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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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A Compromise That Failed

That was a hard "crack" that Public Works Minister Barbour gave to Hon. Dr. Cyrus MacMillan, when he told in the Budget debate how badly advised he had been by Dr. Cyrus while the latter was representing Queen's County at Ottawa and was acting as parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Defense for Air.

Unfortunately for all of us, the King Government has not yet made good its offer. As Mr. Barbour explained it, there was a change in Ministers at Ottawa—a cabinet shuffle for which, of course, Prime Minister King was responsible—and the new men, advised by legal counsel, insisted on holding up payment until similar claims in other Provinces are settled.

Perhaps, after all, our former Liberal M.P.—knowing more about the King Government than our Public Works Minister—was not so far out in his reckoning. He may have figured that a bird in the hand for the Jones-Hughes Government was better than two or even half a dozen in the King bush at Ottawa.

In Saskatchewan

Reports from Regina suggest the probability of a Provincial general election in Saskatchewan some time during the present year. All the political parties are stiffening their organization and some nominating conventions have already been held.

Although there has been no coalition of the solid parties in Saskatchewan, such as that which was formed in British Columbia to combat the Socialist movement, the dispatch quoted above says an agreement has been reached between the Liberals and Progressive Conservatives to combine their forces in the two-seat urban ridings to prevent the election of C. C. F. candidates.

The Critical Phase

With the removal of nearly all price ceilings in the United States and many in Canada, the period of de-control in North America is now far advanced. But, according to the Winnipeg Free Press, the period of ample production to satisfy public demand has not yet arrived.

Canada, which refused to lift all its controls prematurely, has been able to resist, so far, much of the impact of price increases in the United States. But because the business of Canada and the United States is closely interlocked, because goods are moving daily in enormous volume across the international boundary and from one price zone to another, in the end prices on both sides of the boundary will be roughly equal, allowing for the incidence of tariffs, transportation and taxes.

perceiving the intermediate rise. So far this programme has worked out reasonably well. Prices certainly have risen in Canada and in some fields are likely to rise further as controls are removed.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Seasonal and other temporary helpers, such as street cleaners, are perturbed over the proposed new regulation calling for resignation at seventy. Several of them have reached, or about to reach, that age, and consider they are too young to be compulsorily laid on the shelf.

Rev. and Mrs. I. Judson Levy are to be greatly missed on their departure for their new home and duties in Moncton. Mr. Levy has been a power of strength in our midst during his ministrations at First Baptist Church, his work among the young being especially outstanding.

History repeats itself. "You remember how Icarus took a flying-machine built by his father, Daedalus, and went soaring away aimlessly to get near the sun as he could, (says Ian Finlay, over B.B.C.). At last the sun melted the wax used to hold the feathers on the wings and Icarus crashed and was killed.

Erasmus Darwin, grandfather of Charles Darwin and Francis Galton, noted scientists, and himself a naturalist, doctor and poet, died this date 1802. He anticipated in part the theory of evolution propounded by Lamarck and his grandsons.

Nearly one-third of the 17,000 persons who lost their lives on rural highways last year were pedestrians.

The honour and distinction bestowed on Mr. Frank MacKinnon, M.A., D.Sc., in being appointed dean of the Department of Political Science in Carleton College, is well-merited and will be appreciated by his many friends here.

A drip-proof tap, the washer of which can be changed without turning the water off at the main, has recently appeared in Britain. Consisting of only six parts, it is based on a new principle resulting from wartime advances in hydraulic equipment in aircraft.

Our educational transportation handicaps are as nothing compared with those of other places. In some parts of Africa they go by air to their classes, not exactly out of enthusiasm but for the simple reason that there is no other form of transport available.

It is hardly fair for representatives of rural constituencies to oppose the City of Charlottetown's imposition of an employment tax on transients. This tax bears hardly on no one except those who prefer to live out of town while drawing their income from it.

The Texas disaster is just another reminder that here we have no continuing City, and have no priority claims on existence, war or no war, atomic bomb, or no atomic bomb. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, we may be wiped out, neck and crop and have no come back, even to complain how unfair it is, and how unprepared we were for the sudden transition from the here to the hereafter.

Notes By the Way

Joe Louis is to have another bout in June, but the challenger is not yet named. His opponent is apparently anonymous even before the fight. — Edmonton Journal.

Too many people get their ideas of love and romance from movies says Dorothy Dix. If they are no more accurate in this than they are in depicting newspaper men, no wonder there are so many divorcees. — Windsor Star.

