Street.

The sympathy of all of us goes out to the Governor-General in the loss he has sustained by the death of his mother in Scotland. It will tinge his Christmas festivities and ceremonials with sadness, but like the "brave heart" he is, His Excellency will carry on as usual so that the joy of others may not be interfered with.

The December issue of St. Dunstan's "Red and White" has made its appearance. The students are to be warmly congratulated on this number, which contains a wider variety of reading matter than usual, with more liberal space devoted to student contributions. A fine editorial tribute is paid to the late Dr. Robertson, of Prince of Wales College. The extra-curricular activities of the University are also reviewed editorially. "Trawling at Tignish Run," an essay by William Shea, '40, is deserving of special mention in this very readable publication.

It seems most unusual for a Supreme Court judge to sue an old-time client for services rendered, but this has happened in Quebec, where Judge Lucien Cannon proceeded against the City Council in Supreme Court, demanding payment of an account due him before he was moved to the bench. The Civic administrative committee are seeking to compromise with the judge by offering him \$2,200 in settlement in full. The bill was incurred in connection with advice and services rendered the Council during litigation on Quebec's 30,000,000 gallon reservoir built on the Plains of Abraham before he was named to the bench.

Although the imports of farm implements and machinery were sharply higher in October than in the same month last year, a decline was shown when compared with the previous month. The total in the latest month was worth \$1,234,646 compared with \$1,738,849 in the previous month and \$503,412 a year ago. The total from the United States was \$1,180,761. There were 1,020 internal combustion traction engines for farm purposes valued up to \$1,400 each, totalling \$848,090 compared with 237 at \$256,026 a year ago; parts were worth \$162,867 compared with \$116,533.

Dr. Leopold, a Capetown doctor well-known as a poet and an epicure, has set all local temperance and dietetic enthusiasts by the ears by announcing, at the Cape wine show, that it is better to drink a glass of wine than a glass of milk. Milk, he said, is only condensed sewage, whereas wine is a clean and natural food. He suggested that the League of Nations had begun propaganda for the dietetic value of milk under pressure from temperance fanatics and vested dairy interests. Dairymen indignantly reply that the purity of their product is guaranteed by strict health regulations. The insulted cows, ignoring Dr. Leopold, continue to yield their milk, and mothers have not yet been induced to put wine instead of milk in their babies' bottles.

The man who fails to discipline his body, as well as the one who pampers it, finds it difficult to achieve spiritual strength and beauty. In this connection the Hon. Mr. Dunning paid a fine tribute to King George. His Majesty, he said, was an athlete of no mean repute, and always kept fit. Mr. Dunning said it was his opinion the ordeal faced by the King when he answered a toast to him at the meeting of the Empire Parliamentary Union in London following the Coronation, was as great, if not greater, than that he faced at the Coronation, for the first time in modern history the King answered the toast. "From youth the King has suffered an impediment in his speech and one of the best evidences of his character that I can give is that facing that audience he proceeded steadily from beginning to end. Truly it was a fight, a sustained fight, but a fight one could feel the speaker winning every second against the greatest odds. It showed the power of character in the individual under the great stress."

NOTES BY THE WAY

Canada's trade in seven months of this year (the fiscal year) is well over a billion dollars. Actually, this country did as much trade in six months of this year as it did in a whole year just before the war. An amazing feat, almost unbelievable, yet every day more than \$20,000,000 worth of goods are shipped out of Canada; either carried on trains across the border into the United States, or loaded on ships and sent practically to every country in the world. No nation or race is so remote that we fail to sell it something, and one imagines, looking over a list of the peoples we trade with, that Canadian products are as well known to any one country as they are to a country of our eleven million—an insignificant fraction of the world's population—it is a pretty substantial achievement.—Ottawa Journal.

In its relations with the United States, Great Britain is a little like a frustrated young woman who affects to see in the most casual acts of the man she has set her heart on evidence that at last he is about to come to the point. In England every American move toward international agreement in a specific field is widely heralded as the beginning of the end of American isolation and the dawn of a new day in co-operation. The same set of facts taken by the dictatorship countries to indicate by their alliance with the United States with the countries opposed to them. On a few days ago Mr. Roosevelt's Chicago speech was taken wishfully in the demagogues and with alarm in the democrats. The move toward a trade agreement with England is being received abroad in the same way.—Baltimore Sun.

In one of the long dark passages of the famous Mammoth Cave of Kentucky, several hundred feet under the surface of the earth and a few feet from the entrance, stand two stone busts, tragic monuments to a medical theory of the last century. Some doctors of that day thought that consumption of the lungs could be cured if the patient lived in subterranean depths, where the temperature was constant, changes, winter or summer. A colony of sufferers was established and there victims of the experiment remained, literally entombed until the ill-starred venture was abandoned and the survivors removed.—Christian Science Monitor.

