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Starting Admission

Ever since the MACKENZIE KING GOVERNMENT came into power, the public has been led to believe by Ministers and Liberal politicians generally that unemployment was practically a thing of the past, industry was thriving beyond measure, thanks, of course, to there being a Liberal Government.

But look at this admission and confession by the Ontario Government official crop report for December last received from the Ontario Department of Agriculture:

"Employment has increased at a slower rate than industrial production. The improvement during the past year amounts to approximately 4 per cent, and the total number of persons now employed is, roughly, 15.5 per cent below the number employed in October 1929, although the population in Canada has increased by nearly one million since 1929. The index of employment in Canada fell from 125.0 in October 1929 to a low point of 94.7 in April 1933 and recovered to 100.0 in October 1935. When the increase of population is taken into consideration the percentage of persons employed is roughly 25 per cent below the level which prevailed in 1929. Due to the large increase in population during the period, the number of people on relief in Canada is in the neighborhood of one million persons in spite of the fact that the number of persons who have returned to work since the low point of the depression is estimated at 500,000."

According to this authoritative report the number of unemployed is 70% of the population, or to put it more concretely, one in every second family is out of work.

Churchill's Blunder

By his ill-considered and precipitate course in the House of Commons when the recent constitutional crisis was at its acme, Mr. WINSTON CHURCHILL, one of the ablest and most erratic of British politicians, probably threw away his last chance of winning once more a high position in the public life of the United Kingdom. This is the view now prevailing in political circles in London, as reported in a special dispatch to the Montreal Daily Star. It is said that even Mr. CHURCHILL'S former admirer and backer, Lord ROTHMEREMER, has given him up at last as a hopeless case.

On two occasions when public excitement was at its highest and when the situation between the former King and his Prime Minister was most delicate, Mr. CHURCHILL, not content with the guarded and dignified statements Mr. BALDWIN had given the House, rose in his place and demanded that "nothing irrevocable" should be permitted to happen until Parliament had been fully consulted. The Prime Minister ignored this remark on each occasion. The first time it was made Mr. CHURCHILL received some applause. The second time, he was howled down, and it was then that Lord ROTHMEREMER'S "Daily Mirror" printed this pointed comment:

"The question regarding the King's request, which has been consistently pressed during the past few days, has been answered. Now the air is clear and the whole country knows the position."

"This was taken as ROTHMEREMER'S ultimate repudiation of CHURCHILL, whose position became obviously absurd when the whole case, in all its intricacies, was outlined to the House of Commons by Mr. BALDWIN on Thursday. Mr. CHURCHILL'S idea obviously was to turn the gravest and most delicate crisis England has known in modern times, to his own political advantage, to form a "King's party" and utilize EDWARD'S popularity as a weapon against the BALDWIN GOVERNMENT. With the final discovery that the case was the very opposite from Mr. CHURCHILL'S imaginative picture, — that the King was urging he be allowed to abdicate while the Prime Minister was using every effort to keep him on the Throne, — the proposal to form a political group to defend him against Mr. BALDWIN was seen in all its absurdity, and the disfigurement of the would-be leader of this group became complete.

The Kitchener Touch

A letter from KITCHENER of KHARTOUM, published in the letters-to-the-editor column of one of the New York newspapers, attracted immediate attention because of the signature. Probably it caused many readers to wonder at first whether it was authentic, adds an exchange. Public memory is short and there are few people today who remember that the title of the great English bachelor soldier who was drowned on the cruiser Hampshire in June, 1916, passed to his brother, who is still alive. He was plain COLONEL HENRY ELLIOT CHEVALIER KITCHENER, and is now second EARL KITCHENER of KHARTOUM. He inherited the title but the plain, blunt speaking of his late brother was evidently an inherent KITCHENER characteristic. KITCHENER of KHARTOUM writes in the present instance: "Americans must remember that we British are as bitter against LLOYD GEORGE for his references (in his War Reminiscences) to GENERAL HAIG as they are for his references to GENERAL PERSHING."

Editorial Notes

It is the little more, the gentle urge, of the Christmas spirit, that makes a Santa Pal of an ordinary duncie citizen.

