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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the Weakest Ink."

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The Ontario Situation

Ontario Conservatives will have a vigorous leader in Colonel George A. Drew, who was an easy winner on the first ballot cast at the provincial party convention in Toronto last week.

Recent charges by Colonel Drew in connection with the Bren gun contracts, awarded to the John Inglis Company of Toronto, brought him into nation-wide prominence and resulted in a probe by a Royal Commission whose report is now being awaited.

While there has been division in Conservative ranks in Ontario, Colonel Drew's enthusiastic indorsement at last week's convention left nothing to be desired, one of the first to congratulate him being the former leader, Hon. Earl Rowe, who had been prominent in the drive to elect Mr. Lawson.

Five Conservative members of the Ontario Legislature have offered to resign in the Colonel's favor, and it is expected that Premier Hepburn will call an early by-election to give the new leader an opportunity of contesting one of these seats.

It is amusing to read the pre-convention comments in Ontario Liberal papers. All were anticipating a first class row, instead of which the greatest harmony and enthusiasm prevailed. How different the situation is it now stands between the Ottawa Liberal administration and the Ontario Liberal Government!

An Urgent Problem

"If we are ever to attain the road to prosperity," says the Saint John Citizen, "the basis for that prosperity will rest on the number and economic well-being of our primary producers. Agriculture in this province has lagged for years.

Four Millions At Ottawa

When did we last hear about the Fishermen's bounty? It was away back in the session of 1935, when Hon. J. P. McIntyre, then in Opposition, recalled the Halifax Award of 1877 under which the U. S. Government had to pay \$5,500,000 for the privileges of the American fishing vessels in northern waters.

Now comes a complaint from the Financial Post (Toronto) that the payment of the \$160,000 bounty is "a public waste," and should be abolished. It is claimed that not only do the fishermen receive little benefit from its distribution (the average payments amount to less than \$7.00) but "the cost of its administration is high.

ble persons was not known." Here, surely, is Mr. McIntyre's golden opportunity. The burdensome cost of administering the bounty could be dispensed with altogether if the principal—the \$4,000,000 award still in the treasury at Ottawa—were spent in rehabilitating the industry.

An additional argument that Mr. McIntyre could advance is the fact that last year Parliament voted half a million dollars for fishery rehabilitation which the Government neglected to expend and which was supposed to have been devoted this year but was actually allowed to lapse.

Editorial Notes

Robert Browning died this date, 1889.

"Like little macks a muckle," hence it is the savings accounts of the small depositors in the British Post Office Savings Bank, and Trustees Saving Banks now total the gigantic sum of \$7,265,000,000.

The biggest hit with his cosmopolitan audience in New York made by Major Anthony Eden was when he said: "Let me give you a little bit of family history—I do not mean my ancestry."

The Liberals in Kinross and North West Perth have withdrawn their candidate in the by-election to enable the Duchess of Atholl to have a straight fight with the official Conservative candidate, Mr. W. McNeill Snadden.

Preparations are well advanced for the World Fair at New York. This is a splendid opportunity for this Province to bring to the attention of all and sundry our famed disease free cattle, our high standard butter and eggs, our canned goods, our world famous silver foxes and pelts, our premium seed potatoes and table stock, not to mention our prime hams and bacon, and innumerable other products of our farms and industries.

Mr. H. G. Williams, schoolmaster member of the British Parliament, had a tooth knocked out while ejecting an anti-Jewish knocker from a political meeting in suburban Fulham. Mr. Williams, a Conservative, referred to the famed statesman, Mr. Benjamin Disraeli, whereupon a man in the audience shouted "He was a Jew."

Although the House is not in session at Ottawa, Hon. Dr. Manion, who won the federal by-election in London November 14, has taken the oath of office as Opposition Leader before Dr. Arthur Beauchesne, Clerk of the House of Commons, and has formally taken over the quarters recently vacated by Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett, former Leader of the Opposition.

