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SEEKING A MARKET

As a result of the conference between the Hon. Mr. Smith, New Brunswick Minister of Agriculture, and our Provincial Government and Federal members represented by Mr. W. Chester S. McLure, M. P., it has been decided to send Mr. J. W. Boulter, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, to join the delegation already in London urging the raising of the British embargo on our potatoes.

ACTIONS VS. WORDS

Nothing could be more effective than the reply the Prime Minister gave at Toronto to that "Prophet of Woe" the Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King. Rt. Hon. Mr. Bennett once more demonstrated that actions count for more than words. While in office, Mr. King gave expression to many high-sounding sentiments, while at the same time allowing the affairs of the Dominion to drift into a state of depression and unemployment, from which it has required all the heroic efforts of Mr. Bennett and his colleagues to extricate it.

practical actions that speak so much louder than Mr. King's high-sounding, empty words.

OUR EMPIRE TRADE

A factor which encourages strong hope that the time is ripe for a great development in inter-Empire trade and that progress of momentous consequence will be possible of accomplishment at the Economic Conference this summer is the steady expansion in recent months of Canada's business with the United Kingdom and her sister Dominions.

A POTENT FACTOR

The cost to the aggressor in modern warfare, apart altogether from expenditure on armaments and losses through casualties and otherwise, is well illustrated in the case of Japan's invasion of Manchuria. According to Mr. C. A. Bowman, editor of the Ottawa Citizen and a delegate to the Institute of Pacific Relations held at Shanghai last fall, the Chinese boycott against everything Japanese cost Japan \$20,000,000 in trade in September, the first month in which the boycott was applied.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It has been a subject for frequent comment that while wholesale prices have been dropping sharply during the past two years there has not been a corresponding movement in retail prices. According to a report of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, however, just issued, the downward revision of retail prices in 1931 was much faster than it was in 1930 which must be regarded as a favorable development.

It is interesting to note, on the authority of the Canadian Intelligence Journal, that the increasing popularity of ice hockey in Germany has led to the regular importation from Canada of various ice hockey requisites, such as skates, sticks, and pucks. Berlin is the only German city with an artificial ice rink, but hockey is also played in the open air near Munich and at different winter sport resorts. The game is also tried in other centres when the winter is sufficiently cold to permit natural ice rinks being maintained. In ice hockey the competition of German and Swedish manufacturers has to be met, but for ice hockey the Canadian skates are recognized as superior. In hockey sticks and pucks the Canadian suppliers have practically no European competition to contend with.

NOTES BY THE WAY

We are beginning to realize says the Vancouver Daily Province that Russia can't really know any more about where she is going than anybody else knows. Even if the five-year plan is successful, it is quite certain that it will turn out different from what Stalin and his men intended it to be.

Premier Cosgrave appeals to the people of the Irish Free State to return the Government so that the country may have a strong representation at the Imperial Economic Conference at Ottawa. He also advises the citizens to buy Irish goods first and then British goods.

The Basle investigators give out their findings on German conditions. They discover that Germany has mountainous debts and that its budgets are already overloaded. The budgets cannot be squeezed to make room for reparation payments. The railroads are found to be sound and suffering a deficit only through poor patronage.

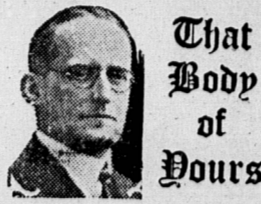
The politicians at Washington are worried because the forthcoming Imperial Economic Conference at Ottawa bids fair to result in such reciprocal trade arrangements between the different parts of the Empire as will divert into Empire channels a great proportion of the trade now done by various Empire countries with the American Republic. The British peoples all over the world would be very much mistaken if they paid any attention to the belated SOS from the Democrats at Washington.

The chief task facing the world to-day is that of jettisoning the whole overload of international war debts and reparations. The German Government has brought this achievement nearer to realization by announcing that it can pay no more reparations now or in the future. This, of course, means that France, Italy and Great Britain should pay no more instalments of their war debts to the United States. The whole question will come up for debate at the forthcoming conference at Lausanne.

J. B. Priestley says he used to think that America had a real book-buying public and that England had not, but he knows now that he was mistaken. When the general slump came there was a landslide in the American book trade. The English reading public, on the contrary, is loyal and a stickler. When it has money in abundance it may not buy as generously as it might, but it does not desert the bookshops in a body at the first cry of hard times.

