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THE BENNETT WAY

The people of Great Britain continue to admire the manner in which Canadian affairs have been managed during the four-year world depression. This admiration finds expression in the leading British newspapers. The London Daily Telegraph comments upon the fact that since the early summer the Canadian dollar has detached itself from the United States dollar. Noting a further rise in the Canadian dollar as compared with the American dollar the Telegraph suggests that it indicates a movement of capital from the republic to the Dominion. It is, of course, a fact that for some time United States money has been crossing the border, partly as a result of fear of inflation at Washington, which makes the Canadian dollar more attractive to Americans: The Telegraph adds:

"There is a sound and permanent basis for the strength of the Dominion's currency. Internal trade measured by car loadings and industrial statistics has been steadily gathering force, while the external trade for the first seven months of this year showed an excess of exports of over \$58,000,000. Production of gold has reached high records, and the silver output is also increasing. The sale of these and other metals is expanding the demand for Canadian dollars. The harvest is satisfactory, and prices are higher, and the prospects for the three prairie provinces is better than it has been since the crisis. The most gratifying feature is that the progress is steady and not spasmodic, and shows no signs of being checked. Traffic of the two railway systems record steady weekly increases. As Canada's trade within the Empire is growing, the Dominion is becoming less liable to suffer from conditions in the U. S. A."

DIFFERENT OBJECTIVES

The Ottawa Citizen attempts to rescue the Heppburn Government from the odium surrounding its axe-wielding policy by drawing an alleged parallel between Mr. Heppburn's present activities and those of Mr. Bennett in 1930. "The Government at Ottawa under Premier Bennett's leadership" it says editorially, "did much the same thing after coming into office in 1930. It almost wiped out the Department of the Interior and the dismissal of Deputy-Ministers has become notorious."

It is, of course, true, says the Mail and Empire, that the number of employees in the Department of the Interior has been reduced considerably. The cause of this development, however, was the transfer of the Crown lands to the Western Provinces consummated by the King Government. This transfer left the Department without work to engage its previous staff and reductions became necessary.

What is equally important is the manner in which the Government has reduced the staff—the treatment which it has accorded to those employees for whom there was no further work in the Interior Department. At the time when the natural resources were transferred to the Western Provinces the department had 2766 employees. As a result of this transfer it was necessary to abolish 1,171 positions. The Government arranged to have 278 of the persons so retired, absorbed by the services of the Western Provinces in positions for which their training at Ottawa had peculiarly fitted them. Of the remainder 248 have been taken into the permanent staffs of other departments; 142 others have been employed in temporary capacities. From this it is seen that a conscientious and sincere attempt has been made to take care of the employees whose positions were abolished as a result of the transfer of the natural resources from the Federal Government to the respective Western Provinces.

It is true that there have been a number of changes in the personnel of the Deputy-Ministers since 1930, but the reason does not lie in political considerations. In practically every instance the retirements have been due to either age or ill-health and have been proceeded with on a reasonable and dignified basis under general orders-in-Council applying to the whole civil service and providing for the retirement of officials at the age of sixty-five years.

The Bennett Government has made no attempt to play politics in making new appointments. In a

number of cases well-known Liberals have been appointed to responsible positions. In making the appointments the Government has been concerned only with the efficiency of the Service. The most competent men, irrespective of politics, have been chosen. The Heppburn Government, on the other hand, is dismissing public servants with ruthless discourtesy and with even cynical avowal of the partisan objective in view.

CANADA'S SHARE

Detailed statistics for U. S. citizens living abroad, issued by the State Department, indicate that solitude is the prime consideration in Gibraltar, symbol of security the world around, are to be found only nine. In Alberta, region of wide open spaces, are 85,847 or almost enough to repeople the State of Nevada. It might be said that solitude is not absolute in a province of 730,000 souls, but they live in an area nearly as large as Texas. In South America, Brazil, Argentina and Venezuela lead in the number of United States residents; in Central America Mexico, Panama, and Honduras; in the West Indies the Dominion Republic, Cuba and Haiti; in Europe Italy, France and Great Britain and Northern Ireland; in Africa the Transvaal and Orange Free State, Egypt and the Belgian Congo. All over the world, under every flag, live U. S. citizens, but that the feet of the expatriate do not usually take him far may be shown by the fact that more than half of all living abroad are to be found in Canada.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Railway men, farmers, fishermen, all were here yesterday on business intent.