Dr. Ronald Law, Chief Sanitary Officer of the Canadian National Railways has been addressing the National Association of Insecticide and Disinfectant manufacturers in New York and took occasion to refer to the fox and mink industry. He said scientific methods for fox and mink farming have not kept pace with the growth of the industry.

The judge, Sir William Moore-Cann, received the information in the Westminster County Court, London, gratuitously offered by Mr. G. G. Baker, counsel for the plaintiff, and thanked counsel for enlightening him. The enlightenment consisted of this: "Red-haired woman cannot wear red." The plaintiff was Cecile Pretorius, a couturiere of considerable fame in Cape Town, South Africa, who had gone to London to be instructed in fabric and complexion harmony.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The beaver, according to a Toronto naturalist, roars about two months of a year and spends the rest of it having a grand time. No wonder the politicians coraled him for the national emblem.—Hamilton Spectator.

Hon. F. M. Dewar, Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, gets credit from the St. Thomas Times-Journal for filling his job without going "high-hat". Everyone knows what happens to a farmer promoted to high office.

Democracy is a fine thing so long as it is taken seriously. But when that system of political philosophy survives only in the forms and motions of freedom, then democracy is on its way out.

It strikes us as a good idea to plant trees on the Baden Hills to prevent soil erosion and at the same time to fill the nucleus of a conservation scheme which may eventually become a provincial park in memory of Sir Adam Beck.

Leaving aside all petty differences and having in mind only the greatest good to the greatest number, the will of the majority of every member of every board, organization and institution in Canada, in Ontario, and in Oshawa, the common ground of every one of us is the will of the majority.

It may not be anyone's blame, but with coal importations into Canada on such a large scale with no month of the year seeing less than a million tons of coal imported from foreign countries, it would seem that the solution must be found in the limitation of this importation rather than in any more relief of the tariff.

According to The Brockville Recorder, the remains of men and women who died of accident or disease during the building of the Great Eastern Railway in the Falls have been strewn along the road between that place and Elgin as the result of an old burial plot having been turned into a gravel pit. This means that human skeletons were unearthed and not attempted at re-interment. It was a decidedly callous thing to do.

The insulation of Princes in British India is becoming appreciably less complete, as indicated by commercial progress and improvements in the means of communication, egalitarian ideas to which the States have hitherto been imperious and unyielding to their populations, with the result that in several places disturbances of the peace occurred. On all sides a gradual disintegration has been in progress by a variety of agencies, notably aviation, wireless broadcasting, and especially the wireless ca. The fault of India lies in progress. By a variety of agencies, notably aviation, wireless broadcasting, and especially the wireless ca.

Women wear the breeches nearly everywhere in the summer, and the increase in Winter sports offers them opportunities of doing the same. We cannot think that they take to the breeches for the sake of being businesslike, because woman never looks less alluring than when she is wearing a garment specifically designed for men.

Let motorists who drive at this time of year with their car windows closed beware of carbon monoxide leaking in from loose engine exhaust and muffler connections. This poison, which is particularly insidious because it is almost impossible to detect by smell, can become a contributing factor to highway accidents even though it is colorless and odorless in quantities to cause death. After extensive tests the U. S. National Research Council reports that the inhalation of 100 parts per million of carbon monoxide in engine exhaust gases over a period of six to nine hours renders the driver of a motor vehicle less efficient and the results are comparable in judgment and decreased driving ability. Automotive engineers have striven to construct vehicles which will prevent gases from the motor reaching the driving compartment but in time openings occur and a blown-out exhaust gasket, a cracked exhaust manifold or a leaky muffler may result in carbon monoxide entering the cab without the driver realizing its presence.—Toronto Telegram.

King George The Sixth

Chapter One. "NO MAN CAN BE WISER THAN DESTINY." —Tennyson.

It is an interesting page of history which relates that when the beloved Queen Victoria came to the throne in 1837, it marked the first time that the British monarchy did not carry with it the title of the ruler of Hanover, and when King Edward VII was crowned, there was no longer any connection between the British Royal Family and the continent.

