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Shop Early And Locally

Every year at this time citizens are urged to do their Christmas shopping early, and, in spite of all that is said and printed on the subject, the same last-minute rush annually occurs.

Arguing In The Dark

In a recent address given over the radio by Rev. A. A. MacLeod, Maritime Field Secretary, who is conducting a campaign in this province under the auspices of the Temperance Federation, he declared that the estimated sale of liquor legal and illegal in Nova Scotia where Government Sale is in effect is considerably greater per head of population than in Prohibition Prince Edward Island.

Maritime Opinion

So far we have seen nothing but adverse comment in Maritime newspapers on the attempt of the Rowell Commission to revive discussion of the defunct issue of Maritime Union. The Fredericton Gleaner thus sums up the situation:

Law And Education

Much is heard nowadays of the need of re-organizing the educational system along practical lines. A good case for including law training in this category is made by the Rt. Hon. Lord Macmillan, who as chairman of the Royal Commission on Banking visited every Canadian province a few years ago.

The reason why the study of at least the principles of law ought to form part of any scheme of liberal education, says Lord Macmillan, is because the law is the very foundation of human society.

depends upon it." His Lordship makes it clear that his suggestion does not involve turning every citizen into an expert lawyer—"an appalling thing to contemplate!"—but merely giving every citizen a general conception of the legal system under which he lives.

Editorial Notes

Isaac Walton died this date, 1683.
The firm prices for fox pelts compared with last year is good news to fox ranchers.

"Beg pardon nevah cure hanged man", is a Creole saying, implying that an apology will not restore the status quo ante. But it is a practice becoming common with the Japanese—commit gross outrages on non-combatants, then "regret most deeply."

The Campbell Government and respective Councils are realizing a mighty rich revenue from the "high license" paid by innumerable bootleggers in their periodic appearances before the magistrates. It is an unsavoury way, however, of carrying on Government sales, and immoral in the extreme.

In the revised schemes for fortification of the Atlantic Coast announced by Defence Minister Ian Mackenzie does this Province find a place? That is the question. In time of war we would be at the mercy of foes both by sea and air. It is too late when the enemy is at your throat to think of what might have been done.

The City Council and the Provincial Government have not yet arrived at an agreement regarding much needed city relief, which means, no doubt, that the Provincial and Federal Governments have not yet satisfactorily adjusted matters. Meanwhile Christmas is coming, severe weather is on us, and the poor and needy are the sufferers.

The enterprising Winnipeg Tribune seized upon the advent of the Rowell Commission to issue a special C.P.R. edition, and the result is highly creditable to all concerned. The edition consists of 120 pages, the largest single issue of any newspaper in Canada. It is chock full of interesting and historic facts concerning the rise and progress of the West, and a spirit of optimism pervades every page.

The U.S.A. Ambassador to Germany, Mr. William E. Dodd, who, it will be recalled during the Presidential elections predicted that unless Mr. Roosevelt were re-elected a fascist dictatorship financed by a billionaire, might arise in the United States, has resigned his post. Mr. Dodd's resignation is understood to have been placed in the President's hands last fall when the Ambassador was on leave of absence, and is to become effective early in the new year.

It would seem as though a President with Spanish blood is to be succeeded in Ireland by an Austrian with Irish blood. Under the new constitution the President must not be in, but above politics, for which he is to receive \$75,000 per annum while the Premier, the active politician, will get \$15,000 per annum. As every body who is anybody is a politician in the Emerald Isle, Mr. De Valera has been finding some difficulty in getting a successor to comply with the stipulations. At the psychological moment there has arrived at Cork, Count Edward Taaffe, Austrian nobleman, descended from an ancient Irish family which in the distant past fled to Austria. His grandfather was a famous Austrian statesman in the 19th Century, but having recently sold out his estate in Czechoslovakia, the Count has gone to Ireland to take up his permanent residence, and for the present is the guest of his brother-in-law, Mr. Edward McLaughlin, in Dublin.