Locomotive engineers it is understood, are not permitted to drink while on duty. It is quite as imperative that truck and automobile drivers, who do not travel on a private right of way, should avoid intoxicants before or during driving.

We could use a good cartoon showing a man kicking himself in the teeth. It would illustrate the activities of some labor people about wages and would be equally useful in illustrating the fallacy of the view that higher wages for workmen necessarily mean expanded demand for farmstuffs. — Bowmanville Canadian Statesman.

The Gallup Poll people appear to be working on the principle that if they take enough polls they can make a big impression on the public by referring to the number that turn out to be somewhere near right and ignoring all those who perhaps many more — that turn out definitely to be wrong. Why not a Gallup Poll to decide how many people take Gallup Polls seriously — or even pay any attention to them. — Montreal Financial Times.

His was a single-minded devotion to the fundamentals as he saw them: hard work, the simple virtues, self-reliance, the good earth. He profited by producing what was new, but also treasured that which was bygone. A peace-loving man, he was willing, nevertheless, to "fight like the mulattus," and they were, both directly and by accident, the great beneficiaries of Henry Ford, master mechanic. — New York Times.

Consider the case of a motor car. Various parts of cars are made by various manufacturers, and are assembled in a single factory. But on each separately manufactured part there is an eight per cent sales tax which is paid by the assembling firm, which adds that expense into its own charges to the purchaser.

Although few are aware of its magnitude, hospital service constitutes one of the first twelve major industries in the United States. It is estimated that total plant assets of the nearly 6,700 hospitals in the nation registered with the American Medical Association amount to five and one-half billion dollars.

An agreement between the Irish and British Governments at the height of Eire's neutrality has resulted in a spectacular revival of the linen industry in Eire, the Eire Department of Agriculture has revealed. The annual income from the flax crop raised on a comparatively small acreage in the counties of Cork, Monaghan, Louth and East Donegal, has increased from 2,000 sterling (£8,000) in 1940 to £1,500,000 paid for the flax crop by Britain last year.

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PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

BACHELORS V. SPINSTERS

Sir,—Judging from reports on our desk, that have come in over the past several months, there are ominous signs to indicate that the fulfillment of the famous prophecy of Isaiah cannot be long delayed: "In that day, seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel; only let us be called by thy name, take away our reproach." Every year in our Alliance it is becoming more and more difficult to maintain an unbroken phalanx so:

BACHELORS BEWARE

O Bachelors beware! For who so firm That cannot be seduced From what he is disposed Can you forget 'tis not Ten months ago, that one among you Did swear most solemnly And of his own volition, to frustrate The plans of each and every female Who would him manoeuvre Into matrimony. And then— Into his holy and happy, bachelor life This damsel came—with painted cheek

And powdered nose, and lips All red as ripe tomato. Her hair was blond—but did he look With more discerning eye He would behold what men of science Term phenomena. Beside the scap Her tresses were of darkest hue. But scarce one millimeter hence Her hair had changed to golden. He could not see. The first of them "Secret of Suzanne" With which this female thing Was saturated, benumbed his senses; He could not see her penciled eyebrows, Her bolstered hips, or high-heeled shoes, Those iron stays, or artificial teeth. He did not realize the dress she wore

Slender, backless, frontless, Would put to shame the serpent Who tempted our first mother. And so he fell. From his high perch He fell as Lucifer. And never yet Was fly more quickly caught in spider's web. And now, you anxiously await To hear what final fate befell Our Brother Bachelor. As truly as Those words we write, he's now returning From a friendly hand of poker He stealthily creeps up some back stairs; He climbs each step in mortal dread That he must meet, a hostile mate. And she, who but a year ago, Beguiled him with her talk of Of happy home, of helping hand, Complacency, and sound of baby's feet;

For Want Of A Word

Hon. C. G. Power said in his famous Maclean's magazine article about the Liberals, "No party in Canadian history has had the benefit of such capable and able leadership which Mackenzie King has given his followers since 1919."

THE PRESS COMM.

THAT TERRIBLE HIGHWAY

Sir,—I am writing in regard to the main provincial highway between Summerside and Charlottetown, which is also the main pavement to Borden and the main highway to the most important tourist traffic this spring and summer will come over this road, but I am afraid tourists will never come back again.

Over two miles of this highway was torn up last year and is still a dirt road. That is bad enough in itself but unfortunately this dirt road is in better condition than at least 25 per cent of the rest of the highway. As far as I can find out, our local Government proposes to pave this two miles of dirt road and patch up the rest. They might as well try to hold water in a basket.

