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Steamship Subsidy Urgent

A matter which it is hoped will be straightened out by the welcome visitation of our distinguished parliamentary representative, Hon. Mr. DUNNING, is the question of steamship subsidies. Our shippers locally have been seriously inconvenienced by the withdrawal of the Harland subsidy necessitating the discontinuance of the service to Victoria; but a still greater loss and inconvenience has been suffered by reason of the present Dominion Government's action in discontinuing the Boston steamship subsidy. Last year, the steamer Farnorth received a subsidy of \$35,000 from the Bennett Government for making twelve round trips. This service had the effect of forcing down the exorbitant rates on the American railway lines for turnip shipments and up to the end of last January, according to a statement submitted by Mr. R. E. Mutch in behalf of the Charlottetown Board of Trade, the saving to the farmers of this Province was upwards of \$24,000. This year the federal subsidy was reduced to the altogether inadequate amount of \$10,000, with the result that no tenders from steamship companies were received. The American railway rates have gone up again, and our farmers and shippers, notwithstanding the exceptional market for their potatoes and turnips across the line, are left without any means of combatting excessive rates, such as a competitive water service would supply.

This year, at the opening of the season, and continuing weekly up to the end of December, water transportation for both potatoes and turnips was available at a rate into Boston of 20 cents per 100 bushels and into New York at 25 cents. The subsidy requested for the whole season was \$50,000, which would have been more than offset by the saving to our farmers and shippers. This offer was turned down, the Minister of Trade and Commerce eventually agreeing to a grant of \$10,000 for a service starting September 15 and continuing for thirteen weekly trips. As already stated, no tenders for this service have been received, the amount being altogether inadequate to provide low rate transportation.

There is, we understand, an opportunity of still obtaining these low water rates for the balance of the season, and right up till January if necessary, for a subsidy of \$25,000.

Hon. Mr. HOWE, on the occasion of his recent visit here, promised to place the steamship subsidy question fully before the Minister of Trade and Commerce, Hon. Mr. EULER. No doubt Mr. HOWE did so; but no action so far has been taken. Every week that passes means a loss of hundreds of dollars to our farmers and shippers. Mr. DUNNING, as Finance Minister and representative for Queen's County, should make a strong champion of our claim in this regard. Acting with his customary promptitude and thoroughness, he should be able to convince his colleague Mr. EULER that Prince Edward Islanders have a real and urgent grievance to be adjusted. As pointed out in these columns recently, hundreds of thousands of dollars in coal and steel subsidies and subventions are paid for the benefit of the other Maritime Provinces. There is no legitimate reason why this Province, which has no mines and is dependent very largely on agriculture, should not receive some assistance in the matter of potato and turnip shipments.

Motor Accident Causes

An analysis of motor accident statistics for Ontario reveals that while the greatest number of accidents occurred in municipalities, the greatest number of fatalities occurred on rural roads and highways.

The chief causes were excessive speed, driving on the wrong side of the road, driving off the road and lack of right of way in the order named. The relation of speed to accidents is illustrated in the fact that fatal accidents occurring when the speed of a car is less than 20 miles an hour is in the ratio of 1 to 61. When the speed is between 40 and 50 miles an hour it is in the ratio of 1 to 25, and at higher speeds it is 1 to 11. Figures show that there is an increase in accidents on Saturday and Sunday and the assumption is that there are on the road then drivers who do not do much regular daily driving, in other words relatively inexperienced drivers. It may be, it is suggested, that women are driving more over the week-ends and women are said to be 35 per cent. less efficient drivers than men, although they are also more cautious. Women fail chiefly in a sudden emergency, when they are more likely than men to "freeze" to the wheel, paralyzed and incapable of action for the moment. As men grow older they become less efficient, even while they become more experienced. The balance of gradually deteriorating physical powers and the slowing of nervous reactions outweighs the increased caution and experience which years of driving ought to have given them.

Editorial Notes

Tomorrow Delhi Day, 1857.

Welcome to the Minister of Finance—may his bonhomie never grow less, and may his pockets bulge with pleasant financial surprises for City and Province!

Who ever supplied the car license numbers used a pretty mean quality of white paint which is fast disappearing with ordinary washing. Soon the number will be all obliterated and what then?

It is Dalvay for the National Park, with all the rest added merely for description and camouflage.

oufrage. It will cost the province in the vicinity of \$50,000 and at least \$40,000 per annum to the Federal Government. But we should worry!

The city police authorities of Quebec have issued a warning to store and restaurant keepers, that all slot machines found on their premises will be smashed. In future when slot machines are found the owners of the stores will be prosecuted as well as the machines smashed.

We have now an Island director of the Bank of Canada, of the Canadian National Railways and of the Canadian Radio Commission. What would the Mackenzie King Government do without us—calling upon us to provide a Minister of Finance, a Bank, a Railway and a Radio Director and all that sort of thing? Take away Prince Edward Island from the King Government and where are you?