Mr. J. J. Campbell's leaving of his car ap-

parently abandoned in Halifax was following a well known Island practice. A business man draws our attention to the fact that not infrequently at the 10 minute signs in the city cars remain unmoved for 4,320 minutes.

Lloyd's underwriters, it is understood lost 100,000 pounds sterling (\$800,000) because of King Edward's abdication. All insurance against the postponement of the Coronation applied specifically to Edward. Thus they will be payable even though the new King should be crowned on May 12, the day set for Edward's coronation.

The production of creamery butter in Canada during November amounted to 13,459,773 pounds compared with 12,968,010 in the same month last year, an increase of approximately 482,000 pounds or 3.7 per cent. The cumulative production for the eleven months ending November amounted to 238,209,000 pounds against 230,495,760 in 1935, a gain of over 7.7 million pounds or 3.4 per cent.

Cheese production in November reached a total of 5,217,573 pounds. In the four provinces, Quebec, Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia for which comparative data are available for 1935, an increase of about 440,000 pounds or 9.4 per cent, is recorded. The cumulative production amounted to 114,375,430 pounds, an increase of about 15-million pounds or 16 per cent.

The fact that the Duke of Windsor abdicated in deference to public opinion, indicates that the Christian religion has a deeper hold than ever on the British people. In the eighties of last century, for instance, with such men as Balaugh, Laboucque, Parnell and Dilke in the House of Commons, it is unthinkable that a kingly indiscretion even though outraging the sentiments of religion, would have cost the King his Crown.

Scip for relief recipients in Trenton, Ont., "is working out admirably," Mayor Harry R. Cory reports, adding he believed it will come into force "in many more municipalities before long." The scrip issued there is in denominations of five cents, 10 cents, 25 cents, \$1 and \$2, and can be used to purchase any commodity, but cannot be used for amusements, such as theatres and billiards, or in beverage rooms. Merchants are accepting the scrip and it is turned into the bank, where it is redeemed by the municipality.

Three of five Social Credit aldermen in the 12-member Calgary City Council have repudiated the Government of Premier Aberhart and announced formation of a new unit in the council. The aldermen, D. V. Mitchell, J. W. Gillman and J. Gourley, charged the Alberta Government is not carrying out Social Credit principles in the administration of provincial affairs. They announce henceforth they would represent not only Social Credit adherents but all classes of citizens in council matters. Aldermen Mrs. Rose Wilkinson and A. C. Rowe will not join the new group, it is announced.

The decision to carry out the Coronation ceremony without delay has given the utmost satisfaction, notwithstanding that many of coronation products will have to be scrapped because of the change in sovereign. One hundred and thirty thousand one hundred and twenty tons of timber for the erection of stands along the route of the Coronation have been delivered despite the excitement of the past few days; Coronation advertisements have returned to the personal columns of the newspapers; and London insists it is calm. All this would be beyond understanding and belief in any other country, but Great Britain.

Prime Minister King is getting some of his own back in resorting to Orders-in-Council. Passage of an Order-in-Council by Cabinet signifying consent of the Dominion to legislation validating the abdication of King Edward VIII is termed usurpation of the powers of Parliament by Mr. J. S. Woodsworth, Co-operative Commonwealth Federation member for Winnipeg North Centre and leader of that party. In a message to Prime Minister Mackenzie King the federal member said: "As a member of Parliament pledged to loyalty to King Edward VIII, I protest against the usurpation by the Cabinet of the power of Parliament."

All is not yet well with the German Christians. The group of conciliatory bishops and pastors whom the Government installed to administer the Protestant Church in Germany has now rebelled publicly against the regime's toleration and support of anti-Christian propaganda. In a formal declaration published in the official Reich Church Gazette the Church Ministry's appointed spokesmen for various regional churches urge immediate measures to unify the Protestant Church under the State-created administration, pledge their support in the fight against Bolshevism, but emphasize their "expectation" that something shall be done to check the flood of anti-Christian propaganda, and express their hope that the younger generation will not be taught anti-Christian ideas.

