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MONDAY, APRIL 29, 1946

An Anxious Week-end

A feeling of grave anxiety spread over the Province on Saturday at the news from Ottawa, and is still with us. Evidently the high hopes of our representatives at the Dominion-Provincial Conference are in jeopardy. We do not know what the next few days will bring forth, a collapse of the Conference or a compromise whereby the Provinces will "loan" their taxation rights to the Federal Government for a fixed period. The latter would suit us, for after all, what we need, and need badly and immediately is financial relief due to our necessities. It may happen that an understanding has been arrived at between our delegation and the other provinces that we shall receive the fiscal consideration we deserve, or at least a fair measure of it. If this should not be so, then the last state of this Province will be worse than the first, for much of our natural wealth has gone, or is in the act of being mined, and we have little or nothing with which to restore it. One of our great hopes and expectations has been that as the result of the Sirois Commission and subsequent investigations, we would be provided by the Federal Government with the sinews with which to rebuild our fertility of the soil, and bring back to cultivation farms which have long since been fully exploited and abandoned. We are first and foremost an agricultural and fishing province, dependent upon the soil and the sea. Unless we are provided with the wherewithal for the adoption of modern, mechanical means of production we are going to be left far behind other provinces. Should the returns our farmers and fishermen obtain for their arduous labours prove insufficient to provide up-to-date machinery, there is little hope for them or their successors. We need, and need urgently, relief from taxation, higher income, improved transportation, restored fertility, and more industries. We have been living in earnest expectation that the Royal Commissions, investigations and Conferences would enable us to realize these, and still cling to that fond hope. Perhaps the fact that the Attorney General has been called to Ottawa to join our delegation, and the report that Premier Jones has been in conference with the Quebec and Ontario Premiers, indicate that some such plan for our relief is being discussed.

Our UNRRA Contribution

Deserving of wider publicity than it has received is the account of Canada's contribution to UNRRA, as given in the House of Commons the other day by Hon. J. A. MacKinnon, Minister of Trade and Commerce. To March 31 last, our total contribution was \$154,000,000. Of this amount, 10 per cent has been reserved as UNRRA free funds expendable in any part of the world. The balance reserved for expenditure in Canada is, therefore, \$138,000,000.

A sum of \$27,500,000 has been set aside for the purchase of wheat and grain; \$16,000,000 for meat and more than \$2,500,000 for seeds and milk. The grain has been purchased by the wheat and grain division of this department, and the seeds, meat and milk by the Department of Agriculture. The Department of Munitions and Supply has contracted for \$20,000,000 worth of electrical equipment. The Canadian Export Board have made commitments on behalf of UNRRA for \$56,500,000 worth of goods under the following headings:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Farm machinery \$ 8.4, Clothing, textiles, footwear 6.8, Miscellaneous supplies 7.1, Medical supplies 3.1, Trucks 20.5, Miscellaneous food 1.9, Soap 4.1, Fish 9.6, Total \$56.5

In addition, freight charges will amount to about \$12,500,000, of which slightly more than half will be for inland freight. The total Canadian contribution to UNRRA has been paid as of March 31 and has been largely expended or committed as outlined above so that only slight, if more than \$17,000,000 remains available for future purposes.

In addition to Canada's own contribution to UNRRA, it was found possible to make available for UNRRA purchases, above and beyond the amounts already mentioned, goods to the value of nearly \$67,500,000. This amount includes \$27,000,000 worth of trucks; approximately \$16,000,000 worth of canned fish; nearly \$2,000,000 worth of shoes; more than \$1,500,000 worth of metals; about \$14,000,000 worth of meat and smaller amounts of other items including some clothing, some surplus textile, asbestos, ambulances and an allowance of \$1,500,000 for ocean freight. Thus it will be

seen that nearly \$200,000,000 worth of goods have been made available in Canada for UNRRA up to the end of the last fiscal year.