There is no doubt that this was not mere coincidence. Queen Victoria had been disappointed with certain events, particularly with marriages which had been planned for the ruler of the international political scene but which had turned out to be sad disappointments. Her eldest daughter's marriage with the Crown Prince of Russia did not bring the desired results and there was little happiness to be found in the marriage of Prince Alfred to the daughter of the Czar of Russia.

It was believed that these two marriages would strengthen the bonds of friendship between the three powers whose relations had been strained on account of Russia's ambitions in Europe, but conditions had actually become worse. Thereafter, Queen Victoria did not favour any Royal matches which were purely diplomatic reasons, and when her grandson, George, the Duke of York, who was destined to become King George V, was engaged to a beautiful girl named Mary of Teck, the beloved Queen did not hesitate to offer her blessing to the marriage of a "couple joined in true love and unanimity."

It was a very happy marriage and the couple lived peacefully in the routine of the English Royal Family at White Lodge in Richmond Park. In June of 1894, their first child was born and he was named Prince Edward, who was later to become King Edward VIII and who is to-day the Duke of Windsor. On December 14, 1896, another son was born to this couple at York Cottage in Sandringham, and this new prince was named Prince Albert, Duke of York. He, however, Queen Victoria was contented when she learned that the new member of the Royal Family would have the name of the Prince Consort, and this name was christened Albert Arthur George, who was raised as a second son bearing the name of Prince Albert, though he further; and we in London are responsible of head of the greatest Empire that ever existed in the history of mankind and who is to-day known as King George the Sixth.

(continued next week) (Reproduction Prohibited, 1938. Educational Features Syndicate)

The Poet's Corner

Dark, deep, and cold the current flows, Unto the sea where no wind blows, Seeking the land which no one knows. Though myriads go with him who goes, Alone he goes where no wind blows, Unto the land which no one knows. Alone with God, where no wind blows, And death, his shadow — doomed, he goes: That God is there, the shadow shows. O shoreless Deep, where no wind blows! And thou O Land which no one knows! That God is All, His shadow shows. —Ebeneser Elliot.

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PORT CHURCHILL

Sir:—In a recent editorial The Guardian dealt with the political rather than the economic base upon which Fort Churchill—as a Manitoba port—was built. You point out that "According to one estimate it would require twelve million bushels to cover the bare expenses of the port. The actual traffic falls ridiculously short of this figure so there is no prospect of developing a profitable business for the route."

As I understand the situation, only some 17,000,000 bushels of wheat have moved "via Churchill" since the initial season of 1931, when the handling totalled 545,000 bushels. It is not a brilliant record, but the fact that this season 916,913 bushels passed through the port's facilities within the week September 29 to October 6th, speaks for itself.

As you are aware—apart entirely from insurance costs—the tramp steamers call for two weeks' cargo if they are to earn a living wage. For reasons which cannot be gone into here, the inbound tonnage at Churchill is an instance of a fair-fair. If it changes some day, there will be no difficulty in stepping-up the outbound bushelage. I am sure The Guardian would wish to be fair in this matter, and feel, therefore, that—in the face of the above-mentioned tariff or political limitations—your recent article is likely to get a wrong impression from your statement: "The farmers of the West, who were so desirous of getting the service, did not take themselves off now that their wishes have been granted, at a public cost of many millions of dollars."

It may help to remind the reader that, prior to Wheat Board operations, in 1935, the organized farmers on the prairies supplied 68 per cent of all wheat shipped "via Churchill."