The world's motion pictures are getting much better morally, the Pope's official representative to the International Motion Picture Exposition in Venice reported. In a survey prepared for the Holy Father, Giuseppe Cassinis said films of all nations were 60 per cent "morally good," whereas last year this percentage was only 20. This was the first time the Vatican has had an official representative at a motion picture exhibition, demonstrating his practical interest in the subject, which he dealt with in a recent encyclical.

Validity of the debt and interest-reducing legislation passed at the recent special session of the Alberta Legislature will be tested in an action by the Imperial Trust Company seeking foreclosure of farm lands now occupied by Louis J. Forcier, of Falher, Alta. Under the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act a proposal was formulated by the Falher farmer in February, 1935, but the provisions of this proposal have not been met, plaintiffs claimed. After the statement of defence has been filed, the case will be set down for hearing in Alberta Supreme Court Chambers.

Hon. Onesime Gagnon, Minister of Mines, Games and Fisheries in the Duplessis Government told the Canadian Fisheries some home truths the other day in meeting assembled. "It is interesting to note," said Mr. Gagnon, "that the price of sanctions against Italy was paid most dearly by one class—the fishermen." Emphasizing the need for foreign markets and pledging the full co-operation of the Duplessis Government to this end, Mr. Gagnon denounced the reciprocal trade treaty with the United States as having given insufficient protection to fishermen. The consensus of opinion among the members of the association was that the industry will soon see the advent of a Golden Age whose benefits will accrue to fishermen and consumers alike. The federal Government had agreed to help the fishing industry to the extent of \$100,000 for the development of the domestic market and an additional sum of \$100,000 for developing the export market. Furthermore a sum of \$300,000 was voted at the last session of Parliament to assist indigent fishermen.

In resuming active trade relations with Soviet Russia, Mr. King is tacitly admitting that Stalin "is the friend of the People" and not Trotsky. When the Soviet got at loggerheads after the death of Lenin it had to choose between a policy of world revolution, which was an essential part of the Marxist creed, but which kept the new State at loggerheads with the whole world, and a policy of normal international relations, which involved the abandonment of Marxist orthodoxy. While Lenin lived, his skill and prestige staved off the fatal choice. But when he died and the succession was contested, a split became inevitable. Trotsky and Stalin confronted each other with the rival slogans of "permanent revolution" and "Socialism in a single State." Trotsky was a good Marxist and Stalin an astute politician; and it was no accident that the politician won. Since 1927 Trotsky has been an exile from Moscow, and since 1929 from his country. Once the principal bugbear of capitalism, he rapidly qualified for the role of Public Enemy No. 1 of the "Socialist State." It is a tribute to his reputation for outspoken honesty, as well as to the oriental methods by which Soviet prosecutors obtain their evidence, that nobody outside the Soviet Union today questions Trotsky's emphatic denial that he has had any hand in plots against Stalin and the Soviet regime. On the other hand, Stalin, while professing to keep his Communist principles for home application, is busy secretly propagating them throughout the world by means of the Third Internationale.

The wheat production of Canada in 1936, according to the first estimate issued by the Bureau of Statistics is 232,973,000 bushels. The records must be searched back to 1919 before a lower total wheat production for the Dominion is found and in that year, the seeded acreage was only three-quarters of the 1936 level. The 1936 yield per acre is the lowest in 29 years of continuous annual records. The 1936 crop, however, is very high in grade and quality, partially offsetting the diminished production. The other grain crops also suffered large reductions in comparison with the 1935 figures, but an increased acreage of flaxseed more than offset the lower yield per acre. The 1936 production of oats is estimated at 274,463,000 bushels, nearly 120 million under the 1935 figure. Barley production in 1936 is given as 74,376,000 bushels, about 8 1/2 million less than in 1935. The quality of the oats and barley harvested in 1936 will be generally poorer than in 1935. The fall rye crop of 1936 is placed at 3,781,000 bushels and spring rye at 1,201,000 bushels, both far below average and the 1935 figures. With the flaxseed acreage climbing steadily back to previous levels, production in 1936 is estimated at 1,855,000 bushels compared with 1,471,600 bushels in 1935. The main crop of hay and clover escaped the full brunt of summer drought and the 1936 production is placed at 13,619,000 tons compared with 14,060,000 tons a year ago. Large increases in the Maritimes, Quebec and British Columbia were not quite sufficient to offset the declines in Ontario and the Prairie Provinces.

The circus callope and the political band wagon of yesterday have become the sound truck of these noisy times. Unfortunately, to-day's blatant motorized wagon, with its glaring posters and shrilling loudspeakers, blares its message the year round. Anybody's scap, your neighbourhood theatre, and "contests of skill" shriek their allurements from shoe polish to dentistry. Some day peace-loving citizens of the towns and cities are going to rise in their wrath and tear the sound wagon's body from its chassis.—Boston Christian Science Monitor.