Out in Vermont, the State Attorney has got riled because some one set a "blue law" active which led to the conviction of a moving picture house proprietor for opening on a Sunday afternoon, so Mr. Attorney says "let them have it, we'll resurrect all the old time blue laws and let them take the consequences or have them abolished." He has sent police and sheriffs throughout the county to record such "law-breakers" as buyers of gasoline, cigarettes and newspapers—one of the ancient statutes forbade any "secular business or employment except works of necessity and charity." Mr. Berry even said he would seek warrants for too golfers who liberally defied a hoary ordinance against Sunday participation in "games in which an admission or fee is paid." "I know it's all ridiculous," the State's Attorney acknowledged, "but it's the best way I know to remove these antiquated laws from the books. Although officials are on the watch," he announced, "we have not as yet detected a man kissing his wife in public—that's a breach of the peace, you know under the old laws."

NOTES BY THE WAY

Cloaked in darkness the German bombers drop high-power phrases upon the strip of East-Africa close to the Italian bombers. In as light as the Italian bombers lay down a barrage of eloquence upon the Near East which swarms with the sons of Islam. Then up from London swoops the British word.

Do you know what alewives are?

When I came across this word in a recent document I thought it referred to ladies frequenting public houses, and more particularly the "ladies bars," which are a feature of so many London "pubs," but I was somewhat puzzled when the document mentioned "picked alewives" and referred to their export in tonnage. It appears that "picked alewives" are a type of herring and that they are exported in big quantities from Canada. They have, so my document tells me, a high protein percentage, and their export contributes to the economic well being of the Dominion. I am glad to hear it, but still more pleased to add "alewife" to my stock of unusual words.—Manchester Guardian-Continental.

While the Brussels Conference waits hat in hand to learn Japan's intentions in respect of the proposed rump conference, Americans are waiting for an early end to this sorry business. Everybody knows now that many suspect from the first—there was neither preparation nor purpose behind the summoning of this conference, and as it began in a country rife and an atmosphere of bluff so it must end in futility. No assembly more absurd has been convoked since the young mouse asked the old mouse who would ring a bell on the cat. It is to be doubted that the conference will be for the supplementary bid had any real expectation that Japan would come in and he belled by a little conference notwithstanding its reputation for being a big one.—New York Sun.

The situation both here and in the United States certainly does not contain the factors which precipitated and intensified the depression of 1929-32. There are no such pyramids of speculative credit, no such mortgaging of incomes, no such inflated security values, no such weak Government in office in this country, no such absence of machinery for correcting unjustifiable fluctuations whether in currency or in commodity values. There is, so, as the Prime Minister pointed out recently, at least one piece of "definitely positive action" already under way in the shape of the negotiations for a new Anglo-American Trade Treaty, and in this country there is the steady factor of the Government's rearmament program. There is therefore no fundamental reason for any loss of economic confidence, for the steadying of economic conditions is still well within the control of countries which have announced their intent on real economic operation. Finally, the political confidence of confidence is certainly firmer than it has been for some time past.—The Times (London).

What is the truth about Mussolini's policy, in which the outpourings of his tied press have their part? He is playing at power-politics. He believes that his situation is tactically very strong and can be further exploited by a clever diplomacy. And so he is making use of every device of bluff, every resource which has nuisance value, every manoeuvre which a troubled European situation opens up to him, in order to extend his power and buttress his position. He derives considerable assistance from the fact that his fellow-dictator, Hitler, is playing exactly the same game. We have not, therefore, to be surprised at the remarkable joint bluff, the Rome-Berlin axis, the Germany and Italy, divided ultimately by divergent interests, rig up a facade of unity. That is the Rome-Berlin axis. It is made of plaster, not of steel.—London Standard.

Italy, Japan and Germany appear to be very confident that they are making the democracies for a ride. Perhaps the reason is that the democracies are telling each other that democracy is a danger but are not doing much about it. Mussolini, for example, is able to jump up and crack his heels together and shake both fists because there is no one in sight with anything more than a pop-gun. How long this condition will continue is a question one would like to be able to answer. Of course there is talk of peace—by the democracies—but they have not been able to demonstrate their virtues in Spain, Ethiopia or China. What next?—Telegraph Journal.

The police use of firearms should be confined to the subduing of armed criminals who are themselves using weapons to prevent arrest. In other cases it is better that the fleeing man should escape than that he should be sentenced, perhaps, to death by a pursuing policeman. This is particularly true when the fugitive is running away in a panic after committing some crime in which violence has played no part. Indiscriminate police shooting is inhuman. It is an importation from the United States, and Canadians have learned, perhaps, to regard it with unjustified tolerance because they have seen it in so many films. Police guns are for police protection, not for the wounding or execution of men who are running from the police.—Toronto Star.