It takes a Liberal Premier, either here or in Ontario to scrap temperance legislation to suit his convenience. In Ontario several counties still have prohibition under the Canada Temperance Act, and Premier Hepburn now announces that his Cabinet had decided that unless the Dominion agreed to abolish the said Canada Temperance Act, the province would encourage deliberate violation of the Ontario Liquor Control Act in one of the three counties — Perth, Huron and Peel. With the consent of contending parties the Privy Council recently dismissed an action respecting relative restrictive powers of the C.T.A. and the L.C.A. The Government is of the opinion it should be sole authority in the matter of liquor laws, Mr. Hepburn said.

Notes By The Way

The other day in the Hamilton Police Court, Magistrate MacKay imposed a fine of \$100 and costs and suspended indefinitely the driving permit of a motorist from Toronto who had been guilty of gross negligence and violation of the traffic laws. He was driving at the rate of 65 miles an hour with defective brakes. A he was 65 years of age he should have known better. "You should be sent to jail," the magistrate told him. When the latter replied, "That would put me out of business," the bench made the very reasonable rejoinder, "Better than having you put a lot of other people out of business." — Brantford Expositor.

Business prophets usually talk as though good and bad time come and go with the inevitability of the tide. This doctrine of economic predestination must not be allowed to obsess us into a state of submission to fate. The universe may be mechanical, but the affairs of mankind are subject to the will of man. Neither depressions nor booms are inevitable if we make up our minds to avert or control them. Booms and depressions are made by man, and anything that is man-made can be unmade or managed by man. — Stratford Beacon-Herald.

The centenary of the death of John Loudon Macadam, who died November 26, 1836, is a suitable occasion for recalling what progress has been made in a hundred years in the science and art of roadmaking. Macadam, as every reader knows, was one of the notable pioneers in the building of roads, and his name is made permanent in the word "macadamized," which describes the process invented by him. It is curious that three of the historic road-makers of Great Britain should have been Scotsmen—General Wade, Thomas Telford, and John L. Macadam. Thomas Telford came of labouring people, and by sheer push and brains overcame difficulties. His name is closely associated with the London-Holyhead road and the famous suspension bridge over the Menai Strait. Macadam, on the other hand, came of what might be termed a "country family" and, being successful in business, was able to spend a considerable sum of money on his hobby of road construction. He made experiments in roads, and in his investigations he travelled thirty thousand miles on British roads and spent many thousands of pounds. — Belfast Telegraph.

One of the most astonishing modern phenomena is the boom in flat-building. Since the war nearly 3,000,000 houses have been built, yet the demand for separate dwellings, which continues, is accompanied by feverish activity in the construction of huge new blocks of flats. They are to be found not only in the centres of nearly every big city but also on the outskirts, and in semirural areas where new housing estates have come into being. The wonder is where all the people are found to occupy them. In many cases the rent is substantial, yet there seems to be no difficulty in letting them. Indeed, waiting lists are not unusual. When will saturation point be reached and the flow of tenants cease? At what point will the competition between flats and houses end, and which type will eventually predominate? — London Daily Mail.

Sixteen members of the foreign press contingent have been expelled from Berlin, the last to go being the correspondent of the London Morning Post, which has no more love for communism than has Hitler himself. So when readers see despatches from Berlin they ought to remember that nothing emerges from the Nazi dictator does not want to have emerge. — Globe and Mail.

I like to think of the faith of oarsmen, who tamed this land of ours; how they prodded on their oxen, westward, ever westward; slept at night under the stars, and arose next day to thank a Divine Providence for the gift of a new day and for many days to follow. Of how they used that day to tie together logs to float down swirling streams; shoot rapid quays unknown to them; and camped at last on delta sands in sight of a brand new ocean. I can see them working, as they felled the nearby trees, morticed logs together, and split cedar shakes and shingles for the making of their homes. A house to raise, a field to plow, a boat or raft to build, a song and a bedtime. Why, here were ten, twenty, thirty men who'd lend a hand, and willingly. And so great rivers yielded up their miles; the forest crept back from the field; mountains yawned to show their princely stores; and even the wild ocean itself was tamed, to bring p silvery hordes of food in never-ending bounty. 'Twas so man lived, and thanked his God for this great game. Adventure. — Victoria Columnist.