Wool smoulders but does not blaze, that is why there was more smoke than flame at yesterday's wool mill conflagration.

After November 1 the U.S.A. loses its special preference in the Cuban potato market, but meantime Maine has received an order for 80,000 bags.

According to Mr. Karl H. Von Wiegand, European correspondent of the Associated Press, interviewed at Quebec, "England is the only normal country in Europe today. Paris and Berlin are dead, Vienna is down at heels but still lovable."

With the object of stressing the importance of purchasing Canadian goods and merchandise to help promote prosperity in the Dominion, Produced in Canada Week will be held from November 5 to 10, it is announced by the Produced in Canada Association (Quebec), Incorporated, section of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association which sponsors the week as well as an exhibition in Montreal.

A rescue from drowning in the Clyde was witnessed on Sunday by Prime Minister R. B. Bennett who is returning to Canada on Canadian Pacific liner Duchess of Richmond. A small sailing canoe was capsized in the wash of the liner, and its occupant, James McFadyen, 21, was thrown into the river. A lifeboat was smartly launched from the Duchess of Richmond and McFadyen was picked up unharmed.

Besides the White Maritime Claims Commission, there is another Claims Commission sitting at Ottawa at present, namely the Alberta Resources Commission, consisting of Justice A. K. Dyson, Manitoba, chairman, Judge T. M. Tweedie, Alberta, and Mr. Geo. C. Macdonald, Montreal. The question of the right to a monetary grant additional to the annual subsidies which Alberta has received since 1905 down to the time the natural resources were returned to the province four years ago marks the third time similar claims of the Prairie Provinces have been probed by a commission. In the case of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, commissions already have sat upon their respective claims.

Many here knew Dr. Herbert M. Little, chief abdominal surgeon of Montreal General Hospital whose sudden death in London, Ont., last week caused a great shock in Montreal and throughout the medical profession generally. A nurse writing in the Montreal Gazette pays this tribute: "The nursing profession has been deeply affected by the death of Dr. Little. All nurses who were privileged to work with him were enthralled by his unique vitality and his genuine sincerity. To him, each patient was an individual, and his encouragement, sym-

Notes By The Way

Prisoners in English jails and prisons are soon to have their own prison-printed and prison-edited newspaper. It will be called the Weekly News Sheet, and will be distributed to the inmates of approximately ten prisons gratis. Until distribution of the newspaper is made general throughout all the prisons, however, the practice of having the chaplain read excerpts of the week's news at Sunday services will be continued.

The announcement of the Japanese delegate to the preliminary discussions on naval disarmament indicates what Japan wants, but not how far she is prepared to go in order to get it. The 5-5-3 ratio is no longer acceptable to Japan. Precisely why it will be interesting to learn, if it is ever disclosed. It represents what was regarded as a reasonable assignment of naval force for the requirements of the three leading navies, and it put a brake on competitive League of Nations Great Britain and the United States will listen attentively to anything Japan may have to urge. No body can force Japan to renew the agreement when it expires, and unfortunately Japan has been upset by the attempt of the League of Nations to restrain her policy in Manchukuo. Japan therefore is in no temper for co-operation. Whether naval limitation will succeed in saving naval limitation by treaty remains to be seen.

It is good to have a hobby, some say that it is better to have two or three hobbies. There does not seem to be any direct connection between the hobby and the crime. The boy obtained therefrom. It is said that the most expensive hobby in the world is yachting, but judging on the disatisfaction that prevails since the recent yacht races, it appears that there is more joy to be found in much cheaper and simpler forms of spare time pursuits.

The conflicting jurisdictions in the United States, where each state makes its own criminal law and where a man charged with a crime in one state has to be extradited if he is in another, in exactly the same way as if the states were totally different countries, makes the pursuit of the criminal very difficult. The recent case in which a man who had escaped and passed from one state to play his nefarious business in another.