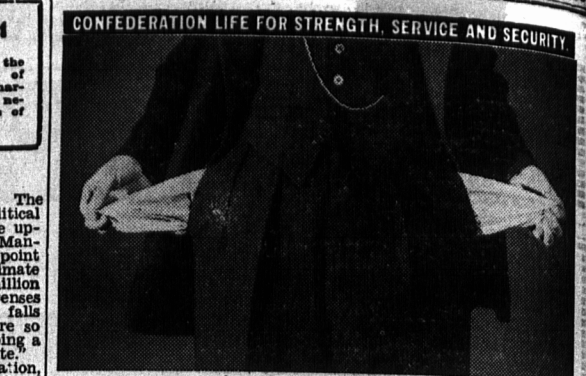
FUR MARKETING CONDITIONS

Sir:—I would be extremely obliged if you would be kind enough to allow me to write in your newspaper a few words of encouragement to the silver fox ranchers of the Maritime Provinces and other parts of Canada. Two years ago I had the pleasure and privilege of speaking from Summerside, when world and market conditions were not altogether dissimilar to those ruling today, and when I stressed the fact that our industry should not take too gloomy a view of the future. Well now, I have become apparent to me during my short visit to the Maritime Provinces that, again this year, there is a big element of doubt and depression among fox ranchers regarding prices likely to be obtained in 1939. In consequence with a view to imparting some stiffening to their spirits, I would hasten to say that, in my opinion, times in general are more likely to improve than recede still further; and we in London are looking forward to a quieter and steadier political situation, which should have the effect of gradually promoting firmer and better markets for world commodities. As no doubt many of you are aware, we have recently completed the London November silver fox auctions, and prices obtained seem to have given general satisfaction. The quantity offered was certainly not a large one, but there was a clearance of about 90 per cent, which at any rate is some indication of the undoubted popularity of silver fox skins. Furthermore, there has been a good and steady demand during the last few months with the result that last season's pelts have been practically absorbed before the entry of the new catch, which is another factor giving stability to the situation. Prices obtained during the last year's auction have not been too remunerative, but as mentioned above, it seems unlikely that any further substantial reduction will occur. Before closing I would like to refer once again to the excellent work and assistance which I notice is still readily and freely being given by the various marketing organizations, and ranchers would do well to consult them on whatever problems they are up against. The various organizations know are kept fully and regularly posted from Europe and other countries with regard to market conditions and trends, and are therefore in an unequalled position in these parts to impart advice when required. Wishing you and all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

I am Sir, etc. A. A. SHEPHERD, of (Alding & Cobb, London, England)

"MILK AND BUTTER"

Sir:—I am amazed that "J. F. W.", whose writings hitherto have had the mark of intelligence, should demean himself below the stature of the gentleman, which I took him to be to resort to fabrication and misrepresentation on the wholesale scale as exhibited in his letter to the Patriot on the above subject. Assuming his attack to be upon letters written by me, I refuse to let him get away with it. He writes: "He claims the price of milk in Saint John is higher than in Charlottetown owing to an increased cost of collecting milk from areas 100 miles distant." To this he offers the childish answer that—"The chief milk supply comes from Sussex—48 miles distance, then with this more sensible statement: "In any case distance has nothing to do with the price for milk is bought F. O. B. Saint John." If he will consult any business man he will learn that transportation costs to any F. O. B. destination have a very great deal to do with the delivered cost. Inasmuch as Sussex is a large dairying section and milk and cream manufacturing centre, their prices are absolutely fixed by the provincial general cost of production and delivery. The Federal Minister of Agriculture may not be as high an authority as "J. F. W.", yet at risk of building on a weak foundation I will quote from his last available report on New Brunswick milk: "For the most part the chief obstacle creameries have to face is that of obtaining sufficient cream to operate." The Provincial Government for the past few years have been aiding creameries and patrons alike by contributing to the expense of transportation. "The average length of route on round trip was 100 miles. The report is too voluminous for me to detail further, My figures were taken



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of the ordinary astuteness of his profession, he would have refrained from quoting the standard price of butter fat at 23c per lb. for a rebound impudently to his face in contradiction of his \$2. bluish which he parades with so much assurance. He has only to figure his 3.7 per cent butter fat to learn that it returns the primary producers only 80c per 100 lbs. and no approach to his mythical \$2. Then he says,—"He claims the Board rate was out of line with every other province in Canada." I claimed nothing of the kind. This is another fragment of his elastic imagination. I did claim that the powers claimed and exercised by the Board, and conferred by the Legislature, were "out of line with every other province in Canada." And the Nova Scotia Commission, after most searching enquiry, reported the same to his Government. (Continued on page 9, Col 6)

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