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"Now It Can Be Told!"

This from the current issue of "Canadian Business," published by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce: "Distorted by election speeches, Canada's foreign trade figures should now be viewed dispassionately. "For the past six months our exports have shown an average gain of about 8 per cent while our imports have risen about 6 1/2 per cent. This is significant in view of the absolute stagnation of total world trade."

So significant, indeed, that it completely answers the partisan misstatements which were chiefly responsible for electing the present Ottawa administration to power. Considering the result of that campaign one is led sadly to reflect on the truth expressed by the poet:

"When all its work is done, the lie shall rot. The truth is great, and shall prevail.— When none cares whether it prevail or not."

Buy A Poppy

Today and tomorrow have been set apart for the sale in Charlottetown of Poppies for Remembrance Day, which falls on Monday next. The sale, as in other years, is under the auspices of the Canadian Legion, the flowers being the production of disabled ex-soldiers who are trying to support themselves in the Vetscraft Shops which are administered by the Canadian Government. It may seem a little thing to buy a poppy, but if every Canadian does so it will be a great manifestation of Canadian sentiment. Between 1914 and 1918, 600,000 Canadians offered themselves for the service of their country. Over 60,000 of these poppies blow. In 1935 there are still 170,000 men who bear upon their bodies the marks of sacrifice. It is in recognition of them and in tribute to their suffering that Poppy Day has been set aside to afford all Canadians an opportunity to express their participation in a national fellowship of remembrance.

Memorial Scholarships

The system of post-graduate scholarships and of bursaries set up by the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire has become, through the years, one of the most outstanding of the memorials of the Great War. According to the report of the national secretary of the Order, \$475,788.15 has been contributed towards it, and from this fund bursaries in Canadian universities were provided for 174 young Canadians whose fathers were killed or disabled in the War. Further scholarships have been provided for 85 graduates in Canadian universities to take up post-graduate study in a British university of their own choosing.

The year 1937 will see the last of the bursaries but the benefit of this provision to its recipients and the benefit of the scholarships continues through the years. In this history Prince Edward Island has a right to take pride since her bursary and scholarship candidates have taken high place among the provinces.

Speculation On Tariffs

The food industry is now speculating on what the new Ottawa Government will do with tariffs, says Canadian Grocer in its current issue. In his pre-election campaign talks, MACKENZIE KING repeatedly affirmed his intention if elected to revise many duties. He did not particularize so that it is impossible to state what food products, if any will be affected. Take sugar, for instance. There is a tariff of \$1.89 per cwt. on refined sugar. If this were reduced, there would naturally have to be a corresponding reduction in raws which would affect farmers who grow sugar beets. There is a duty of four cents under the general tariff, against California raisins which used to command the Canadian market. Australian raisins come in free. Canada does not produce raisins. But then we sell Australia much more than she buys from us, making the problem of tariff reduction difficult. The four cents per lb. duty on British-grown tea is naturally for revenue purposes as is the three cents per lb. tariff on foreign green coffee. Not long ago the BENNETT administration on the advice of the Tariff Board removed the 20 per cent. or more tariff against biscuits produced in the Old Country costing 20 cents or more over there. There are also substantial duties against canned fruits coming in under the general tariff. Not so many years back we imported considerable quantities of peaches, pears, apricots, etc., and the bulk of our canned pineapple consumption is still represented by imports. But in view of the fact that the Canadian fruit season is so much shorter than it is in the United States, with higher canning costs, a problem is presented to any government figuring on lower tariffs.

Editorial Notes

Have you bought your poppy? Nobody was advertising for potatoes this time last year. Monday does not require to be proclaimed a holiday; it is one by Federal statute. The city unemployed are beginning to make their presence felt. Oh, for more steamers to load and unload! MR. REUBEN GREENSPAN, Manhattan's miracle man of earthquakes who makes accurate predictions of tremors in Asia Minor, failed to

predict the one which shook his Greenwich Village residence last Thursday night.

HON. VINCENT MASSEY sailed yesterday to relieve HON. HOWARD FERGUSON as High Commissioner in London.

Prospects for the next Civic election are lining up forces. In the Mayoralty two prospective candidates are already mentioned—Councilors B. ROY HOLMAN and PERCY W. TURNER.

As was anticipated Mr. J. W. DAFOR has declined the appointment of Ambassador to Washington in succession to Hon. W. T. HER- RIDGE. He prefers to remain in his editorial chair at Winnipeg as guide, philosopher and friend of Western Canada.

