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The Christmas Season

The appeal to "Santa Pals" in The Guardian news columns is a reminder that the Christmas anniversary is near, and that the essence of the Christmas spirit is remembrance of others, preferably those who stand most in need of such remembrance. Merely to exchange gifts and greetings with one's friends is to lose contact with that spirit altogether.

Another thing to be remembered at this season is the strenuous nature of the work thrown upon those employed in stores and post-office. Last-minute Christmas shopping means extra work and inconvenience for all concerned. There are now just thirteen days before Christmas Day. This is the opportune time to make one's purchases. "Shop early; mail early" should be the rule, not the exception, as too often it has been in the past.

Mr. King's Responsibility

Mr. MACKENZIE KING's characteristic weakness as a leader was shown when, on his return to Ottawa last week, he endorsed Mr. LAPOINTE's repudiation of Dr. RIDDELL's oil sanctions proposal at Geneva, while at the same time declaring that this action "had no reference to the merits of the proposal which will be considered when the proper time arrives."

Apparently in the hope of stiffening the Prime Minister's backbone on the question, the Toronto Globe, leading Liberal paper, in a front page editorial of last Friday, warns Mr. KING of his responsibility and in effect tells him what, as Prime Minister, he should say.

"With the return of Mr. KING to the Capital," says the Globe, "it is to be hoped no time will be lost in reversing the grave position in which Canada was placed with relation to the Empire by the recent statement on the question of oil sanctions against Italy."

"The attitude therein assumed, that responsibility for introducing a resolution was that of the Dominion's representative individually and not of the Government represented, must surely impress the Prime Minister and his colleagues, on second thought, as weak and indefensible. Is Dr. RIDDELL at Geneva to speak sometimes for the Government and sometimes for himself, according to the subsequent reaction? How can an Administration expect to retain confidence at home or abroad if the acts of its official spokesmen cannot be accepted at once as authoritative?"

"But this defect—important as it is—becomes minor beside the inference promptly drawn that the senior British Dominion is not standing foursquare with the Mother Country, whose leadership is sought and respected by nations around the globe."

"Canada's aim is peaceful. Hence she desires to disclaim responsibility for initiating a resolution for consideration of the Sanctions Committee of Eighteen. Where does the argument lead? Manifestly to the conclusion that other nations not dissociating themselves are intent on war. These include Great Britain. The Canadian statement, in effect, is a war bomb of double proportions, giving encouragement to Premier MUSSOLINI and implying doubt as to Britain's peace policy."

"The futility and needlessness of the statement were written across the skies yesterday by Sir SAMUEL HOARE. What he told the British House of Commons and the world was what the Canadian Government ought to have recognized before committing itself to its mischief-making promulgation. It is what Canada could and should have said on her own behalf, if anything—and no sound reason has been given why anything was necessary."

Scots Invite Reciprocity

A message of kinship and goodwill in the form of a handsome, illustrated volume, entitled, "Trade and Commerce Between Scotland and the Empire," has been issued by the Scottish Chambers of Commerce, Glasgow. The introduction states that "in inviting for the products of Scotland an increasing interest and demand in Empire markets, she on her part will gladly welcome an opportunity to reciprocate by fostering a closer knowledge and appreciation of the manufactures and products of British Dominions, colonies and dependencies. Ships from Scottish ports voyaging on their regular routes are carrying to many parts of the Empire goods of Scottish manufacture. There is ample room along the Empire sea lanes for two-way traffic. Scotland invites reciprocity." The volume describes in detail most of the products for which Scotland has long been famous.

Editorial Notes

There may be peace by Christmas after all.

Anti-British propaganda is trying to make our people believe that Britain is wrong and Italy right. An Italian agency in Montreal is flooding the newspaper offices and other mail boxes with literature of that description.

According to an Ontario county court judge, a barking dog, which does not bite, but which flies after cars and motorcycles, is not mischievous in a legal sense. As for being a public nuisance, he argues that no dog could create a greater noise and disagreeable effluvia than the average motorcycle.

