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Newfoundland's Resources

Newfoundland is actively preparing a four-year survey of its resources with a view to integrating its economy with that of the Dominion to best advantage.

The survey, as so far outlined, will deal principally with the island itself. But important as these resources are, the long-range view should include very special attention for the stretch of Labrador mainland which became part of Newfoundland in 1927.

"In the circumstances," says the Globe and Mail, "it would seem that both Ottawa and the nine older Provinces could well afford especially generous aid toward a fully detailed survey of these continental resources in the shortest possible time."

Hope Of Peace

A cheering note was sounded recently by Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, who is thus quoted in an address delivered at Kensington, Eng.:

"There was a time in 1935, and 1936, when I used to hear, in the famous lines, 'ancestral voices prophesying war'; but now, I am thankful to say, I do not hear those voices. I have a growing hope that by the strength of our united civilization, and by our readiness and preparedness to defend our freedom with our lives, we may avert for ever the horrible vision of a third world war."

"That rolling away of those dark oppressions and clouds from the minds of men is the prize—the only prize—which can reward the valiant efforts of our generation; and with unity, vigilance and unswerving purpose I believe that that priceless treasure may still be gained."

"We shall never succeed in evading the perils which surround us by weakness, appeasement, or by cowardice, but by courage, steadfastness, coolness, and above all, by an unquenchable zeal in the cause of freedom and justice, applied to all races and classes of men and women wherever they might dwell throughout the world."

More Coal In England

Britain is richer by 400,000,000 tons of workable coal — greatest find of coal in England since the first Geological Survey was made 114 years ago.

This almost fabulous seam was discovered ten months ago near Lichfield, the famous cathedral city on the edge of the Cannock Chase coalfield.

The secret was kept until just recently, when it was revealed by Mr. Herbert Morrison in the Commons in reply to a question by Miss Jennie Lee, M. P. for Cannock. The new coalfield lies in her constituency.

Some experts now say the "main winning," the miners' name for the coalface, may ultimately yield 2,000,000,000 tons.

But even 400,000,000 tons is equal to two years' total output from all the mines in Britain.

China's Industrial Minerals

To the rest of the world one of the most tantalizing questions raised by the Communist victory in China may be whether Russia plans development of some mineral resources of that country. Those resources may therefore be of slight interest to Soviet engineers. It is worth recalling, however, that certain industrial minerals for which China has long been an important source of supply may stimulate mining activity on the part of Russia in view of current efforts of the United States to establish stock piles of strategic raw materials.

The Ministry of Economic Affairs of the Chinese government five years ago issued a survey of China's minerals as those resources were summarized by its technical expert, Dr. Chung Yu Wang. This indicated that in antimony, tungsten and bauxite China's earth held important wealth. Its reserves of tungsten ore were estimated as five times the reserves of all the rest of the world. Of bauxite, raw material of aluminum, China's reserves have been put at nearly one-quarter of the world's total; in comparison reserves of the United States are but 3 1-2 per cent of that total.

The official Chinese report on its mineral

wealth disclosed relatively meager supplies of iron, copper and petroleum when such reserves are matched against those of the United States and Russia. Dr. Chung went so far as to declare in his summary, "The hoary notion that China is a great treasure house of minerals is glaringly erroneous."

EDITORIAL NOTES

The longest day according to the calendar.

Germany invaded U.S.S.R. this date 1941.

Five more days till the election.

Still political waters may run deep, and when sounded provides surprises.

The picnic season opens this weekend, and will continue well on till Labour Day.

It must have been an Islander who made a great reputation as a weather prophet by invariably commenting, "This won't last."

Australia's labour government is really up against it. That Dominion is in the midst of a "first class industrial crisis" in what is expected to be an election year.

The Council of foreign ministers which met in Paris did not succeed in unifying Germany, but the agreement on an Austrian treaty is at least a step towards general settlement.