London is in as much potential danger to-day from east of the Rhine as it would be if the German frontiers extended westwards to Calais. Conceivably it may be decided after a careful survey of the situation that vital British interests demand that in a future war Britain should be aligned with France against Germany. But such a decision should be taken on broad grounds of policy, not explained away by the exceptional circumstances of the Channel Ports. There is a great need for clear thinking, and thinking in present-day terms, about the diplomatic and military relationship between Britain and the Continent. To imagine that isolation accompanied by a special guarantee to defend the eastern frontier of France and Belgium is a practical policy is to allow oneself to be deluded by comfortable phrases.—Glasgow Herald.

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Notes by the Way

On more than one occasion I have had to comment upon the unsatisfactory state of affairs with regard to some of the Canadian Provinces in the matter of their attitude towards their outstanding indebtedness. I am glad, therefore, to note that leading financial interests in London have taken the step of forming a committee for the protection of interests of holders in Great Britain of the securities of the Province of Alberta. A strong committee has been formed, with Mr. Davidson of the British Empire Trust as chairman. This committee recommends that, pending an investigation of the position which is now proceeding, holders of Alberta securities should not accept anything but full payment of their interest.—Arthur W. Kiddy in the London Spectator.

It is only too significant of the precarious tenure of peace in Europe that there should be manifested so much apparent disposition to exploit the civil war in Spain for selfish national ends, regardless of the palpable danger of spreading the conflagration. Spain must be prevented at all costs from becoming a European battleground; though that is a consideration to which our native Socialists, as well as the Russian Bolsheviks, with their eternal itch for interfering in other people's affairs, seem to be insensible. If the peace of Europe is preserved, the fact will owe nothing to our professing pacifists.—London Morning Post.

What will follow when it is all over? If the revolt is crushed, in Spain we must expect a Government of the Left, and probably a dictatorship. Parliamentary democracy can hardly survive. The leaders of the rebellion claim to be saving Spain from "Bolshevism"; if they lose their gamble they may get Bolshevism—though what form it will take and whether it will last, no one can say. Victory for the rebels will mean the blackest reaction, beginning with a "terror" and strengthening Fascism everywhere in Europe.—New Statesman and Nation (London)

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That Body of Hours

By James U. Barton, M.D.

THE SAFE REDUCING DIET

When an overweight individual, wishing to reduce weight, is told by her physician to simply eat less food and she will lose weight, she goes at it half-heartedly because on former occasions she has cut down her food to some extent, didn't lose much weight, felt miserable, and became constipated. If then she were told that she could eat as much, perhaps more food, lose weight, feel better and not be constipated, she would hardly be inclined to believe it. Nevertheless it is a fact that if instead of meat, eggs, butter, potatoes and bread, more lettuce, cabbage, celery, string beans, skimmed milk, tomatoes, cucumbers and clear soup were eaten there would be a noticeable drop in weight in from ten days to two weeks.

Thus two typical reducing diets are as follows:— Breakfast:—Fresh peach omelet, thin slice of toast, skimmed milk. Lunch:—Clear soup, American or Canadian cheese, orange salad, bran roll, milk. Dinner:—Tomato consommé, broiled fish, string beans, cold raw red raspberries with cream and sugar, black coffee.

Breakfast:—Stewed prunes, puffed rice with sugar and skimmed milk, eggs, thin slice toast, coffee. Lunch:—Clear soup, cold chicken, bran bread, cucumber and radish salad, tea. Dinner:—consommé, roast veal, asparagus, peas, tomato and chives salad, fresh pear, black coffee.

Some of the suggestions offered with all reducing diets are:—1. A pint of milk should be taken daily. 2.—Vitamins should be included: vitamin A from whole milk, cream, butter or eggs; and vitamin B and C from fruits and vegetables.

3.—Bread, potatoes, sugar, and other starchy foods should be reduced. 4.—Butter, cream and other fats should be reduced. 5.—Excess of sugar, jams, jellies and nuts should not be used. 6.—Meat or fish or cheese or eggs should be eaten at least once a day. 7.—Only enough fat should be used to make the food acceptable. 8.—Generally speaking, the servings of meat, eggs, fish and cheese should be small and the servings of vegetables (leafy vegetables) and fruits should be large. Fruit juices should not be used. 9.—With the average serving of one-half cup of vegetables, the allowance is 1-2 teaspoonful of butter.

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THE BLACK VULTURE

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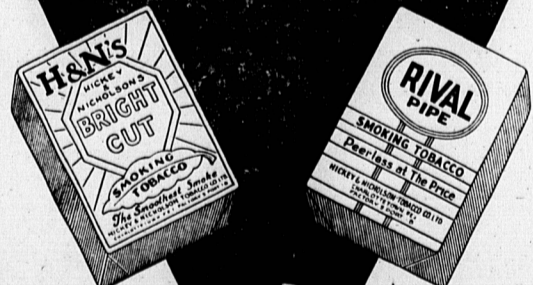
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