Colonel the Hon. Governor DEBLOIS thinks ahead of time of the needs of the young, deserving and otherwise. It will be recalled he recently paid \$50 for a Boy Scout apple to help the movement; and on Saturday, before our

appeal for Santa Pals appeared in print, His Honour sent us a cheque for \$50. Handsome is that handsome does.

Here's another thing to stir the wrath of DICTATOR MUSSOLINI. The British "Who's Who" for 1936 has appeared: in it MUSSOLINI is given 32 lines of type, while the biography under the caption "Ethiopia, H. M. the Emperor HAILE-SELASSIE I. of" runs to 33 lines—putting SELASSIE "one up" on Il Duce!

Even "the beasts of the field," are invading Alberta apparently on the chance of benefiting from the Social Credit dividends. An antelope epidemic, which is gradually becoming worse, is worrying ranchers, as thousands of these animals are ranging the south at the cost of cattle feeding, and the natural pastures are said to be becoming their monopoly.

New York City will soon have its own official anthem. Mayor LA GUARDIA has written to the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers asking that it conduct a contest among anthem-writers to produce a hymn that Father Knickerbocker can call his own. He took the step after conferring with Mr. GENE BUCK, president of the society, and other leaders in the music world.

The explanation of the LEA Government's dictatorial attitude in suppressing information about its half-million dollar bond issue is revealed in the Liberal organ's gloating reference to "a non-existent Opposition, so far as the Legislature is concerned." It was to this feature of the provincial political situation that the Toronto Globe called attention as being one of grave danger to democracy. Where there is no official Opposition, there is no adequate check upon the administration in power.

Extensive production of cream cheese akin to popular European brands and especially Holland cheese, will begin at Henryville, Que., in the near future under the supervision of the Quebec Department of Agriculture. The new cheese is expected to be on sale early next year. The announcement is in line with a recent statement of Hon. ADELARD GOUBOU, Minister of Agriculture, that the province's dairy industry would soon be given an impetus through cream cheese manufacturing.

Do in Berlin as the Berliners do, is evidently a safe motto for Canadians visiting Germany. Two young Toronto men were assaulted by storm troopers in Berlin last Sunday, one of their assailants explaining they should have saluted the Nazi flag. The two are ALFRED BIRNEY, who graduated from University of British Columbia and holds an M.A. from University of Toronto, and KENNETH JOHNSTONE, 26. BIRNEY's mother lives in Vancouver. JOHNSTONE said their assailants dispersed quickly when it was realized the young men were foreigners. Police took the Toronto men to a police station and apologized.

Over 200 shippers from all parts of the Dominion are expected to attend the annual convention of the Canadian Industrial Traffic League which will be held in Montreal on January 29 and 30. The session will cover a wide range of transportation and related subjects and, among the more important matters to receive consideration will be the recent trade agreement with the United States and the railway problem—more particularly the question of an integrated transportation machine for the Dominion co-ordinating rail, highway, waterways and air.

In striking contrast to the "Mercy Slayers," visioning practically an unlimited life span, Dr. WILLIAM MARIAS MALISOFF, editor of Philosophy of Science, told the students of Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J., that "the stopping of time" was more than a possibility so far as scientific research was concerned. Declaring that no task of research is more important than that of promoting longevity, he suggested that such research might be undertaken by governments. A better plan, he said, would be to establish a research institute that would finance itself out of income to be obtained from its discoveries. Government laboratories are at present subject to "partisan" influences, he declared, while private research organizations do not have a broad enough scope to deal with the complex problem of lengthening life. Research of this nature, Dr. MALISOFF asserted, will be urged as the only investment not subject to the law of diminishing return, since it is impossible at present to conceive of an oversupply of ideas and methods for increasing longevity. Moreover, he said, such research will always be needed, in view of the "inexhaustible" nature of the problem involved.