Problems which have existed for years cannot be solved at a single stroke. The main thing is, however, that these problems are no longer lying uneasily on the shelf and that Britain and Germany have jointly taken them down for examination.

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.

FROM CHELTON BY DOG-TEAM

Sir,—The Dept. of Agriculture want a few dollars, no doubt, to send the minister abroad as he did not have a "picnic trip" since he was down in Newfoundland opening up a market for wheelbarrows in exchange for griststones. Hence the notice in the public press to pay up your dog tax or the sharpshooters of the R. C. M. P. if they don't get your man will surely get your dog. Every dog must sport a tag. Some will say, that is quite right; that as the country has gone to the dogs since the Campbell Government came in office that no dog is properly bedecked unless he sports a tag, no more than is one of the "happy thirty" properly bedecked unless he sports the Campbell-LePage legislative hat, the one with the ear sits in the brim.

Now, as we people of Chelton have no other means of communication to the great outside except by dog-team, we are certainly going to have a big kick at paying dog tax, especially after paying heavy taxes on our automobiles and taxes also on our horses, both of which we cannot use owing to the condition of the Campbell Government Stop-Traffic legislation through this section. We hope that when the new Canadian tariff comes along that the tax on dog-harness will be removed. Premier Campbell should be able to secure this small concession for the benefit of those whose standard of living his government has reduced to the status of the Eskimo. It is an old saying "every dog has his day," why should not the "thirty sleepers of Abegweit" have an afternoon.

POTATO BLOSSOM WEEK

Sir,—The Minister of Agriculture is, it seems, the only active man in the Government. He appears to be willing to try anything at least once if he thinks it will be of any benefit to agriculture. Now here is a suggestion for him and if carried out it will certainly put P. E. I. on the map. Establish a potato-blossom week including a potato-blossom Sunday, the Annapolis Valley boasts of its apple-blossom Sunday and thousands through the Valley during apple-blossom week. Why cannot we have a similar celebration here, when our local legislators can parade from East Point to North Cape each bearing a potato-blossom in the lapel of his toga. The procession headed by the President of the Executive Council with a cobbler-blossom, the Premier sporting a Green Mountain of broken promises, and the Minister of Highways the blossom of the McIntyre.

It is good to see one active man in the Government. Mr. Dennis is a worker. I am in no way reflecting on the other Ministers are afraid of work. Oh, no they are like the nigger who said "he was not afraid of work, he'd lie down and sleep long side it." It is said that when the Ministers' offices were being furnished Mr. Dennis was the only one who kicked against having foot-rests placed on the desks—tops for the comfort of the Ministers during their working hours.

It takes some time to prepare for a big event, so it is not too early to take the initial step towards a big time during potato-blossom week next summer.

AGRICULTURIST.

FROM PILLAR TO POST

Sir,—There is grave concern in this town as well as in Bedouque, Albany, Carleton, and other surrounding villages as to the welfare of the people of Chelton who have for several weeks now been shut out from communication with other parts of civilization by the Campbell Government stop-traffic project.

It is up to the Government to move in the matter and have a relief expedition sent at once to determine if the lost tribe of Chelton is still in existence. By aeroplane is the only feasible means by which contact might be made with these marooned people. As our local representatives, Messrs. Baker and Wright, have been asleep since they emerged from their shadows, the anxious populace are seeking the assistance of Mr. A. E. McLean, the sitting member for Prince, and Mr. Peter Sinclair, the sleeping member for Queens—to use their influence in having a relief party dispatched at once.

Radio stations have been established by the Federal Government in isolated sections of the Northwest and the Arctic regions, and the people of Chelton have certainly superior claims to a radio station seeing that they have no possible means of reaching the outside world and learning of the wonderful success of the recent Ottawa Jubilee. Some say they went in search of a judge, others that they were in search of Mr. LePage's "Coronation Chair," which disappeared mysteriously from the Confederation Chamber. Whatever they were looking for they have certainly since they assumed office been travelling from pillar to post.

That Body of Hours

By James W. Berlin, M.P.

