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For Maritime Development

Resolution 20 of the new Conservative platform calls for conservation and development of natural resources and industrial production.

This development plank is complemented by others in the platform. Number 28, for example, calls for "a fixed policy limited only by the rules of sound economics."

The Only Alternative

The British Minister of Defense, inaugurating a recruiting campaign in the City of London the other day, found his efforts opposed by young hoodlums who distributed Communist literature, exhorting the crowd to "fight for peace, not for Wall Street."

Many Canadians, comments the Halifax Chronicle, share with their old brothers-in-arms in Britain a decided revulsion against getting back into khaki.

Re-enlistment, even in the Reserve, is something many Canadians would rather avoid. But the core of the matter is contained in the British ex-soldier's philosophical remark: "If we can show the world we are still strong, it may keep something worse from happening."

Maritime Potatoes In U. S.

The Wall Street Journal is authority for the statement that Maine potato growers are all in a dither over the effect of Canadian potato imports and their government-supported price structure.

There was a report that Canadian and U.S. officials might meet soon in Washington to discuss restricting Canadian exports. Should our potatoes have the effect of depressing Maine prices below the support price for any length of time, and considering the size of this year's Maine crop, the U. S. Government stands to lose a lot of money, and meet considerable criticism.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Fishing is a very profitable occupation in Maine according to a report in the Boston Post. A teen-age schoolboy made \$10,000 in his Summer holiday in a sardine boat while another earned \$16,000 herring fishing.

Edith Cavell, British Red Cross nurse, executed by the Germans for helping British soldiers to escape from the enemy, this date 1815. Is recognized as a martyr, and her work and sacrifice held in everlasting memory in all the English speaking world.

The meeting of Commonwealth Prime Ministers got under way in London yesterday. No binding decisions will be made at the conference but the informal agreements reached will undoubtedly do much to shape the future of the Commonwealth both internally and in relation to the world at large.

Senator J. G. Turgeon of Vancouver, addressing a veterans' meeting, called for the formation of an alliance outside the U. N. until that body proves successful, the alliance to comprise the United States, France and Western European countries, the United Kingdom and the entire Commonwealth.

Long suffering civil servants got a little of their own back at their annual conference at Ottawa last week. Secretary of State Gibson praising their standards, Federal and Provincial, went on to say, "It is true there are some people—chiefly members of opposition parties—who seem to think that when a Government employee becomes efficient and is called upon to advise the Government, that he ceases to be a Civil Servant and becomes a bureaucrat."

Sir Stafford Cripps, Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer, declares some countries misuse the term "democracy" to describe their political systems. He said this is particularly true in Eastern Europe. The term "democracy" has become a slogan, used very often to denote something that we certainly would never recognize as such.

A government spokesman smiled at a suggestion that war plans have reached the stage in London where evacuation of some government departments to Canada has been discussed. "We didn't do it in the last war and there is no likelihood we would do it if another war came," he said.

The difficulty in getting young Canadians to train as tradesmen was cited before a meeting of the Vocational Training Advisory Council in Ottawa. A three-day meeting, attended by educationists from many parts of Canada, was held by Deputy Labor Minister Arthur MacNamura that plans for training apprentices were the most important item on the agenda.

European countries will get a record total of 12,100,000 tons of European coal in the next three months, the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe announced. This peak figure in a series of mounting allocations of European coal indicates Europe's growing self-sufficiency and increasing independence of American coal.

Will we be still further ignored? Montrealers bound for Britain in the 20,000-ton Canadian Pacific liner, Empress of France, included F. W. Collins, industrial manager, Canadian Pacific Railway, who was en route to London to confer upon industrial developments in Canada. Mr. Collins recalled that the C.P.R. was the first Canadian organization to identify itself with the development of the Dominion and he said that this phase of his company's activities was continuous.



TRANSPLANTING P.E.I. LOBSTERS TO PACIFIC COAST MEETS SMALL SUCCESS.