The proclamation of the Ontario bill cancelling the Quebec hydro-power contracts was not altogether unexpected, notwithstanding high hopes were entertained by some that the power companies conference with the Government would render it unnecessary. There are certain objectionable features to the old contracts which, in the opinion of the Hydro Commission, can only be removed by out-and-out cancellation. One of these features is a clause which would permit the Quebec Government, at any time it saw fit to tax the export of Quebec power into Ontario, thereby adding the power consumers of Ontario with additional expense. The other feature is the provision for payment for power (in certain cases) in American funds. Hydro, it is said, did not want to face the possibility of footing any huge United States exchange bills in future. Settlement on the Government terms would have involved a 50 per cent. slash in the power load and a drastic cut in the original price paid under the contracts. The original price was \$15 per horsepower, and this the Government wished cut to \$12, \$11, or \$10. The companies were resigned to the fact that they must drastically reduce the load, but it is over the question of price that the argument now looms, it was said.

Notes By The Way

Mr. Thomas J. Watson, American business man, tells The London Sunday Express that young men who want to make fortunes should go to Canada. The next 25 years Mr. Watson says, are going to see more economic development in this country than in any other in the world. Canada is the country of the future, this United States observer declares. We should like to see more Canadian young men impressed with this thought. Often it takes an outsider to get the really correct impression and outlook. We are so close to Canadian possibilities that we sometimes fail to recognize them.—Ex.

It was a surprise to us to read the other day that Alberta, with a population of 750,000 people, has a pig population as large as Ireland. And here we had been thinking all along that Ireland was the home of the pig and the potato. It seems that Paddy Murphy's pig does not loom so large after all. Paddy and his fellow countrymen have only about 850,000 hogs. That's about Alberta's hog population. From this number we are able to sell about 1,000,000 commercial hogs yearly, leading all Canada. Truly, Alberta is looking to mixed farming when we beat Ontario and equal Ireland in pig production.—Lethbridge Herald.

A clever lawyer, addressing a class of aspirants for legal honors, sought to impress them with the necessity for carefully weighing the exact meaning of words or phrases used by a witness. "For example," he said, "supposing I told you that three frogs were sitting together on a log, and one decided to jump off; how many frogs do you think would be left on the log?" "Two!" cried the class. "Wrong!" corrected the lawyer. "The frog I specially referred to only decided to jump off. He didn't jump."

The no-entitlements-but-get-a-profit commentators in the United States are making capital out of the delay in applying oil sanctions by the League. They do not hesitate to talk of the United States being placed in an awkward position and even dare to suggest that Great Britain faltered. This is sheer mischievous nonsense. It is perfectly well realized by the League, that as a non-member nation, the United States is not pledged to collective action to curb aggression. Its signature of the Pact of Paris binds Washington to no specific action. It is, however, perfectly well realized by United States diplomats that, if their country impedes or even fails to aid the League on this occasion, it will forever forfeit the right to speak on behalf of right. The United States is one of the key oil countries. Its action in putting pressure on oil shippers is appreciated by the League. The week's delay has not been enough to embarrass Washington by giving an appearance of being less than ready to act. Britain most emphatically has never faltered and only agreed to postponement in order that Laval might secure himself at home. Washington has done well in this case and will not be let down. Those who are more keen to make profits than to preserve the national honor had better sing small.—Ex.

A sad little exchange of letters has just come to our attention, the whole thing having started off when a customer returned four pairs of curtains to Wana-makers and asked for a refund. Wana-makers refunded the money, then wrote the customer a note, as follows: "In our desire to be of constant service, we would appreciate hearing from you as to the reason for the return, so that we may take the necessary steps to prevent a recurrence in the future." The customer made a conscientious reply to this request, but it wasn't of much help. All he said was, "The house I was going to use the curtains in burned down."—New Yorker.

In his latest message, Dictator Josef Stalin, of the U.S.S.R., says that, under the new communism, which calls for an increased labor output, "life has become jolly, and when life is jolly one works much better." The association calls to mind the famous Dickens character, Mark Tapley, who was jolly under the most adverse circumstances, whether in the midst of seasickness on a storm-tossed emigrant ship or in a malaria-infested Mississippi swamp. If Stalin can convert his followers to the Mark Tapley attitude, then everybody should be happy.—Montreal Gazette.