Wonder if there is any enterprising can collector here such as MR. SAMUEL ROSOFF, millionaire subway builder, New York, who has applied to the city for the tin can concession. He wants all the tin cans picked up in the city garbage dump, but what he will do with them only Mr. ROSOFF knows.

Our local and Federal members are to be the happy recipients of Bibles in the near future. The Gideons are so impressed with the necessity of Biblical enlightenment on the part of our present-day legislators that they have decided to place Bibles on their desks that they "may quote from the Scriptures to support their political or moral opinions during debate." Imp!

It appears two per cent of the total estimated national wealth of Canada is invested in schools and universities. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics, which searches out and tabulates figures on every conceivable subject, has just estimated the amount of capital devoted to training young Canadians at \$579,571,187, roughly two per cent of the country's total assets.

MR. and MRS. A. M. DOUGLAS have the heartfelt sympathy of the whole community in the irreparable loss they have sustained in the death of their only child, DOROTHY. MR. and MRS. DOUGLAS have taken an active part in social and religious life since their advent here, and he himself is well and widely known since joining MR. T. W. L. PROWSE in the management of the business of PROWSE BROTHERS LTD.

The new Governor-General is hail-fellow-well-met with journalists to which profession he himself belongs. On board the S. S. Duchess of Richmond prior to landing the newspaper men were busy making preparations to interview and photograph him, when, in full uniform, he quietly stepped into the room in which they were located, smiled, and asked: "Has any one of you boys a cigarette?" There was a scramble to fill his request.

"Mitch" dearly loves a sensation. It has been his life blood ever since selected, with MR. KING'S blessing, as leader of the Provincial Liberal Party in Ontario. Now MR. KING gives him the parting kick with the cynical remark: "A sick man is of little value to himself or the country and the sooner people realize this the better." "Mitch" might quite reasonably retaliate to the Prime Minister: "It is all very well to disseminate your love, but why should you kick me down stairs?"

HON. W. M. HUGHES, Australia's war-time Premier, is another politician who "put it in a book" and is sorry for it. He is now—or was—a member of PREMIER LYONS' National Government, and wrote a book of recollections and reflections, in which he commented on the sincerity of the League of Nations in insisting upon sanctions. PREMIER LYONS has called for his resignation on the ground that his attitude on sanctions differed from that of the rest of the cabinet.

According to eye witnesses at Quebec LORD TWEEDSMUIR, Governor-General, is slender, lean, shaven and of medium height. His complexion is dark and he is ruddy of feature. A high forehead accentuates his penetrating, kindly eyes. HER EXCELLENCY LADY TWEEDSMUIR, on the other hand, is fair, and it is after her that the flaxen-haired HON. ALASTAIR BUCHAN, Their Excellencies youngest son, takes. The young man, who has the build of an athlete, may attend a Canadian university—either Toronto or McGill.

The Conservative party of British Columbia is planning reorganization. DR. S. F. TOLMIE, former Premier, is still leader of the provincial Conservatives, but he informed the association after the 1933 elections that, having been appointed leader by a convention, he would present his resignation to a similar assembly when it was called. It is now announced such a convention will be held in Vancouver on June 10 and 11. Meantime the party will contest seats in the two by-elections of Vancouver-Burrard and Ominster.

What, after all, is a man's name but that by which he chooses to be called? After much hemming and hawing, the State of New York Election Board has ruled that the followers of FATHER DIVINE, the Harlem deity, may register and vote by the "heavenly" names, on condition that their real names are also recorded. Thus, the Harlem election lists will record such voters as MR. GRATIFIED LOVE, MISS GRACIOUS NEW HEAVEN, MRS. LOVELINESS REST and MISS BEAUTIFUL DELIGHT. These are all Negroes, followers of the Black Divinity, who baptizes them with such Miltonish designations.

The majesty of the law courts for much in its observance. For instance: "When I drive at 50 m.p.h. When I am driven by a uniformed me I am frequently overtaken by cars at 45 or 30 m.p.h. in my private car with my wife beside policeman I have no such experience."—MAJOR M. J. EGAN, Chief Constable of Southport. On the other hand, that is where Mrs. Wife plays second fiddle.