Everywhere it appears that the ascertainable facts of industry and commerce are being viewed in a not badly unfavorable. Given a buoyant psychology, further progress in the world as a whole, and maintenance of substantially the present level of activity in Great Britain could be predicted with some assurance. But a buoyant psychology is just what is lacking. The economic factors are very much better than in 1929. But the international political position is incomparably worse. It is questionable whether the world can afford even a minor setback in its economic recovery at a time when political tension is already almost unbearable.—London Economist.

In the July, 1937, Bulletin of the Seismological Society of America, a semi-annual journal, a reference is made to an earthquake on June 15, 1936, with its origin near the boundary of the states of Washington and Oregon, is studied by B. H. Brown. Many tombstones in the cemeteries were rotated, about 70 per cent of them in the clockwise direction, but it is noted that some stones in close proximity were rotated in opposite directions.—Nature.

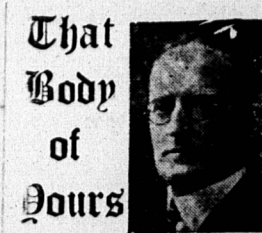
Something odd is going on in Russia, and that something is going to have pretty big repercussions elsewhere. Now here is a report that the office of Max Litvinsky, powerful foreign minister, is being kept top to bottom. Max is being kept standing on the mat while it is going on. Next, the wires him with a story that Tupolev, crack Soviet airplane designer, is executed. Tupolev was the creator of the "plane that flew the Pole"—and also of the "plane that crashed there last year." OGPU chief, issues an order that workers who get drunk on the job and damage the machinery will be shot. All that due to Trotsky?—London Daily Express.

A description of air-conditioning—if so it can be called—in the British House of Commons says "The air is now pumped up through the perforated floor of the entire gallery. This produces a certain sensation that is in many ways that one, highly undesirable. For it means that the legs of members are surrounded by a fresh breeze, while their bodies are in the comparatively warm and stagnant upper air." It has been said before that hot hands and cold feet make poor parliamentarians.—Exchange.

F. C. Meers, writing in The Montreal Gazette quotes Tim Stuck as saying there are 15,000 Communists in Canada, but that this is probably a deliberate under-estimate. He says, however, it is at least one-third more than five years ago.—Ex.

The condition of civil service in the United States is critical. Broad-based governmental activities should have been accompanied by improvement in government personnel. Instead, spoils and patronage have been permitted to undermine standards of government service and to cause the first real recession in civil service in fifty years. It will be contrary to the public interest and safety to continue expanding government functions on this shrinking base of civil service.—Christian Science Monitor, Boston.

An Idaho man has scarcely uttered a word since he was hit by his sweetheart a half century ago. He made a vow never to speak until his girl returns to him—and he's still waiting. Fate apparently decreed that his poor chap must live a life of silence. Even had he married the girl he probably would only have been able to get in the occasional word.—Windsor Star.



That Body of Yours

By James W. Burton, M.D.
VARICOSE ULCERS OF THE LEGS

Nobody likes to undergo any operation, small or large, and unless suffering intense pain, the average individual will put off operation to the last moment. One condition that is a source of annoyance, interferes with getting about to any extent, and often means days or weeks in bed is the varicose ulcer of the leg. These ulcers, although on the surface of the skin, are caused by sluggishness or stoppage of the circulation in the veins adjoining the ulcer. They are usually due to standing in the one position too long at a time—motormen, policemen, the housewife in the kitchen too much, overweight. Perhaps a little knock or blow on the leg, unnoticed by the individual is the starting point of the ulcer (a little break in the skin) because of the sluggishness of the veins underneath.

In the early stages of an ulcer, getting off the feet, injecting the surrounding veins so that deeper veins will carry on the work and perhaps bandaging the leg, may bring about a cure. Unfortunately many of these ulcers become chronic and require operation.

Dr. Neal Owens, New Orleans, in the New Orleans Medical and Surgical Journal, says: "Probably every ulcer which is more than three inches in diameter should be repaired by the removal of the scar tissue, followed by skin grafting, if a permanent and satisfactory healing is to be obtained; a large percentage of these ulcers, if healed by other methods than the removal of the hard scar tissue around them, usually break down under the slightest strain." If the hard scar tissue is not removed, the blood vessels cannot push through the scar tissue to hasten the healing.

After the scar tissue is removed by operation, the patient remains in bed for two weeks, the leg is kept under a heat tent, and continuous hot wet dressings are applied. The patient gradually gets sufficient circulation of blood into the grafts by raising and lowering the leg.

In small varicose ulcers therefore, rest, injecting the adjoining veins, and strapping the legs may be sufficient; in large chronic ulcers, the removal of the scar tissue not only brings about a cure but saves much time.