Britain And Palestine

(United Kingdom Information)

The United Kingdom delegation to the United Nations has formally transmitted to the Secretary-General the United Kingdom Government's request that the Palestine problem should be placed on the agenda of the next regular session of the General Assembly in September, and its suggestion that a special session of the Assembly should be called as soon as possible for the purpose of setting up a Special Commission to study the problem and prepare a report which would be available to the Assembly when it meets in September.

A special session of the Assembly in the United Kingdom Government's view is justified by the urgency of finding a settlement of the Palestine problem. If the Assembly in September were faced with the problem, without any preliminary work having been done on it, it would hardly be in a position to reach any decision in the course of its autumn session. It would doubtless have recourse to the appointment of an investigation commission such as the United Kingdom Government suggests, should be established by the Assembly in a special session. In this way several vital months would be saved.

Before lodging its request with the Secretary-General, the United Kingdom Government had approached the Governments of the U. S. A., Russia, France and China, as a matter both of expediency and courtesy, to ascertain their views on the proposal to summon a special session of the Assembly. With the notification on April 2nd to the French Government's assent, affirmative replies have been received from all four great powers.

The next step, which has already been taken, is for the Secretary-General to telegraph to all 55 members of the United Nations asking whether they concur. The concurrence of an absolute majority, that is of 28 members, is necessary for the Assembly to meet 15 days after the receipt of 28 favourable replies. It might meet towards the end of April.

It is the United Kingdom Government's intention to submit to the Special Commission appointed by the Assembly a memorandum giving an historical account of Britain's discharge of the Palestine mandate, and pointing in particular to the series of attempts made by the United Kingdom Government to find a settlement of the Palestine problem which would be agreed by both Arabs and Jews.

The dilemma with which the United Kingdom is faced in Palestine and which is posed by the irreconcilable claims of Arabs and Jews was not foreseen when the Mandate was instituted 25 years ago, and there is no provision in the Mandate for solving it. The United Kingdom Government could only find the gordian knot untied by the use of force, but the Government is resolved not to impose a solution by force. Reference to the United Nations has therefore seemed the obvious and proper course. It is a function of the United Nations to replace forced solutions by agreements negotiated within its framework. The United Kingdom Government is confident that in submitting the Palestine problem to the United Nations Assembly it is not only adopting the method most appropriate to the present case, but is helping to build up a tradition of referring difficult international problems to the United Nations.

Canada's Representatives Abroad

(Royal Bank of Canada Monthly Letter)

Canada's foreign diplomatic and commercial representatives are told about in the March Monthly Letter of The Royal Bank of Canada.

Not so long ago we were somewhat standoffish in international affairs, the article says. "Without an axe to grind, remote from the great centres of world affairs, we were very happy in our disinterestedness and felt a bit above the lesser nations which were always getting embroiled with one another over things which we, as though we were settling in five minutes. Our only direct official international contacts were with the Empire and the United States of America, both friendly and paternal in their dealings with the young Dominion.

Among the factors influencing Canada's foreign affairs, the Monthly Letter mentions that a cosmopolitan outlook is given the country by the composition of its population, containing more than 60 nationalities. Economically, Canada is more part of the world than in any other sense because she is anything but self-sufficient in raw materials, industry and markets. Culturally, Canada is far advanced.

"Her people have realized more of their ambitions for better lives. Her standard of living is among the world's highest, giving opportunity and leisure for enjoyment of many good things. Her people do not regard to be regarded as a great nation, but as enlightened people who refuse to be relegated to a position inferior to that which should be theirs by right of service, practical goodwill, and potential. If not actual, contributions to the world through science and philosophy.

"It is with these thoughts in mind that she sends her deputies to other lands. They are not just the spokesmen for government, but the representatives of all the people. We have reached a stage in the history of our affairs when public opinion must be reckoned a major influence. The narrow channels of communication between country and country have been widened by inexorable events. Foreign policy used to be something remote, only to be read and talked about. Since that time hundreds of thousands of other people have met millions of our people, and foreign policy is something to be participated in by every Canadian.

"It cannot be said too often that Canada has singular qualities for the role to which time and progress have led her. Geographical positions, wide trade interests, commonwealth connection, and neighbourly fraternity with the United States all combine with an unique racial composition to give her the enterprising spirit, the business sense, and the independence plus co-operation which add up to unusual and great opportunities for good. She has won recognition among the nations as a country of good sense and abundant energy. She is not a buffer state, but one consciously following a plan which tries to bring into being the aims of other states and her own, to the benefit of all."