Notes By The Way

The general view of Egyptians concerning the possible effects of the Italo-Abyssinian dispute on the political situation in this country is rather well summed up in an article in "Al Gihad," from which we extract the following: "It was actually breaks out between Italy and Abyssinia, it will serve as a good practical lesson for both Great Britain and Egypt on co-operation between them." We may not agree with the rest of the arguments in the article, but the phrase is significant. A spell of working side by side with a common object, however different, might be the motives inspiring the two parties, might bring about a closer understanding between British and Egyptians for the greater benefit of both and for the more peaceful progress of this country. But, to have its ideal effects it would have to be the sort of co-operation that is spontaneous and due to appreciation of the justness of the cause and the rectitude of the attitude of the co-partner. It would lose much of its moral value if it were the result of bargaining—give me this and I'll give you that—is the spirit of co-operation, not so much the material fact, that would give the best results. The material benefits of mutual confidence would follow automatically.—The Sphinx, Cairo.

There are probably few people who have not at some time or another begun to keep a diary—it is a phase through which almost everybody goes, like keeping rabbits or reading Swinburne—but there must be equally few whose diaries have survived the first flush of enthusiasm, who have not been discouraged by a dearth of events or overwhelmed by a plethora. The born diarist is an enthusiast for whom the writing of his daily record is a sacred task not to be forgone from stress of affairs or weariness; the last engagement of the day, it is the one which he never breaks some such spirit of lasting enthusiasm, fortified by the habit of a lifetime, must Lord Haig have written his war diaries, which run to no less than 800,000 words. Even for a prolific novelist this would be a large output; as the work of a busy soldier's odd moments, it is simply amazing.—Truth, London.

It is said that the Germans are very sore with Mussolini for bringing on an armament race. Hitler and his associates have been straining the resources of the Reich almost to the breaking point in order to build up another big war machine and now the Italian assault on Ethiopia has bestirred all the other nations to increase their defensive and offensive weapons so that the Fatherland is likely to be much displaced by comparison. Dictators never do consider each other's feelings any more than those of the people under their rule.—Brantford Expositor.

If ever the world needed spiritual substance, that time is now. How war and selfishness crush it from men's hearts! The hungriest people in this world are not those who cry for bread. People want encouragement, understanding, and bushels and bushels of kindness to set their vision ahead, and help lift their chins just a little higher so that the sunbeams and fall. Every tint of this love and understanding is colored with the breath of God. This alone should give to us all a happier Uplook on life!—Exchange.

Anomaly: North African Algeria has plenty of money in its banks. Capital is abundant. Harvest grows year by year. Wine crop last year was exceptionally heavy. But—Algeria is in a sorry plight. The administration is in debt. Its revenue dwindles. Smaller wheat and wine growers are overburdened with debt. Large land owners are being forced to pay bills. Reason for this strange Irish-sounding case (revealed in today's report by the British Department of Overseas Trade): France after the war took ninety per cent of Algeria's exports. Now France's own harvests are plentiful; her stocks of wheat, grapes, overwhelming. So Algerian suffers because she has lost the markets which made her rich.—London Express.

Barcelona has been cleared of street beggars by a decree which empowers the police not only to arrest the beggars, but to exact fines on the spot from persons caught giving alms to them. As a justification for this strong measure, it is said that a great many of the beggars are "professionals" who deserve imprisonment, and that proper provision will be made for those who are really destitute. In our own streets begging is an offence, but the people are not very strict in enforcing the law, and any attempt to extend it to the public, even when it is plain that they are bestowing their alms unwisely, would be warmly resented.—Truth (London).

A determined attack should be made on the accident problem along three lines: better roads, better road sense, better and more strictly enforced law. For the last two hundred years we have constantly been outgrowing our road system; the type, capacity and speed of our road vehicles has changed faster than the roads could be rebuilt to suit the new requirements.—The Economist (London).

Charles Dickens remarked when he first visited the continent that one outstanding characteristic of Americans was the infrequency of their laughter. He observed that they pursued their business so intently that they had little time to season their daily affairs with any manifestations of gaiety. Perhaps the reproach could be extended to cover the entire North American continent. Certainly the people of Canada and of Vancouver do not laugh half enough. Let's have more laughter from male and

Notes By The Way

That certain foods, pollen of plants, horse hair, the fur of animals cause attacks of asthma, hay fever, eczema and hives has been amply proven. This is called allergy. That certain foods may cause disturbances in the abdomen is also known, but it is now believed that some foods are blamed when they are not at fault.