A despatch from London tells of a "monster petition" praying for an examination of social credits. Do the people whose signatures make this petition a monster seriously imagine that social credit has not long since been minutely examined by the keenest brains in Britain? The great joke of the age is the widespread idea that Britain is sleepy and behind the times. So much is this idea mooted that many Britons themselves believe it. Nonetheless when some other nation brings out a novelty with a fanfare of genuine political credence, it trumps it to discover that Britain has it already, or alternatively has examined and tested it and discarded it definitely. There is precious little of importance that gets by Whitehall.—Telegraph Journal.

The Manchurian incident is even more the complete answer. Also when tolerating the attacks of the civilian politicians on the army and navy; their training and lack of genuine political education have rendered the Japanese, at bottom, sympathetic with the armed forces. At heart they have always been inclined to the khaki uniform and the sabre rather than to the frock-coat and the noisemaker. Simplicity and authoritarianism have always appealed to them more than the complexities and personal respon-

That Body of Deeds

By James W. Barton, M.D.

MORE INFORMATION REGARDING TREATMENT OF ACNE—PIMPLES

The exact cause of acne (pimples) is unknown but it is known that treatment by Xrays will clear up most cases, just as insulin protects against the symptoms of diabetes, and liver against the symptoms of anaemia (thin blood).

However it has been found that a number of these cases "cured" by the Xrays have further attacks months and sometimes years after the application of the Xray treatment.

Thus at the annual meeting of the American Medical Association some months ago Dr. Jeffrey C. Michael, Houston, Texas, stated that the Xray treatment besides that of the Xray was necessary in many cases of acne.

Research men now report three types of acne, as follows: 1. Acne of the face, especially cheeks and chin in young girls and women, due to some condition of the sex glands; the symptoms being worse at the monthly period.

2. Acne of the trunk or body. Constipation, dropping of the abdominal organs, and chronic irritation of the lower bowel, are usually present. This type is due to stasis or slowness of the bowel movements.

3. Thyroid type of acne in which the pimples are very large and found both on face and body. Enlargement and increased activity of the thyroid gland in the neck is thought to be the cause.

The treatment now advised is that each case be investigated from various standpoints (a) possibility of infection of teeth, tonsils, intestine, thin blood, the kind of food eaten, and activity or nonactivity of the large bowel (constipation); (b) the age of the patient; (c) the mildness or severity of the case; (d) the gland factor.

This means: (1) Any infection should be removed, proper diet given, and bowel made active. (2) If patient is very young it is not considered wise to use the Xray treatment but in older patients (18 to 25) the chances for a permanent cure are about 80 in every 100 cases treated.

3. Patients up to the age of 18 should be treated by improving the general health and the use of stimulating ointments to the affected skin.

I have spoken before about the satisfactory results obtained by two Chicago research physicians by the use of viosterol, beginning with 10 drops daily, gradually increasing the dose till at the end of two weeks 20 drops daily are given, and continuing in go give the 20 drops daily for two more weeks.

The Poet's Corner

FROM "A SHROPSHIRE LAD" I hoed and trenched and weeded And took the flowers to fair; I brought them home unheeded; The hue was not the wear.

So up and down I sowed them For lads like me to find, When I shall lie below them, A dead man out of mind.

Some seed the birds devour, And some the season mars, But here and there will flower The solitary stars.

And fields will yearly bear them As light-leaved spring comes on, And luckless lads will wear them When I am dead and gone.

—A. E. HOUSMAN.

sibilities of parliamentary politics. It needed but a focus for their feeling, a bugle-call to action. The Manchurian incident provided it. The State was in danger—and the army at a premium. The navy, especially after the Shanghai incident, was invested with a halo after the same pattern.—Professor John Palmer in the Contemporary Review.

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PUBLIC FORUM

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

THE PRICE OF BONDS

Sir,—The arm-chair bond expert of the Lea Government boasts that our bonds sold almost a point better than those of Nova Scotia. It was a good sale. It doesn't follow. Bonds are estimated as to value by the credit of the issuer. In Nova Scotia a Liberal Government has been in power several years with a disastrous financial record. With such a record their bonds sold well.

Prince Edward Island bonds were valued on the MacMillan government financial record, and had this been properly advertised we would have got a higher price.

In proof of this New Brunswick, on the Tilly government record of finance sold some millions at \$98.50, a higher price than either N.S. or P.E.I. realized.