Plain everyday gossip about other people and their affairs is one of the outstanding social evils of the day. More unhappiness is caused by careless repetition of guesses, rumors, scandals, half-truths and untruths than by any other cause. Let a person be seen in an unusual place or at an unusual hour and speculation is immediately begun. The benefit of the doubt is never given; the worst is assumed at once; the grape-vine telegraph commences its work, and the whole community is in an astonishing short period is talking about the disgraceful conduct of a person who usually is entirely innocent. The more exemplary a person's general conduct has been the more juicy the gossip is. It is rolled around the tongue and savored like a gastronomic tid-bit. — Picton Times.

Amery has made the sensible

That Body of Yours
By James W. Barton, M.D.

LIVER EXTRACT PREVENTS ALIEMENTS THROUGHOUT THE BODY

The liver has always been, in the opinion of most physicians, the real "king" of the organs because of its important uses—clearing poisons from the blood, manufacturing bile which is Nature's purgative, helping to make materials for the blood, turning starch into sugar so that it can be readily absorbed into blood, and storing sugar away within itself for future use.

"THE RING" INTACT

Sir—It has been very disconcerting to me for the past few months to realize that it would take something drastic by way of agitation directed against prevailing conditions relative to the liquor traffic, to arouse the Temperance sentiment to express itself. Little did I think nor could I have imagined the action that seemed necessary to awaken such sentiment. Nevertheless, it has been a revelation to me. The reaction is far beyond my fondest hopes as conveyed by word and letter expressing messages of appreciation and encouragement for the stand we have taken for Temperance in opposition to prevailing conditions.

De Valera's Attitude

High position brings a feeling of responsibility in any man worthy while and the er twible worth Eamon de Valera furnishes an interesting example. British statesmen breathe a sigh of relief on reading de Valera's statement to the annual Ard Fheis, or Congress, of the Fianna Fail party, the British authorities do not wish any more domestic Empire complications at a time of such manifest international danger. But it was not in sympathy with them that de Valera took the stand that he did, but with judicial consideration of the interests of the people of Ireland.

The President of the Irish Free State's Executive Council announced that he intended to continue the present relations with the British Commonwealth "until such time as the Irish people will clearly make up their minds that they do not wish these relations to continue. The relationship "going to be a subsequent question to be determined by the Irish people freely."

Manifestly, the world today is not as safe a place for one of the little powers, and this is what independent Ireland would be, as it was a few years ago when the League of Nations had more prestige. A week or so ago, de Valera thanked publicly the British Navy and our naval service for a assistance rendered to citizens of the Free State in Spain when the revolution came. It is hard to imagine de Valera saying that five years ago and if he had he would have aroused a storm. Today it is realized that it is only just that de Valera should speak as he did.

De Valera took the same judicial attitude and also showed his inclination to co-operate with Britain when William Cosgrave, his predecessor in office, rather surprisingly brought forward a resolution in the Dail for official recognition of the Spanish insurgent regime. De Valera seemed to have the sensible argument on his side, and so apparently the Dail thought, for the Cosgrave motion was defeated 65 to 44.

and humane suggestion that tear gas should be used in the place of lethal weapons to quell serious disturbances, such as the racial and religious riots in Bombay in which fifty people were killed and two or three thousand wounded. Any objection must be due to prejudice and ignorance. Tear gas of the kind available for this purpose causes temporary pain from smarting eyes, but while it puts the victims out of action for the time being it leaves no ill-effects and is a method of dispersing a mob that is infinitely more merciful than shooting. — Truth.

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.

GIVING BRINGS BLESSING

Sir—I observe a brief news item in my morning newspaper here, intimating that the residents of the town of Montague (P.E.I.) had forwarded some 400 bags of potatoes and vegetables in addition to fruits and canned goods" to aid people in the drought-stricken areas of Western Canada!