ABDOMINAL SYMPTOMS MAY FOLLOW THE EATING OF CERTAIN FOODS

Dr. J. A. Ryle, London, in the British Lancel, says that no abdominal or blood circulation disturbance should be said to be due to allergy—sensitivity to foods or other substances—unless two or preferably three of the following conditions or circumstances are present. 1. The symptoms should closely resemble the usual symptoms due to "serum" sickness; that is slight fever, redness of the skin, the formation of hives, intense itching, and sometimes swelling of the glands, pains in the joints and back. 2. The patient should have "sensitivity" (that is have some of the above symptoms) when he eats certain foods, uses certain drugs or comes in contact with certain substances. 3. There should be other conditions such as hay fever, asthma, eczema, occurring at the same or at other times. 4. There should be a family history of asthma, hay fever, or eczema. 5. The abdominal disturbances should occur at regular or similar intervals to any of these other "allergic" conditions. 6. Every case should be taken not to confuse these abdominal symptoms with some other organic disease of the body. Thus, where part of the nervous system sometimes the gland system is at fault, there will be sensations of fullness, pressure, constipation or diarrhoea, chronic inflammation of the large intestine.

It is said that it is possible to have abdominal symptoms or distress due to various substances just as these substances cause skin, nose, and throat reactions, but that in order to make sure that special foods are due to these special foods, the more of the above conditions should be present. Many find that they have a "stuffy" feeling in the nose after eating a certain food, but never at other times, and this may occur a few hours later to the eating of this particular food.

Mussolini's Gold

(Howard Wood in Chicago Tribune.) How Dictator Mussolini has juggled his balance sheet to include 158 millions of vanished gold is disclosed by comparing the official Italian figures with British figures, which are, apparently, the result of an official "leak" from the Bank of England. In the current "Bulletin" the federal reserve board in Washington presents an analysis of the Bank of Italy's gold position pointing out that Italy has been losing gold reserves since April, 1932. The reserve board's statisticians—using the official figures given out by the Fascists estimate that Italy's stocks of the metal at the end of September are about 379 million dollars, a drop of 140 million dollars since the start of the year.

In London, however, financial papers suddenly discover that about 158 million dollars of Italy's supposed gold holdings are not only available to the Fascists at all. This leaves Mussolini with only about 221 millions of gold. And this small remaining reserve is rapidly being dissipated as the Fascists, lacking foreign credit and having an unfavorable balance of trade, spend it abroad for war materials and necessities for home consumption. Already the gold ratio for Italian currency is below 99 per cent, and is dropping rapidly as the gold—formerly used as backing for the currency—is spent. The story of the "missing" 158 millions of gold dates back to 1916 when the Italians rushed approximately that amount of the metal to London as security against a big loan granted to Italy by Great Britain to finance war expenditures. This gold, however, did not remain in London. It was transferred almost immediately to the United States as surety against the steadily mounting indebtedness of Great Britain to the United States. On June 20, 1931, after Italy's gold holdings had begun to decline severely, the Italian government began including these imaginary gold holdings in its totals, thus dressing up the balance sheet. Between 1926 and 1931 the amount of Italian gold held by the British was reduced from 1 billion 947 million lire to 1 billion 772 million lire, as Italy made payments on her war debts to Great Britain. Since June 20, 1931, on the eve of the "Hoover moratorium," however, no European war debt transfers have been made and the amount of Italian gold retained in London has remained at 1 billion 772 million lire. The gold lire is worth 8.91 cents in American money.

This information about the Fascists' padded figures could hardly have come out had the Bank of England officials not intended an female alike. Let's not take ourselves so seriously. Let's seek out the good and amusing and pleasing things of life instead of concentrating so hard on the difficulties and the fears and the failures. Laughter is the finest tonic. Why begrudge it to ourselves?—Vancouver Sun.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest to the Charlottetown Guardian. Questions are necessarily confined to the opinions of correspondents.

ACCOMMODATING PROHIBITIONISTS

Sir,—I read with interest the resolution passed by the Temperance Federation re Prohibition and the letters of correspondents on the same subject in the Patriot and the Guardian lately. I have been interested for several years in the many phases of the "liquor question," not only in this Province, but in Canada and the United States as well. It seems to me that the dispassionate study of this subject gives one a fairly good grip on the peculiar characteristics of our race. In this connection I do not think I can do better than relate an incident in which I played a minor part.