One trade union in Britain opposed to nationalization of its industry is that of tobacco production. The annual conference of the British Tobacco Workers' Union at Northampton rejected by a vote of 15,118 to 7,026 a resolution calling for the nationalization of the industry.

This is how near World War III we are. The French Council of Ministers appointed Air Commodore Raoul Vernoux as major-general of the French armed forces. Normally a wartime post, the appointment caused some surprise among French military observers.

Mr. Thomas K. Finletter, who has been head of the Marshall Plan Mission to London has resigned and will return to Washington. Differences between Britain and U.S.A. have arisen over business with the Sterling countries, and it is understood Mr. Finletter did not see eye to eye with the authorities in Washington.

The Liberal Government at Ottawa is generous toward Nova Scotia. Defence Minister Claxton announces that \$7,000,000 will be spent during the next fiscal year on new construction, maintenance and repairs to army, navy and air force properties in Halifax and Dartmouth. Mr. Claxton said approximately half the amount will be spent in each of the two localities.

A Canadian Press survey shows that the proportion of "rejected" ballots in general elections has been steadily increasing since 1926. A rejected ballot, by the way, is one not counted because it's not properly marked with an X. A spoiled ballot is one exchanged by a voter after making a slip which he immediately notices.

There has been considerable criticism in the Canadian press of the immunity of the diplomatic corps particularly in the matter of traffic offences. Like many seemingly indefensible traditions it is based on real necessity. If diplomats were once made subject to the law of the country to which they are accredited there would be no end to the suspicion, at least, that their official acts would result in prosecution on trumped up charges.

Commenting on the appointment of Professor Frank MacKinnon as Principal of Prince of Wales College, the Ottawa Citizen quotes Dr. M. M. MacOdrum, President of Carleton College, Ottawa, as saying: "In accepting this position, Professor MacKinnon is stepping into a very fine tradition. As President of Carleton College I am, of course, sorry to lose him, but he could hardly be expected to turn down such an honor and I would not have cared to stand in the way of accepting this post."

To such depths may a church building descend. Glasgow's Old Tron Church, which has a history going back to 1540, may soon be purchased by the City Council for use as a civic workshop. The original church was built by Roman Catholics and dedicated to St. Mary and St. Michael. In 1592 it became a Protestant place of worship. In 1793 following members of the "Hell-Fire Club" entered a section of the church used as an orderly room for Glasgow's night guard, and started a fire which destroyed all the building except the steeple. The church was rebuilt the following year and now it is to be dedicated as a civic workshop.

The Halifax Bicentenary is commemorated in an excellent special edition of the Halifax Chronicle-Herald, which contains a wealth of material of historic interest to every Canadian reader. The articles are from outstanding authorities, and are profusely illustrated. In a congratulatory message Premier J. Walter Jones is quoted as saying: "We who live on Prince Edward Island naturally consider Halifax should be, and some day will be, the New York of Canada. We have traded with Halifax during the entire 200 years of its existence. We hope to continue to trade with Halifax forever." Editorially the Chronicle-Herald expresses the hope, shared in by all Maritimers, that "never again will we permit ourselves or others to ignore the obvious needs of this Gateway of the Atlantic. We should make the year 1949 a jumping-off point toward greater things, and use the enthusiasms the occasion evokes to stir us to a spirit of civic and provincial pride greater by far even than that which has inspired us in the past."

The Poet's Corner

YOUTH AND HOPE

O youth whose hope is high
Who dost to truth aspire,
Whether thou live or die,
Thou that are bold to fly
Thou that are bold to fly
Through tempest, flood and fire,
Nor dost not shrink to try
Thy heart in torments dire.

—Robert Bridges

Old Charlottetown (And P. E. I.) GUBERNATORIAL SALARY

"The fact of the inadequacy of the salary to meet the demands of the Lieutenant Governor of this Colony is so fully admitted," wrote Sir Henry Vere Huntley to Lord Stanley, Colonial Secretary, on Dec. 29, 1844, "that to enlarge upon it would be an improper occupation of your Lordship's time and attention."