1926 in New York was a very cold year, but there has been an accumulation of mild temperatures ever since, and sanguine people have hoped that the Gulf Stream was changing its course and veering closer inshore to make our winters permanently salubrious. They forget that during the World War we had some winters hereabouts that made some of us think that another ice age was impending. In the matter of weather a thousand years are but a day, so slow are the changes that turn the grazing grounds of the mammoth in Northern Siberia into a permanent desolation of ice and snow or remove a glacial sheet from New England and leave it fit for human habitation.—Boston Transcript.

Germany has put her foot down on reparations payments. France, as was expected, is quite dissatisfied with the near-repudiation of the debts, and threatens trouble. An impress has arrived. Germany says she cannot pay. She virtually asks her creditors what they are going to do about it. The answer, of course, is plain. They must either accept the ultimatum or seek to collect their debts by force, and force means war. No one seriously believes, of course, that armed conflict will come about, but the whole international feeling is not propitious for the forthcoming conference at Geneva.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

HEADACHE

When you have a headache you are not greatly concerned as to its cause; are interested only in getting it relieved.

Did you ever try to think about the number of different causes for headache? There must be thirty at least.

Yet like every ailment in medicine the wise thing to do in trying to locate the cause is to try to remember what is the most common or most frequent cause.

In headache it is usually some digestive disorder.

It may of course be due to eye strain, using the eyes without the help of glasses; from pressure from diseases of the nose, and the sinuses adjoining the nose; to low or high blood pressure which interfere with the nourishment of the brain; poisons from infected tonsils or teeth; or from an inflammation of the brain itself—meningitis.

However as the commonest cause is some digestive disorder, it would be good sense to remember just what you have eaten during the previous twenty-four hours, as some headaches are due to pressure or intoxication arising in the stomach and sometimes in the small or large intestine, in which latter case the food may have been eaten many hours previously. When the headache occurs after midnight and causes you to lose sleep, it is often due to slowness or sluggishness of the liver.

Where the headache is on one side of the head, with a 'sticky' feeling accompanying it, it is called migraine — one sided headache. Although the cause of this is still under investigation in one of our large university clinics, many physicians are of the opinion that this type is due to a sluggishness of the liver, caused by overwork, mental or physical.

Many of these digestive headaches can be relieved by bending and twisting the body in an effort to expel gas from stomach and intestine. Sometimes the simple method of 'gulp' or raise gas from the stomach gives instant relief.

The thought then is that as most headaches are due to digestive disorders, that you try to locate the cause in your particular case, and thus avoid them.

Having the eyes tested and proper glasses fitted will relieve another large group of sufferers.



THE LOST ONES

Somewhere is music from the linnets' bills,

And thro' the sunny flowers the bee-wings drone,

And white bells of convolvulus on hills

Of quiet May make silent ringing, blown

Hither and thither by the wind of showers,

And somewhere all the wandering birds have flown;

And the brown breath of Autumn chills the flowers.

But where are all the loves of long ago?

O little twilight ship blown up the tide,

Where are the faces laughing in the glow

Of morning years, the lost ones scattered wide?

Give me your hand, O brother, let us go

Crying about the dark for those who died.

—Francis Ledwidge.

Mrs. Black—Bothered with time-waiting callers, are you? Why don't you try my plan?

Mrs. White—What is your plan?

Mrs. Black—Why, when the bell rings, I put on my hat and gloves. If it proves to be someone I don't want to see, I simply say, "So sorry, but I'm just going out."

Mrs. White—But suppose it's someone you do want to see?

Mrs. Black—Oh, then I say, "So fortunate, I've just come in."

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"Painless" Taxation

(Ottawa Journal) The financial problems of Quebec are comparatively simple ones; nevertheless even Mr. Taschereau has been obliged to seek additional revenue for the coming year. First of the legislatures to meet, first to deal with questions which confront every province, the measures taken in Quebec will possess a very wide interest.

An increase of one cent in the gasoline tax, making it six cents a gallon, recently was announced by Mr. Taschereau. In addition he is imposing a tax of five per cent, on the gross revenue of all public dining rooms, and on the dining service of railroad trains and steamships—presumably when operating within the province. There is to be an increase in the amusement tax, which now stands at 10 per cent, and may be raised to 15, and some adjustments to succession duties, which are expected to produce more revenue from large estates.

The Premier explained that the old tax of five per cent, on meals costing \$1 and over, tagged for the support of hospitals, had fallen short of expectations in the past year because with the lower cost of living, fewer meals came under the levy. Furthermore, he said, meals at 95 cents, just under the tax level, had become very popular. Now the law is to be changed to require the owner or operator of a public dining room to calculate his gross revenue and pay five per cent, on that amount.