When Canadian statesmen come to Britain they stand for Canada as a nation and not for any Canadian section, political or racial. It is the height of wisdom to let each nation of the Empire consume its own political smoke. Hence the readiness with which British Ministers and the public extend a welcome to the Canadian statesmen.

Health authorities are warning those trying to keep the doctor away by eating an apple that the doctor's services may be needed if the apple is not properly cleaned before eating. It is not sufficient to follow the time-honored schoolboy practice of giving the apple a scrub on the shirt sleeve. It would be foolish to abandon the apple-eating practice from fear of spray poisoning. But it is well enough to take the health authorities advice and wash the apple in water. It is a whole some practice, anyway.—Detroit News.

The Spanish extremists, by resorting to force, are playing directly into the hands of the republicans and helping to destroy republican institutions which seemed to signalize a new birth of freedom in Spain. The issue may be a dictatorship much more oppressive than the monarchic rule of King Alfonso XIII. Many today is less free than he was under the Kaiser.—London Advertiser.

The Canadian Prime Minister brings to France a new Franco-Canadian Trade Agreement. It supplements the agreement of May, 1933, and makes mutual tariff reductions on many classes of goods. British Ministers' treaties with other countries are made on a basis of reciprocity. For them, better obligations than that of the Franco-Canadian agreement are not in acceptance or rejection. All they can do is to throw out the Ministers who did the negotiating. Not so in Canada. These trade agreements require the sanction of the Canadian Parliament, but in this case that sanction is assured.

England is full of good souls, once wealthy, who year after year have suffered without a whimper the surgical operations of the most onerous taxation system in the world, of families that have watched their entire resources wiped out

pathy and interest were responsible for as great an improvement to her mentally, as was his skill as a surgeon to her physically. He would come at any hour and stay indefinitely if he felt his presence was of assistance, and the love and trust of his patients, rich or poor, showed how much that attention and thoughtfulness were appreciated. The nursing profession owes much to Dr. Little's teaching, but we mourn for the loss of his vivid personality, his delightful wit and his genius for friendship. Dr. Little's place in the affections of his nurses will never be filled, and his memory will be an inspiration in the years to come."

NATURE DIDN'T INTEND THAT WE SIT SO MUCH

One of the things most of us forget is that when man was created it was meant that he should be on his feet most of the time and when not on his feet he should be lying down. What do we find? While many occupations require standing on the feet, a great many, whether in office or workshop, permit sitting down and Nature didn't intend this to be the case.

What happens when we sit down? The body relaxes, which of course is good for it, but the shoulders fall forward and the heart and lungs are crowded so that the pumping of the blood and the purifying of the blood are both interfered with to just the extent we allow our shoulders to fall forward.

Now while Nature meant that we stand on our feet or lie down if all the organs of the body are to do their work properly, our civilization demands that many of us sit most of the time.

This means then that if we have this, we should try to sit in a position where we will crowd heart, lungs and abdominal organs as little as possible.

The best way to sit to avoid crowding the organs is with the chest held high. A simple way to attain this is to sit on a stool or chair so that the feet are as far apart as possible. When on your feet you should try to stand as tall as possible.

The small of the back should be supported by the chair, both feet should rest on the floor or on a foot rest. The floor the chair seat should be wide enough to support about two-thirds the length of the thighs.

There are various adjustable chairs obtainable now and for the individual whose work keeps him sitting all day, a chair adjusted to his particular length of body and length of legs may mean the difference between indigestion with poor circulation and a good digestion with good circulation.

When sitting in a "slouchy" position sitting is like sitting on a pile of straw. The light coming from the wrong direction. This of course should be corrected.

The thought then is that as we sit in a chair we should think of the one most helpful idea; that is to "sit tall."