To me there is something touching and eternally worthwhile in this generous enterprise of a little community "down by the sea"—a sharing of their substance with hard-pressed folk "down on the farm" across Saskatchewan and Alberta. Of such fibre national character is alike built and sustained.

As has been well said: "A man comes upon a day some time, when he finds he is richer only by every good gift with which he has helped to bless another." Apparently increasing numbers of your people are aware of this. I thought I should send this word of gratitude!

I am Sir, etc. "PRAIRIE-BORN". Toronto, Ont., December 19, 1936

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Many prominent and influential business men in Summerside alone have spoken words of encouragement and great satisfaction in the promise of some effort being put forth to better conditions here. And from other sections of the Island have come strong expressions in support of the stand taken. Altogether, we are confident of some success with such strong sentiment behind those of us who are earnestly alarmed by the liquor traffic and actively engaged in an effort to tamp it out.

We certainly appreciate the efforts put forth by those responsible for the enforcement of the Prohibition Act and the success that crowns their efforts from time to time. However there are conditions relative to enforcement that we believe could be corrected to insure greater effectiveness.

For example the speakeasy across from Sinclair and Stewarts on Water Street, Summerside, recently published and raided with effect is still doing business although a conviction was registered against one of the "salesmen".

The Government, speakeasy proprietor, wholesale rum dealer and by the way brewer and distillers' agents, go on reaping their harvest of "blood money". Why are not these "joints" barred and picketed after a conviction? And again I ask, why should we be compelled to continually urge for action against these places and this business? Is it on account of the organization of the traffic? And by this question I do not mean organization on the part of the bootleggers. The bootleggers are only "tools". The real organization to be opposed is suggested by the fact that there are agents eager to sell their particular brand of distillers or brewers stock to the Government. These agents receive large salaries per annum in the interests of big beer and liquor sales. What can we expect so long as this "ring" is intact?

I am Sir, etc. C. WATTERWORTH

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Maritime Recovery (Montreal Gazette)
Canada's Maritime Provinces have not always expressed a cheerful outlook through their spokesmen; even now they are complaining somewhat bitterly about railway rates on potatoes. Nevertheless, three Maritime Premiers addressing the Maritime Provinces Club of Montreal on Monday night pressed the broad optimistic vein. The Premier of Nova Scotia, the Premier of Prince Edward Island and the Premier of New Brunswick all told of satisfactory industrial activity in their several provinces. Recovery has made great strides in the Island Province which has been called the Garden of Canada, and is more especially evident in the position of the farmer, which position has been greatly improved with a resultant benefit to trade and commerce generally. Premier Dymally of New Brunswick, following Premier Campbell, was able to make one very remarkable boast. For the past four or five months unemployment relief, as such, has been unknown in New Brunswick. A work plan is in operation, and, apparently, is functioning satisfactorily, and not one municipality in the province has defaulted. When Premier Macdonald of Nova Scotia said that "this province had contributed in no small degree to the progress of the Dominion in the past he was guilty of no overstatement. Nova Scotia has done very well by the rest of Canada not only domestically as a province, but in contributing very largely to the public and industrial life of the Dominion, and its sons are to be found today as they have in the past, occupying very high positions in public and private administration. Since the depression Nova Scotia has made what Premier Macdonald describes as good advances in its four major industries—agriculture, fishing, mining and lumbering. Sir Charles Gordon, in his presidential address to the shareholders of the Bank of Montreal on Monday, stated that excellent crops, with the price level once more on a remunerative basis are restoring the purchasing power of the farmers in the Maritime Provinces; also that the long dormant lumber industry has revived and that coal mining and steel manufacturing are more active. On the whole, he said while unsettled conditions abroad have made returns from the fisheries un satisfactory, generally conditions are better than they have been for years. In this part of Canada people are always glad to hear of prosperity in the Maritimes. Representatives of those provinces do not always emphasize the advantages which they have, or the measure of prosperity which they enjoy. Now, however, some real recovery is admitted and the future of the Maritime Provinces seems to be bright. This is as satisfactory to the people of other provinces as it can be to those of the Maritimes themselves.

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