DESIRED OF NATIONS

The Long Desired acid when at last He came Fulfilling all the signs and prophecies They gave Him for His throne a cross of shame And crowned Him martyr of the centuries. The Long Desired—too humble for His pride, Too tender for accomplishment of hate; They would have splendid courtiers at His side And all pomp and panoply of state; They looked for might of arms—for power to crush The Roman tyrant,—one to set them free; Ah, not in stable-cave—in holy hush Would such a victor find nativity; And yet He conquered for the throne they gave Is now the mighty symbol of our trust; Still men may pay tribute at the stable-cave Though kings and kingdoms crumble into dust. —Lucy Gertrude Clarkin In December "Red and White."

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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.

THE BRITISH MARKET AND THE CANADIAN FARMER

Sir,—May I draw the attention of your readers to a report of more than ordinary interest which has just been published by the Dominion Government and the Canadian Farmer? This booklet tells the story of a visit made in June and July last by a party of nine representatives of the Marketing Board of the Ottawa Department of Agriculture, each of them a specialist in his own particular line, the company being headed by Mr. A. M. Shaw, Director of Marketing Service. Introduced and otherwise assisted by the very capable officials of Canada House in London, the experts separated and travelled all over the United Kingdom and Ireland, investigating the present status and future possibilities of the British market for Canadian farm products.

The report that they have jointly prepared is little short of a revelation from its pages one is made to realize that Canada is far from holding her own in the sale of food products in the Mother Country, that we are being outdone by the other Dominions, particularly New Zealand, by the United States, and by other foreign countries and that in a condition of affairs is mainly the result of poor preparing and shipping methods in Canada and the lack of satisfactory publicity in the Mother Country.

The report is divided into fifteen chapters, each devoted to a separate subject such as live stock, horses, pig products, dairy products, dressed poultry, etc. There is also an appendix giving some valuable figures. There are eighty-five pages, well-typed and written in a very readable style. There is no pussy-footing or beating about the bush and the truth is told, and the advice that is given is both direct and practical and should be of unquestionable advantage to Canadian export trade and most valuable to all who are interested in the producing and marketing abroad of Canadian food supplies. The book can be had free for the asking. Even the letter to Ottawa need not be stamped. A letter addressed to the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, asking for Mr. A. M. Shaw's report on "The British Market and the Canadian Farmer" is all that is required. The report should be in the hands of all the farmers and business men of the Island.

I am, Sir, etc. H. K. S. HEMMING Charlottetown, P. E. I., December 21st, 1937.

PROHIBITION ENFORCEMENT

Sir,—We have been waiting to see a report of the landing of a big cargo of rum &c at Cable Head on Friday Dec. 10th but so far none has appeared. About January 7th of this year another big cargo was landed at the same place and hustled away in different directions. This time, there were at least six large truck loads the most of which went out the Cardigan Road and at least two loads in other directions. It is said that two of the trucks were owned locally and that the whole cargo was at least 1500 kegs. Some that could not be taken the first night were taken on the following Sunday night. Some local sports are said to have trailed one truck the load of which was deposited in a cellar but they would not divulge the location.

It would be very interesting to know just how many of these contraband kegs of rum find their way into the cellars of some of the elite and high hats in the province and also how many who are getting good boot-peg pay are buying this boot-pegged stuff and cheating the government of the duty on the same. A good shaking up of the dry bones in church and state seems to be in order. A prominent member of parliament stated to the writer a few days ago that in his opinion there were at least 30,000 hypocrites among the adult population of this province alone and we are inclined to agree with him. If all our good people who attend their church on Sundays were genuine teetotalers there would not be enough people left to buy a cargo of rum and so the business would be a natural death for want of customers. If some one took a trip over this or any other province with a car filled with rum and whisky and called on every adult how many of them would refuse a free drink? It is surprising how many very good people will take a drink or even two when they get it very cheap were there truth in the statement

I am, Sir, etc. SENEX Morell, P. E. I., Dec. 20th, 1937.

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(Canadian Press) HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 21.—Connecticut must feel humiliated when they get it very cheap were there truth in the statement

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For nothing but almost all of them are great prohibitionists on election day. We will never have true temperance until there is a great change of heart among the masses. Alcoholism, increasing under so-called prohibition, is the greatest social curse of the age and heroic measures must be adopted soon to combat it or it will get us. It is the duty of those in charge of our various christian churches to get together and formulate a plan to effectively deal with this terrible evil starting at the bottom. It is not a job that can be completed in one day or one year. If the R. C. M. P. were allowed to check up on the contents of many cellars in Charlottetown and Summerside and other large centres it might explain in some degree why prohibition is not effective. I am, Sir, etc. SENEX Morell, P. E. I., Dec. 20th, 1937.

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