Arrival At Marseilles

(T.B.R. in the Winnipeg Free Press)

Alexander was going to Paris in the very best of equipment. The Queen was ill and couldn't stand the trip by sea; little Peter was imbibing British education in that agreeable school in England. Old Barthou would be waiting on the dock at Marseilles and the people in Rome could think just whatever they chose. For a destroyer the movement was very steady, the cabin hardly swayed at all. Fine weather, and the Mediterranean spangled with the jewelry of gold and money. They were getting along. The treasury position was not too impossible. On those loans his dear colleague might try a bit of squeezing. But there were parties to that. Coercing Queen fellow, round, solemn, wanting a lot, and offering things too. Putting the case with a good deal of force. Well, here was the sparkling golden sea, and yonder was the harbor of Marseilles, the Greek owned. Arriving as Alexander might have entered Persia. Not a bad name. Marie would have liked the fine reception. All those sailors so smart in their uniforms, on the brilliant deck with blue steel and the pointing guns snugged down with plugs in their mouths. Gold braid on the Captain's coat. Navies were expensive things. Heat in the sun; real warmth; like the welcome of Barthou with his mottled expression and the gratified look in his eye. He would be there in style with an imposing turn-out of dressed-up function-

by three generations of death duties, yet whose members will still sing "God Save the King" and go to the Derby in grey topers. They will not deny their gods. They will go down before the Chancellor of the Exchequer's axe with their coats buttoned up and their regimental ties in good repair. For them, better obligations than that of the Franco-Canadian agreement are not in acceptance or rejection. All they can do is to throw out the Ministers who did the negotiating. Not so in Canada. These trade agreements require the sanction of the Canadian Parliament, but in this case that sanction is assured.

The Poet's Corner

AT WORDSWORTH'S GRAVE The old rude church, with bare, bald tower, is here Beneath is shadow high-born Rotha flows; Rocks, remembering well who for a summer war, And with cool murmur lulling his repose.

Not Milton's keen, translunar music thine; Not Shakespeare's cloudless, peaked Not Shelley's flush of rose on bounds divine Nor yet the wizard twilight Coleridge knew.

What hadst thou that could make so large demands For all thou hadst not and thy peers possessed, Motion and fire, swift means to radiant ends? Thou hadst, for weary feet, the gift of rest.

—Sir William Watson.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

A CAUSE NEGLECTED

Sir—A meeting of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was called for Wednesday night in the City Hall. It was advertised in Guardian and Patriot, also over the radio, and a large number of the prominent people of Charlottetown were personally notified by the President and Secretary. When the time arrived, the President and Secretary were there, and three ladies. One gentleman and myself were all that constituted the meeting. Yet there are people waiting to business! If it were a tea party or a political meeting, they would be there in good time. The meeting has been postponed until Wednesday evening, Oct. 24th at 8 o'clock, in the City Hall. When I hope, those who were unable to attend Wednesday night, will find it convenient to be present. The S. P. C. A. is one of the institutions of every progressive country, and only comes second to the religious institutions of any country, in its aspirations for the common good. Dumb animals were put into the world for man's good, and man ought to be good to them. I am, Sir, etc.

L. L. JENKINS.

aries, all very impressive meant to be Belgrade seems far away. Beyond Rome. Beyond Zagreb. Those Croats! Well, that as a burden one must do one's best with. Ah! They had arrived. The Captain wanted them to land now. Every body did and formed a mob. Such get their military escorts to stand as stiff as pokers. With wooden faces. Ah! General, so glad to see you again, such a crowd. This is Marseilles then. Light flashing in the windows, such a mob. Such roars. Welcome! They are shouting a welcome. To me. What a lot of people are in France. Ah! M'sieu le Prefect, it is a great pleasure you give me here in your beautiful city. Marie would have liked this. Pity she's ill. How hot that sun is Here is Barthou now, and more generals. The ground seems very firm after the sea-trip. I'll keep my feet on it too. How enormously pleased the old man looks. A most comfortable voyage of your excellency. Such wonderful warships you have. And such splendid officers and men. Ah, it is I who am the honored one, the guest of your great country. Such really splendid military establishments. Their shouting seems good-natured, and that's a comfort. Peter has still much British education to absorb. And Marie is not well. Plenty of soldiers about, and Mabel. And I'll be happy over in the same case, and the general station during the summer sent us a copy of a cablegram from John at Wooster addressed to his wife's relations in Glasgow, announcing that he and Mabel had been holidaying at Martha's Vineyard, Mass., that the wife had gone in bathing, had been caught in the undertow, and her body carried out to sea. It was a sad and sudden ending to a romance which we of the censorship office had followed for months with a great deal of interest.