No tax is ever popular, but perhaps these devised by Quebec for the improvement of its treasury are nearly as painless as any in the calendar.

Aviation In Maritimes

(Canadian Aviator) A very distinct air development is to be noted in the Maritime Provinces. Considerable attention is being devoted in the Atlantic Coast region, to the establishment of air facilities, while it is very evident that the people of the Maritimes, generally, are keen for appropriate air services.

It is apparent that air lines will do much toward wiping out the isolation under which the Maritimes have suffered for long years. Already the delays in transportation, such as the crossing to Prince Edward Island, are being overcome. By means of the aeroplane, the Island Province is approximately seven times closer to the mainland than ever before. The establishment of a triangular air mail and transport route in the Maritime Provinces should do much to help the social and business life of the people concerned.

Aviation enthusiasts of the Maritimes, and there are many, are to be congratulated upon their aggressive attitude with regard to flying features.

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PUBLIC FORUM

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THE LESS WE TALK

Sir:—The following from Kipling's "The Lesson" written thirty years ago, at the time of the Boer war, could be applied at the present:

It was our fault and our very great fault. —And now we must turn it to use. We have forty million reasons for failure, But not a single excuse.

So the more we work and the less we talk. The better rest we shall get— We have had an Imperial lesson; it may make us an Empire yet.

We know the crisis we have to face this year and we all need the courage depicted by Kipling to face it.

I am sir, etc. OPTIMIST

FISH AND GAME

Sir:—I have been an interested reader of the numerous letters published in this column recently under the above heading. Apparently a movement is under consideration just now by the authorities who govern the Fish and Game Association to cut down on our open season for trout and black ducks.

To my mind the trout season is quite favourable to many fishermen as it now stands. If, in the interests of conservation of trout and to create better fishing for our tourist trade, and a shorter season is required, I believe a reduction of two weeks from each end of the open season would be more readily received by our local fishermen than to cut out the entire month of April. Some very excellent trips to the different fishing grounds have been made during this month.

I am more particularly interested in the shooting of wild fowl and for the past few years have spent considerable time near the haunts of the black duck at several places. A great deal has been written regarding the dry season of 1931, and the alarming shortage of ducks and geese in parts of the Dominion and in the United States. My experience and observations have convinced me that these conditions did not prevail in Prince Edward Island last year, and that more black ducks hatched out and inhabited the ponds and marshes with which I am familiar, than for some years, and those gunners who managed to sneak away last fall for a few days outing with their guns know how plentiful the ducks were. If the black duck were as easily decoyed as the mallard the blue-bill or the red-head, a great many more blacks would have been killed.

Canada geese and brant came down from the north in large numbers. Young brant were scarce owing to a poor hatch in the spring, yet I know of some splendid bags shot.

I feel sure that a full closed season on either trout or wild fowl will be received with great opposition while protection over the illegal destruction of same by a lot of pot-hunters who bootleg their kills around the country quite boldly—a much reduced bag limit in nearly every case, and possibly a week of open season in the spring for geese and brant only—would be welcomed.

I am, Sir, etc. J. STUART MOORE

Limelight For Canada

(Border Cities Star)

Canada is getting some excellent publicity out of the fact that the next session of the Imperial Economic Conference is to be held in Ottawa. No matter what the conference may accomplish or fail to do, millions of people are going to

Wife (looking up from newspaper)—"It says here, dear, that a man has just been married to the girl he first met when he dashed into a burning building and saved her life."

Husband—"H-m—that should teach him to mind his own business in future."

Never accept a gift of cigars from a woman who has lost her husband. Widows weeds are dangerous.

BOVRIL when you feel tired PREVENTS THAT SINKING FEELING

and supported by a great many who take this sport seriously. If the great majority of those who fish and shoot were to get together and create more attractive and substantial feeding grounds and have an organization better able to keep track of all illegal slaughter of trout and birds, I believe that many of those who are in the habit of breaking the law this way might be apprehended, and eventually the practice done away with, with the consequence that the trout and black ducks will have a chance to multiply. The percentage of illegal traffickers on our game is not large at present, but unless something is done to stop them the offense is very likely to spread.

Personally I would be in favour of allowing the usual privileges for fishing and hunting on Sunday as it is the one full day a daily worker may get away for an outing, and after all, a trip to the shore with a rod and gun is for most sportsmen, a days' outing, with the diversion of a few flings of the rod or a burst or two from a gun.

Possibly it might be a good idea for all men who take this branch of sport up seriously to join the Fish and Game Association in order to be in close touch with all that is going on.

I am, Sir, etc. J. STUART MOORE

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