Distinguished Islander

Among distinguished Canadians on whom Dalhousie University is to confer the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws next month is the Rev. Dr. James W. Falconer, professor emeritus at Pine Hill University, Halifax, and a native of this Province. Dr. Falconer is a brother of the late Sir Robert Falconer and a son of the late Rev. A. F. Falconer. The family name is a household word in this Province, and it is with pride that it is mentioned by Prince Edward Islanders in speaking of our contribution to educational and religious leadership throughout the Dominion.

As mentioned in the biographical sketch of Dr. Falconer in Friday's Guardian, he is author of several works of note, including "A Life of John Geddie, Nova Scotia missionary to the New Hebrides, whose centenary is being celebrated throughout Canada this year." While Nova Scotia may claim Dr. Geddie, it was a Prince Edward Islander that he left for the mission field, and this fact should not be lost sight of in whatever arrangements are being made for the centennial observance.

Enduring testimonial to this fact is the Geddie Memorial Church at New London, P. E. I., which observed its centennial in August, 1936, and which still retains, preserved in a glass case, the pewter communion service Dr. Geddie used. He was minister there and at Cavendish for seven years, 1838 to 1845. In the course of his duties he traversed the whole Province, visiting every settlement in which Presbyterian families were to be found, and forming missionary societies, first in his own congregation in 1837 and later, through his influence, in all the congregations of the Presbytery.

In 1845, when the Synod decided to undertake the support of a foreign missionary, Dr. Geddie offered his services, which were accepted. Thus from this little island there went out the first Canadian missionary, and one of the most successful, for he could say: "When I landed on Anyetium there was not a Christian, and before I left there was not a heathen, on the island."

Fitting therefore that the biographer of Dr. Geddie should be a Prince Edward Islander, and that he should be one of such high qualifications as Dr. Falconer.

EDITORIAL NOTES

An hour's sleep was lost yesterday in Daylight Saving communities, and an extra hour gained for work or play.

Births, deaths and marriages for the second quarter of 1945 were as follows: Live births, legitimate 442, illegitimate 24, still births 12; deaths 194; marriages 161.

Two bond maturities, of \$2,500,000 and \$2,127,000, have been met in full by the Saskatchewan Government this month, and their retirement will result in an annual interest saving of \$185,000 and reduction of the public debt by \$4,627,000. The two issues bore interest at the rate of four per cent.

Causes of the 446 deaths here in the second quarter of 1945 were: Diphtheria 1, T.B. 5, flu 3, cancer 24, intercranial lesions 21, heart disease 55, artery disease 6, pneumonia 14, diarrhoea 2, neuritis 10, motor accidents 3, other accidents 11, other specified causes 36, ill-defined and unknown 3.

Alfred Edward Housman, English writer and poet, died this date 1936; was professor of Latin at Cambridge; his publications include A Shropshire Lad, Last Poems, The Name and Nature of Poetry.

To think that two and two are four And neither five nor three The heart of man has long been sore And long 'tis like to be.

It is now known that during World War II an epoch-making discovery was made by the British textile industry, namely the manufacture of cotton material which is completely waterproof. At present it is hardly possible to assess the value of this discovery to the textile industries of the whole world. The new materials are making their first appearance at a fashion display in Manchester and arousing great admiration amongst the experts from all nations.

Evidently druggists and grocers rule business in Charlottetown; at all events their wishes are paramount with the City Council, which must have some means of ascertaining public opinion on questions with which they have to deal. The Board of Trade, after all should be in a position to feel the pulse and know what is in the best interests of trade and commerce in relation to agriculture, but evidently it has no say. Of perhaps they "passed the buck" to the service clubs; and once more we will have the nuisance of double time in the Province, Standard Time, by which railway, shipping and banking are governed; and Daylight Saving—to lure stores and play-time.

Liquor consumption a barometer of prosperity and depression. Premier Stuart S. Garson, Manitoba, reports an all-time record in liquor profits, but warns that such revenues are not a proper base for annually recurring expenditures. He reports liquor profits of \$5,750,000 for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1946, compared with \$4,375,494 a year ago, and he budgeted for a profit of \$4,000,000 for the next fiscal year, ending April 30, 1947. The profits for the current year were more than gross liquor sales in some of the depression years. In the boom year which ended April 30, 1930, the net profits of the Manitoba Liquor Commission were \$2,044,981 and in 1934 a depression year, only \$963,307.