Next—A Flag Question.

Senator Pat Burns

(O.A. Hayden Editor, Country Life in B.C.)

It is always a pleasure to meet Senator "Pat" Burns. Notwithstanding the prominence the Senator has achieved in the national life of Canada, he is actually shy and modest. He is a member of the Upper Chamber of Canada, and a Chevalier of the Holy Roman Empire. He is the biggest rancher in Canada. He has many and varied business interests. Yet at 78 years, he is as unassuming as he was when he rode the ranges, probably more so.

RATHER TALK ABOUT CATTLE THAN AFFAIRS

He would rather talk about cattle than about anything else. He knows cattle as few men know them, and it used to be a saying around the Calgary stockyards that "Pat" could tell the weight of any animal on the hoof within a pound or so and that he had an uncanny sense of its marketable condition. If he wanted a bit of relaxation he would go down to the yards and take a busman's holiday and have a whale of a good time.

CUTTING

Tom—That was the unkindest cut of all, as the poet says. Dick—What was? Tom—I showed her one of my boyhood pictures with my father holding me on his knee, and she said—"My, who is the ventriloquist?"

THE SAME

The new minute was calling upon the members of his flock. "What a charming little girl!" he gallantly remarked, upon viewing one of the children. "And this sturdy little urchin in the bib belongs to the contrary sex, I presume." "Oh, yes," said the mother, "she's a girl, too."

50 Years Ago

And Since By FRED COOK

JOHN AND MABEL

The old adage has it that the "course of true love never runs smooth," and it is exemplified in the story I am about to narrate. In the early days of the war the censorship staff at militia headquarters was much perplexed at the receipt almost daily, generally from the Western Union cable office at Halifax, of messages which seemed to indicate the use of a private code. Many individuals had or thought they had munitions of war for sale, and they adopted every known device to get their orders over to the Allies or to the Germans. Every message which mentioned TNT, or other high explosives, simply remained on the hook at the cable office, a copy being forwarded to us. The instructions to the cable censors were that unless we gave them a "release order," no telegram was to go forward, and there were no "releases" under such circumstances. But when we received three or four times a week copies of cablegrams containing sentences such as "Much love," "Dearest love," "Thine Forever," "Dearest love," addressed as a rule to London, but sometimes to Bristol, Glasgow or Edinburgh, our suspicions were aroused. The addressee was a Miss Mabel—at the Savoy Hotel, London, and the signatory to the messages was John —, a prominent manufacturer of Wooster, Mass. We had let many of these messages go through, but as they became so frequent we, as censors, thought that special enquiry should be made.

Accordingly the case was put in the hands of Sir A.P. Sherwood, then commissioner of Dominion Police, who had charge of all the secret service work in the Dominion. Scotland yard was communicated with by Sir Percy and one of the sleuths went to the Savoy Hotel and there found Mabel. She turned out to be a bonny Scotch lassie, one of the typists in the big establishment whom John had met on a visit to England before the outbreak of the war. They became infatuated with each other, and the supposedly suspicious messages were simply T.V.T. expressions of his undying affection. Of course there were many chuckles on both sides of the Atlantic at the funny Ottawa censors, but what cared we? We had the consciousness of having simply done our duty. And here is the sad ending to the interesting little story as we learned it from a subsequent telegram. John managed to get over to England in the spring of 1915 and there married Mabel. And I'll be happy over in the same case, and the general station during the summer sent us a copy of a cablegram from John at Wooster addressed to his wife's relations in Glasgow, announcing that he and Mabel had been holidaying at Martha's Vineyard, Mass., that the wife had gone in bathing, had been caught in the undertow, and her body carried out to sea. It was a sad and sudden ending to a romance which we of the censorship office had followed for months with a great deal of interest.

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