The Poet's Corner

HIGH ROAD

This is the kind of road I like: One that clatters twisty, Climbing a pine-dark mountain-side Until the air grows misty.

A road that reaches for the stars Or drinks clouds bright with rain. That tops the crest and stumbling down Unwinds itself again

Old Charlottetown (And P. E. L.) SELKIRK'S OBSERVATIONS

"On the banks of the Pinette River are several marshes, but only one of large size that I do not think that the settlements ought to be close to them—for if the habitations are set down on dryer tracts that the bird-bank at least remains but hold themselves under no obligation to them, and will drive as hard a bargain with them as they can."

"About Pinette and opposite to it are several places covered with young birches. Grown up over the old French clearing among these we found by Mr. Wright's assistance that the bird-bank at least small trees would still peel an advantage to the settlers as it makes an excellent water-tight covering for houses. It must be kept stretched as soon as cut, for if it dries and curls up it becomes useless on the roof; also it must be immediately thatched over and covered from the sun."

"This birch bark seems a kind of universal article. Besides thatching houses it makes canoes, bowls and all sorts of dishes. I saw troughs of it standing at the foot of the sugar maples and when you come to a spring, it will make a cup in a minute. Dr. McA. has been informed by the neighbouring settlers that the bark was past peeling and so it appears to be in large trees."

"There is a kind of long grassy sea-weed which makes a good thatch over the birch bark—it is also esteemed as a manure; there is a great abundance both at Pinette and Orwell Bay. I see birch bark is also put below shingles."

From Lord Selkirk's Diary, Sunday, Aug. 14, 1806.

The Age-Old Story

Thou shalt dig about thee, and thou shalt take thy rest in safety. Also thou shalt lie down, and none shall make thee afraid.

United Nations And The Berlin Situation

(By W. N. Ewer)

The first days of the United Nations Security Council's consideration of the Berlin situation will, it seems, certainly be taken up with legal arguments. But that will make them not less but, if anything more important. Details only the competence of the Council to deal with this "threat to the peace."

Yet if either the Council or Assembly were to condone the use of such methods by any power in its circumstances, it would stultify itself and make all the solemn pledges of the Charter ridiculous.

Mr. Bevin's grave words to the Assembly are only too well justified. The issue which once faced the League of Nations is now facing the United Nations. Is it better to seek "universality" even by the sacrifice of principle, or to maintain principle even at the cost of losing "universality?"

It is this way a new issue of the greatest moment is being raised. It is the issue of the whole authority of the United Nations, of the whole character of the organization, or its continued existence in its present form and even of the whole system and method of international co-operation.

The issue, as the Note of the Three Powers points out, is no longer that of the currency and communications of Berlin. It is that the Soviet Government "is attempting, by illegal and coercive measures, to secure political objectives to which it is not entitled and which it could not achieve by peaceful means."

The continued use of such methods must inevitably destroy the whole basis of international co-operation and the world's basis of the existence of the United Nations. There is not so much a

threat to the peace" as a threat to all possibility of safeguarding the peace by methods envisaged in the Charter.

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Notes By The Way

Absence of buttons from church collections "is not due to a realization that it is sinful to pretend—but for the fact that buttons are costlier than coppers nowadays," says the vicar, the Rev. W. A. Gibson, of Wimbledon, London, in his magazine. — London Daily Mirror.

Maybe the victimized men of this country, their shirts wearing thin and the price of new ones reported by due for still another rise, should take concerted national action and, like the happy beggar-man in the old song, dispense with such articles of clothing altogether. Or perhaps they could establish a vogue of cheesecloth nightshirts and refuse to buy luxury pajamas. Anyway, a fairly safe fashion forecast for some months to come is that "old shirts will be worn," and so will become still more worn than they are already. Indeed, a slight rent, or a neatly-mended tear, a frayed cuff or a tattered collar, does not mark of economic distinction rather than of sartorial reproach. — Brantford Expositor.

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