Notes By The World We Have Forgotten

By REV. D. E. DAVIES
This year of 1946, which is almost exactly the middle of the twentieth century, I think it is true to say that the vast majority of people do not really believe in any existence except in this present world. The idea of a world, a life, beyond the grave does not seem to have entered into our calculations. However, that most people, even if they were asked whether they believed there was anything beyond the grave, would answer: "Yes, I suppose so." Just as they would say they were agnostic whether they believed in the existence of the North Pole. But who bothers about the North Pole? It is the idea of existence in another world. It is in this sense that I say that most people have almost ceased to believe in another life. This is the point at which the religious faith of the middle of the twentieth century.

But on the other hand it isn't the only point at which this world, which has become our only existence, is now being threatened. The loss of the very existence of the world itself is being threatened. Just as we are so close to the atomic bomb, not the scientist, nor the scientist's assistant, but the ability to make war. In short, we must turn to ourselves. —Chatham News.

Young rebels in universities can always find men and women on the fringes and ledgers of the academic world, just as there are teachers the adoration of many and empty minds is a heavy drug. —Peterborough Examiner.

Does Russia require more oil? Well, the "Great Soviet Encyclopedia" published in 1938, stated that Russia controlled 62 per cent of the world's oil reserves. As the result of the recent war she has lost her oil fields in Poland, Poland, so what is Russia up to? —St. Thomas Times-Journal.

A news item from Ottawa says that "women in slacks may enter in all professions, and to many are not too hot." We don't want to be stuffy, but if Parliament is going to permit tight women in slacks, let them be made of a material that will be hard for Peterborough visitors to tell the Central Block from the Central Block. —Peterborough Examiner.

The Federal Department of Agriculture has banned the use of red netting over baskets of peaches, but the effect of the ban is to be hoped the Ontario department will follow suit. The Ontario department has been so many complaints because of the red netting that the Ontario department should be willing to get rid of it. —Niagara Falls Review.

Time was in history when the phrase, "a jury of his peers" meant something. It meant that you had a right to be tried by people of your own station in life. In California trials by knights. In the United States, trials by jury. In California trials by knights. In the United States, trials by jury. In California trials by knights. In the United States, trials by jury.

Canada could do with some good press agents to tell Americans that our \$6,000,000,000 total cash contribution to UNRRA is equivalent, on a comparative value basis, to \$100,000,000,000 from the United States. Our contributions suggest a fresh that our development until they remain where they are. The effect of the loans we are off and the domestic price of gold is likely to stand for some time. Nevertheless, the world is a red financial situation are charged with explosive forces and a silver note in the world, and a silver note in the world, and a silver note in the world.

And now comes the greatest problem of the twentieth century: avoiding another war. The splitting of the atom, the release of nuclear energy, the scientific progress, it is a matter of life and death. It is a matter of life and death. It is a matter of life and death. It is a matter of life and death.

The Poet's Corner
"SPRING SONG"
Soft and cool is the April earth
And on a branch of the lilac bush
Is the hope of a bud—long sought.
Spring has come, and the heart is young.
For 'tis then that the robin sings
A silver note in the April mist,
And the wakening woodland rings.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

TEACHERS' DISCLAIMER

Mr.—To remove any public misunderstanding of Mayor MacDonald's remarks in reference to the educational conditions at Prince Edward Island College, on behalf of the Executive of the Board of Governors of the Prince Edward Island Teachers' Federation, I wish to state that his opinions expressed were those of the speaker, and as such do not represent the official sentiment of the Prince Edward Island Teachers' Federation. I am, Sir, etc.

ESTELLE BOWNESS

President of the P.E.I. T.F.
Summerside, April 27, 1946.