Their failure to put the half million Prince Edward Island bonds into the open market, by public competition, is resulting in a sure loss of thousands of dollars to the province by underselling to the chosen of those in office.

I am, Sir, etc. INVESTOR

PLENTY GOVERNMENT BOOZE

Sir,—Now that the Patriot admits "established" government control surely this fait accompli will no longer be doubted.

You remark, in view of recent big seizures, that bootlegger stuff may be scarce. But there is no "corn in Egypt". There will be no lack of government supplies. A god-send to truckmen in these days of little work, for days from morning to evening trucking jigger loads to the new whiskey-beer palace, storing in preparation for a heavy winter demand. None need go thirsty who can raise the cash.

A further scheme to deceive is the increase of beer scripts to 50 and "spirits" to 15. It is to camouflage the objective of more profits from greater sales. To hoodwink temperance people, their plea is encourage drinking of more beer and less spirits.

But why encourage drinking of any kind? The people voted for the absolute ban of the traffic, except for medicinal use. In a former legislature a qualified doctor declared that "not more than three per cent of medical scripts issued were for medicinal purposes." It is a pure blind to limit spirits to 15 per doctor, knowing as they do that more than this is never called for or used.

And that the "limit" is made as pure bluff to justify increasing the sales of booze from 50 to 65 per medico. The whole scheme is to make more blood money for the government, more public liquor selling, more drunks and fines in the courts, more accidents on the highways and more debauchery in the homes. And all under our "established" government control.

In any case our paternal government is prepared for and will see to it that there will be no scarcity of drink and no danger of either a dry Christmas or a dry winter.

I am, Sir, etc. TEMPERANCE

THE GREAT TRADE FRAUD

Sir,—No wonder the Grit organ now wants to shift the King blunder to the Conservatives and call it the Bennett Treaty. There is no Bennett treaty with the United States on trade. There is a Mackenzie King document recently signed which they will be forced to father, no matter how disagreeable it is.

It would be well to consider what has been given the United States and what, if anything, we get in return. To the most important deal is the most important. Last year, despite the high duties, Canada shipped 1,901,128 bushels of potatoes to the states. Under the trade agreement the duty is to be reduced on 750,000 bushels of these, the full duty of 75 cents per 100 lbs. to be paid in the remainder, and on whatever more we are able to sell to them. That is we continue the 75 cents duty on 1,651,128 bushels as we formerly paid it.

This is for the whole of Canada, and yet not enough to absorb one quarter the potato crop of our own little island, and not enough of our surplus allowed this reduced duty to supply the Boston market alone for more than a fortnight.

Last year (1934) the States shipped over 100,000 bushels into Canada under the Bennett tariff and dumping restrictions. The King treaty allows these now to come in free. The Liberal excuse is that these are early southern potatoes which do not affect farmers' products here. This is a fallacy. The earliest imports coming in June are high priced and few imported, yet they displace in quantity a like amount of last year's Canadian crop. Later on, in August, when our new tubers are on the market, the States crop is fully matured, and at its lowest price, interfering disastrously with our sale of new potatoes, costing us higher to produce.

And those potatoes, with as many more as they choose to ship, Mr. King admits into Canada free of duty.

Reduction of 15 percent duty on cream is hailed as another blessing. The quantity is limited to 700,000 gallons, about enough to supply one of the border gittes of the States with its ice cream requirements for about a week. To whose benefit is this? Not to Prince Edward Island certainly, nor to the inland settlements of Canada, for the cream must arrive fresh on the market, suitable for table or ice cream use, which can only be catered to by producers immediately on the border and close to consuming U. S. cities. Nickel is another catchpenny claim. Canada produces 80 percent

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of the world's nickel supply. They are compelled to buy from us, and only recently we have been black-booked because through United States as intermediary more of our nickel found its way to Italy for war purposes. In the last month than formerly was exported in a whole year. The chief profiteers from this lower nickel duty will be the United States manufacturers getting their raw material cheaper in order to undersell Canadian manufacturers. The same is true of pulpwood. United States newspaper has practically exhausted their own forests, and there is abundant of public complaint that Canada's supply is similarly threatened. And this will

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