Some seven or eight years ago I had occasion to motor with a friend through a considerable part of Queen's and King's counties. Stopping on a public holiday for dinner at the hotel, in a nice clean, apparently prosperous village, which I shall call Tobemore, we found the landlord to be quite a politician and his wife to be much more ardent and expressive than he. After the introductions, I being a man of some political note in those days, we received a typical Highland welcome. It may be inferred that we all belonged to the same side in politics. The landlady told me she was sorry the local member, whom I shall call Mr. Smith, as who lived in the village, was not at home that date. She felt sure he would be glad to meet me, and she was equally certain I would be delighted to make his acquaintance. She assured me he was a most jovial, sociable, friendly man, who always took a drink himself and believed in giving one to his friends. She also told me that his predecessor, who had been elected once in that district, was a teetotaler and a very strict faced man, who would neither take a drink nor give one, nor would he make even a promise unless he was sure of being able to keep it. He had been nominated the second time, but after canvassing for a day or two, both he and his colleague, a man from Charlottetown, felt sure they were the ghost of a chance of either of them being elected. He resigned the candidacy and Mr. Smith was induced to take his place. Immediately everything changed. Some liquor was obtainable all through the campaign; a fairly large supply was available on election day, and both Mr. Smith and his colleague were returned with good majorities. She further told me that Mr. Smith realized he owed something to every one who voted for him, especially to those who worked for him, and that the very least he should give them was a promise. Accordingly everybody got a good promise for a Government position, and Mr. Smith was unbeatable in that district.

After dinner several of the ladies and some of the gentlemen of the village dropped in for a chat. They were all neatly and respectably dressed and looked well, particularly the ladies. They repeated what I had been told already about the member elect, Mr. Smith, and that he had been a member of the Temperance Alliance and often spoke with fervor at the temperance meetings in the village lodge. They informed me that I resembled Mr. Smith in appearance and from what they had heard they believed I had a good many of his characteristics. I assured them they were mistaken, that I could lay no claim whatever to Mr. Smith's versatility and ability, and that while I was not a teetotaler I had quite forgotten to put something in my grip when leaving home the day before, and worse still my companion had been equally forgetful. They all seemed to regret the fact as well as I, but we parted the best of friends, hoping to meet again. I getting, I think, some insight into human

psychology upon which I have often pondered since. And I have come to the conclusion that on this question, we, in this Province at least, do not reason, that a large majority of us, probably four-fifths or more of us, want a fairly generous supply of liquor with our Prohibition and that we want the cheap, strong, pungent variety of the first in our throats as it slips down and in our "innards" afterwards. Hence the existence, the popularity and the ubiquity of the smuggler, the bootlegger and the moonshiner. I have also come to the conclusion that we don't think or perhaps care much of what it costs the community to maintain the army of smugglers, bootleggers and moonshiners and what it costs the taxpayers to maintain the second army of men we have on land and on sea to prevent the activities of the first army, and what would be the best way to cope with the tremendous evil. We seem to attach some innate virtue to the word "Prohibition" and a corresponding vice to words "Government Control," forgetting that if there is any control at all it must be government control. But worse perhaps than all, we have in the handling of this question raised hypocrisy, the most detestable of vices, to the dignity of a Provincial virtue.

Trying to understand the question and trying to understand my attitude towards it, I think I can truthfully subscribe myself, I am, Sir, etc. ANTI-HYPOCRISY

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official "leak" Says the London Financial News in a recent issue, copies of which were received here recently: "The present status of the 'gold deposit' is thus quite clear. Until Italy resumes the service of her war debt to Great Britain, no further repayments of the security will be made. Since resumption of the service is probably contingent on the wholesale settlement of the international war debts problem—which is as far as ever from settlement—Italy's 'gold held abroad' remains an intangible asset which is inaccessible to Italy as to Abyssinia."

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The Poet's Corner ETERNAL SPRING If shadows darken roads which lead ahead, As ages roll and sorrows come to stand Of only moons upon a placid sea, I'd loose the bonds and set my spirit free. And if there were the graves along the year, I'd reach for stary heights to bathe in tears. And would not grieve too long because a dream Had ended; but I'd choose a brighter theme, Enriching it with fragrance born of May And find adventure in each glorious day. I'd follow in my dreams the eager wing And etch upon my heart Eternal Spring. —Ramona More, in "The Spinster"

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