PEN PALS WANTED

Mr.—As editor of a daily column in the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, devoted to news, articles, cartoons, etc., by boys and girls of school age, I contact hundreds of boys and girls every day. I have found that they have a great deal to say about the customs, hobbies, and interests of boys and girls their own age, living in other countries—especially in the United States.

They do not wish to confine their knowledge to what they read in the books, they wish to know first-hand information from children themselves, and the only way to get this is through correspondence. In the last few weeks, I have received thousands of letters—literally thousands of letters—asking me to find pen friends for them, and I can not help but feel that the same interest exists in other countries.

Are there any boys and girls in Charlottetown who would like to write to other children in the United States? It's been my experience that children are the same the world over. If you are interested in the question would be enthusiastically answered. It is possible, through The Guardian, to tell the schools in your district, to tell the children that you will drop me a card I will be glad to give their names and addresses to an interested correspondent.

Mr. Peter says, "Is a thief in the night?" Well, I believe I will have a chance to know anything about it. It will be "trailing" of glory, certainly of vapour. It is really remarkable how omniscient the New Testament is. The end of the world seems to be drawing near. In military strategy.

Now I do beg of you to ponder the significance of all this. The world is in a state of confusion, and the very real, grim threat of being blasted out of existence, is a very real, grim threat. I believe in the reality of the afterlife. There is a very deep meaning in the abandonment of the grave, and the endangerment of existence this side of the grave.

But meanwhile, the things which do matter are the things which are going on with it. It isn't at all difficult to see that, as the Christian world, the world of men and women, and less so, civilization, gets less and more materialistic in its aims and values. Materialism, the worship of things, is an inevitable result of thinking that above and beyond this world there is another world.

Along with this growing materialism, we can see another dreadful thing: the rapid development of the atom bomb. The atom bomb is a materialistic product of the scientific mind. It is a materialistic product of the scientific mind. It is a materialistic product of the scientific mind.

Canada Needs These Men

Of all men, it is the historian, perhaps, who is best able to look objectively upon human events. He finds in what is happening today a significant resemblance to what happened in the centuries ago. He may not subscribe to the popular belief that history repeats itself. But he will probably admit that the unbroken chain of cause and effect can be traced throughout the recorded history of mankind. To him, tribes and races, nations, empires and civilizations themselves are living organisms that wax and wane, sensitive to internal and external pressures, plant-like in their need for continuous culture, fruitful and long-enduring. Every human society has within itself the seeds of its own dissolution. And harking back, perhaps over the centuries, to the historical world that was Rome, our modern world is a continuation of the dry rot which is eating into the very power, insidiously and relentlessly.

They could mail their request for a copy of the booklet to: J. R. Burnett, F.J.I., Editor and Managing Director, The Charlottetown Guardian, City Hall Square, Charlottetown, P.E.I. I am, Sir, etc.

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

There were only three wharves in Charlottetown at this time. Queen Street, Prince's Street, and the wharves on the west side of Queen's, and the wharves on the east side of Queen's. The wharves were much longer than they are now. Tremaine's was only a few feet longer than the wharves on the west side of Queen's. A sail boat crossed on Monday afternoon and took the other days of the week.

The team-boat was run by two or sometimes three horses. There was a large wheel at the end of the boat. (Just such a one is to be seen in a barnyard in the vicinity of the wharves. The horses going round in a circle, turned the wheel, and the wheel turned the boat. Passengers came from the wharves on the west side of Queen's, and returned again about the morning and day, twice in the morning and twice in the afternoon.

A story is told of a middle-aged lady who was well off, but on a day she was shopping in town, she did not take into consideration that the wharves were much longer than they are now. She was out for a day, and when she got to Charlottetown she found the wharves had been removed. She was very angry, and she went to the wharves and she found the wharves had been removed.

In order to call for the cereal contribution to the hungry, maybe it would help to point out that the cereal contribution is a very real, grim threat of being blasted out of existence. It is a very real, grim threat of being blasted out of existence. It is a very real, grim threat of being blasted out of existence.

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