After telling the Department of External Affairs, the article remarks: "Some idea of the expansion of Canadian activity abroad is given by the department's budget: 1909-10 \$17,428; 1929-30 \$624,641; 1945-46 \$4,938,775. In the last period there was an additional war appropriation of \$28,288."

Many facts are given about the appointment and duties of diplomatic officials and the letter makes a plea for broad channels of news both outward and inward. "Changes in our understanding between nations may be lessened by interchange of information about their people. Canada, in common with the other democracies, is eager to present a complete and undistorted picture of herself. It would be fatal to rely upon anything but a fair and open exposition and explanation abroad of the policy and cultural life of the country, and if the information is to be effective for good it must be read, therefore it must be presented interestingly, and with wide appeal.

"On the other hand it is important to distribute in Canada the information collected in other countries. It is essential, if Canadian industry is to develop well and with the best possible speed, that our business men should have a clear idea of the prevailing conditions elsewhere. Trade is largely based on friendship which does not exist without understanding.

"Right from the birth of Canada as a Dominion, there has been a search for foreign markets to absorb the products of farms and factories," the article says in discussing the foreign representation of the Department of Trade and Commerce. "It has become a truism that dependence upon external markets is pressing. Today more than ever there is sought a world environment in which trade will flourish on as free a basis as can be provided by public confidence. That other nations are of like mind with Canada is evidenced by international collaboration as at Bretton Woods, the International Trade Organization and other conferences. It is generally recognized that progressive industrialization and increasing incomes abroad help Canada's export trade, and this is why (besides her humanitarian reasons) Canada has been willing to advance large sums of money to



WHY

For a name unknown, Whose fame unblown Sleeps in the hills For ever and aye;

For her who hears The str of the year Go by on the wind By night and day;

And needs no thing Of the needs of spring, Of autumn's wonder Or winter's chill.

For one who sees The great sun freeze, As he wanders a-cold From hill to hill;

And all her heart Is a woman part Of the flurry and drift Of whirling snow;

For the sake of two Sad eyes and true, And the old, old love So long ago.

—Bliss Carman

Old Charlottetown (And P.E.I.)

CAVENDISH TEMPERANCE SOCIETY

"On the 11th April, (1835), a few individuals assembled at the dwelling house of Mrs. McNeill, to take into consideration the propriety of forming a society on the principle of total abstinence from the use of ardent spirits, except as medicine, when certain rules were adopted as a constitution. The necessary officers were appointed to carry these rules into effect, and thirteen members (males and females) subscribed their adherence.

"On the 27th of July following The Rev. A. V. G. Wiggins preached a sermon on the subject of Temperance at the Cavendish Church. A meeting of the society was held immediately after, and the result was an accession of eighteen members.

"The Rev. James Waddell, of Truro, N.S., another zealous champion, preached on the subject at the dwelling house of William McNeill, Esq., in the month of October. Fifteen members were then added to the list of subscribers, and the subsequent subscriptions make the number at present to amount to fifty-seven.

"Your committee feel a pleasure in stating that the members of the Society, with only two exceptions, have conducted themselves in conformity to the rules, and one of these individuals left the Island shortly after becoming delinquent.

"Your committee are also gratified in remarking that the Society has had but little opposition to contend with, and absolutely none of a weight or character to endanger its interests or impede its progress; but your committee have to regret that there are some respectable persons who, approving of the principle and acting nearly on the plan of the Society, have yet withheld the benefit that might have accrued to the cause, by the influence of their names, if added to the subscription list."

From the first annual report of the Cavendish Temperance Society, by David MacNeill, secretary, Cavendish, Feb. 13, 1867.

POLLY GREETS KING

BENONI, South Africa, April 17 (CP)—A Benoni parcel, which imitates the voice of its master and had learned to say: "Greetings, your majesty," joined in the cheers when the Royal family visited the town.

FUELLESS MINERS

CLYDACH, Wales — (CP) — Some 1,400 mine workers at Cambrian collier are consistently beating their coal target; but union officials say the men are not getting coal for their own homes.

help in re-establishing European countries.

"Trade commissioners promote Canada's commerce by obtaining and forwarding inquiries for Canadian goods to Ottawa and to Canadian exporters by reporting upon import requirements in their territories, and types of goods wanted, competition to be met, methods of packing and shipping, tariffs, and trade regulations. They also prepare periodic reports on trade, on business and financial conditions, markets for particular commodities, and related subjects."

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