WHEN THE DENTIST HELPS THE PHYSICIAN IN REMOVING INFECTION

The day has fortunately gone by when a physician after viewing the X-ray films will send the patient to the dentist to have certain teeth removed. Sometimes the physician, in looking for the cause of rheumatism, heart disease, or stomach ulcer, had the teeth X-rayed first, and if there was any rot, abscess or present he considered that the cause of the ailment, and had the tooth or teeth extracted. The dentist, believing that the physician had made a thorough examination of the entire body and finding the teeth to be the only cause, was willing to remove the tooth or teeth.

Fortunately physicians now make a thorough examination for infection everywhere, including the teeth, and are in a better position to give advice regarding the teeth. Fortunately also the dentist does not calmly remove teeth without being assured by the physician that all other sources of infection have been investigated. And even when all other sources have been investigated the dentist does not agree to the removal of the teeth unless he feels absolutely certain that the suspected teeth could be sending infection into the blood. There are no teeth like your own teeth and your own naturally wants to preserve them for you.

Personally I am a great believer in the removal of infected teeth. I have had three attacks of sciatica spread over a period of twenty years. The pain in all three attacks disappeared within forty-eight hours after removal of two teeth the first attack, the tonsils or the second attack, and two more teeth for the third attack. And every physician has patients where the removal of infected teeth has brought prompt and startling results.

Fortunately the dentist of today, with his knowledge of the body, and of dental infection, is equipped to discuss the probable effect of this dental infection in causing general symptoms and trouble in different parts of the body.

Dr. W. A. W. Whitlaw, Vancouver, B.C., in an address before the Vancouver Dental Society stated:—"The more important and common types of diseases and conditions concerning the physician in which the dentist is called upon to remove can be classified under the following headings: (1) eye conditions; (2) diseases of the nervous system; (3) diseases of the stomach and intestines; (4) joint conditions; (5) kidney and bladder infections."

Like Japhet in search of a father—travelling at Mr. Taxpayer's expense.

Sir Colin Campbell won undying fame for the Relief of Lunenburg, now is the chance for the Honourable Premier Campbell, to halt his diving fame by the Relief of Chelton.

ANXIOUS CITIZEN.

A CALL TO MOTHER

Sir,—Reading over the mistake made by two boys in the distant West who fell victims to crime, and now from their prison cells send a call to mother to go to them in their dark hour, we notice they are not asking for smart lawyers or men with power and money to aid them in the hope of going free again. No. But for the one who guided their little footsteps in childhood days, the one who, kissed their hurts and pains and the one who warned them to the pitfalls on the road of life. Now in their time of misfortune they call her because she is the only one who will take them in her arms and kiss them as only mother can and mother will that burns in her heart no matter what their plight may be. How different our lives would be if we all went to mother before taking a serious step in life! How sweet life would be for mother's if boys would only remember her all the time. But sad it is to say in my travels I have met so many who have forgotten their dear mother and know not if she is living or dead. So now as Christmas comes again, let us all send a message to mother no matter where we are. She is still mother and her love for us burns eternally.

I am, Sir, etc.

WALTER A. O'BRIEN, Bristol, P. E. I.

DEPLORES RECENT UPROAR

Sir,—Why all this recent uproar in the columns of the Forum because there is a little fall mud on the Chelton road? What is the meaning of this ridiculous campaign through the medium of the press. As far as we can see there is no more mud on the Chelton road than on any other common dirt road in the province, and we certainly do not see lengthy epistles in the Guardian everyday from complaining inhabitants in other parts of the province.

Why there is all this lamenting about recent repair operations on the new "Campbell Stop Traffic Highway," as one writer calls it, is more than we can fathom out. Personally, we really think the residents of this long-suffering little community should be patting the Liberal administration on the back,

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instead of haranguing it with sarcastic letters in the daily press. So far we have heard only of the bad points of this highway, but what of the good points? Due to Liberal repair-work, this road, which until this fall was little more than a back lane, has been widened by several feet, so that two cars meeting each other, can pass without one of them being forced to turn into the nearest driveway until the other gets by. The ditch has been deepened to allow water to drain off the highway, and thus those "fish ponds" about which we heard so much last fall, have been avoided this year. Furthermore this little district, which until a few weeks ago had never been heard of by most of the population of P. E. Island, is now being discussed everywhere from Tignish to Murray Harbour. So effective has this highly successful advertising campaign been that several of the farmers in the maltreated district are considering a project to erect a large modern hotel for accommodation of the curious tourists, who come to see the famous "red mud" of the "Campbell Stop Traffic Highway." I am, Sir, etc. "A SEASIDER."

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