Enlarge upon it, however, he did. In a despatch running to several columns. From this it appears that during three years' tenure of office as Lieutenant Governor, the demands upon Sir Henry's purse, "although controlled by circumspection," caused him an annual expenditure of not less than \$800 sterling beyond the amount of salary he enjoyed. And your Lordship is aware that I received nothing beyond that from the Colony, but a few fees, producing possibly \$50 sterling per annum. His salary from the Imperial Government was \$1,000 per annum.

"This took place," writes Sir Henry, "immediately before my arrival to assume the Government of the Colony. I do not hesitate to say that I was led to believe, previously to the elections—which were to take place next year—that the necessity for an increase would be great, and that I should be more capable in judgment, and more willing to establish an allowance to enable the Lieutenant Governor to meet expenses which increase of salary, and considerations belonging to the character of the office, created, in conjunction with the fact of the Legislature having placed him in a house of most extensive dimensions, in which it is necessary to receive the interior reception was intended to correspond with the exterior appearance."

"However, the impression conveyed to me before the elections; and I, in consequence, have as much as possible, adapted my proceedings—with regard to reception of the inhabitants—to the extent of the ability of the Assembly; and this acceptance, combined with what is due to visitors, and expenses incurred by contingencies attached to a residence in a large building, have annually increased the expenditure, over and above the salary, to the amount already mentioned."

The Age-Old Story

If thou at all take thy neighbor's ransom to pledge, thou shalt deliver it to him by that the sun goeth down; for that is his covering only, it is his ransom for his skin: wherein shall he sleep? And if shall come to pass, when he crieth unto Me, that I will hear, for I am gracious.

THE EIFFEL TOWER
Almost 7,500 tons of iron were used in the construction of the Eiffel tower in Paris which stands 688 feet high.

Bright Prospects



Stuart Or Stewart?

(Weekly Scotsman)
Stewart or Stuart? Which is the correct spelling of the name—that of the old Royal family of Scotland?

This question has been raised in the correspondence columns of The Scotsman, to which the following letter is contributed by the honorary secretary of the Stewart Society, Mr. C. Stewart Henderson:
The proper form of the name, looking to the circumstances of its original adoption from the office of High Steward, would be Stewart, but the "d" was early changed into "t," and even the hereditary office itself is almost invariably given as "Stewart of Scotland" by early writers.

The Stewarts of Darnley, ancestors of the Earls and Dukes of Lennox, early obtained a territorial settlement in France (as Lords d'Aubigny, &c.), where the name of High Steward, was adopted by Queen Mary's example, no doubt, accounts for the adoption of the form "Stuart" by many families. It probably being considered fashionable to follow the Royal example.

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Notes By The Way

Complaints about conditions at the Wellington County Home for the Aged near Elora have been frequent. A grand jury some months ago found conditions unsatisfactory and Reeve J. K. MacDonald of Elora is convinced that an investigation is necessary. It ought to be held although the county homes for the aged are financed with county funds and are under the control of the local council, the provincial authorities ought not take the position that conditions in these institutions are none of their concern.

It is safe to consider them the exceptions. — Victoria Times.
The United States consul in Vancouver has obligingly come to our rescue and tells us in all frankness what is wrong with the important national (tourist) business. He admits that the tourists come to Canada, but Canadians do not get the money from them they should. — Americans make the Canadian tour without spending much of the money they have in their pockets. They do not spend it because they are not offered for sale the original things Canada has to offer them. We are, says the American consul, still babies at the art of getting tourist money to pass into our hands. At least a dozen European countries can give us lessons on that point. What visitors want is something different from what they can get at home. Why does Canada not offer them things and amusements which have a distinctive Canadian stamp? — Coming from the authorized speaker of a people which provides the immense majority of our tourists, perhaps these commonsense truths will furnish light in interested quarters. — Le Canada, Montreal.

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