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Farm Population Problem

Serious concern over the problem of maintaining our farm population has been caused by the fact that during the war about one-third of the Canadian farm workers moved away, either going to the armed services, or to cities. The Vancouver News-Herald put the matter bluntly. "The farm population which remains," it says, "is pretty old. It cannot go on forever as it is producing now." It adds: "Should the farm population shrink any more, we should face a serious situation in this country and possibly an actual shortage of food for our own use, not to speak of what we have to supply to other nations. Let us face facts. If the shortage of farm population is to be supplied, men who left farms for higher paid jobs in other directions, must all go back to the farms, or we must get farm workers from some other source. Is it really likely that many of those who moved to the cities during the war time will move back to the farms? Certainly what with unemployment insurance and other measures of that sort there is every likelihood that when these people run out of work in the city they will stay there waiting for another job. Farmers not only produce goods for the rest of us, but they consume a great deal of the goods which the rest of us produce. It is not a good thing for the rest of us that there should be an increasingly smaller number of farmers." Prince Edward Island farmers will feel like saying amen to that. The question is, how to find a solution. The Vancouver paper offers none, nor is a quite satisfactory one easy to discover. Our farm organizations, perhaps, are in the best position to offer suggestions. They have not been lax in doing so, and invariably their suggestions amount to this: "Give us stable prices with a fair margin of profit; give us markets; give us efficient transportation." These are the basic requirements of agriculture; and we have a long way to go before seeing them realized.

Allied Control Measures

The proclamation of new control measures by the four Allied Commanders-in-Chief in Germany is neither more nor less than an implementation of the Potsdam decision. It is, at the same time, a practical application of the unified Allied policy and of the uniformity of treatment of Germany and the Germans as a whole. Many of the measures decreed in Berlin on 25th September are to be found expressly laid down in the Potsdam agreement. Such, for example, are the measures to ensure the complete and final abolition of all military formations and organizations including the German general staff, the complete and final abolition of the Nazi Party, the prohibition of production or maintenance by Germans of all war material and all aircraft, the repeal of Nazi legislation and the reform of the judicial system and the surrender to the Allies of all German merchant shipping. Other measures to be enforced are the logical application of two principles laid down at Potsdam, namely, first: "German militarism and Nazism will be extirpated and the Allies will take in agreement together now and in the future the other measures necessary to ensure that Germany never again will threaten her neighbors or the peace of the world." Secondly, "Supreme authority in Germany is exercised on instructions from their respective Governments by the Commanders-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the U. S. A., the United Kingdom, U. S. S. R., and the French Republic, each in his own zone of occupation and also jointly in matters affecting Germany as a whole in their capacity as members of the Control Council."

Port Arthur And Port Dairen

Port Arthur is to be a Sino-Soviet naval base, Dairen a free port, in the years between 1945 and 1975, according to the agreements between China and Russia. Both cities are located in the southern end of the Liaotung Peninsula, the historic cradle of many a conflict between China, Russia, and Japan. Fifty years ago, under the treaty of Shimonoeki, which ended the first Chinese-Japanese war, China was compelled to cede the Liaotung Peninsula to Japan. Russia, Germany, and France intervened, recommending that Liaotung be restored to China on the ground that "its possession by Japan would be a menace to Peking." In 1898 Russia obtained from China the lease of Port Arthur and Dairen for twenty-five years. (The lease was to end in 1923.) Port Arthur was to be a naval base, closed to all but Russian and Chinese ships. Dairen was to be a trading port, open to the merchant vessels of all countries. The lease of Port Arthur and Dairen was transferred from Russia to Japan under the treaty of Portsmouth, which concluded the Russian-Japanese war of 1904-05. Under the famous Twenty-One Demands of 1915 Japan demanded the extension of the lease of the

Liaotung Peninsula from 25 years to 99 years, the lease to terminate in 1997 instead of 1923. It was then clear that Japan had no intention whatsoever of ever returning Port Arthur and Dairen to China.

The present agreements on Port Arthur and Dairen between China and Russia represent a compromise settlement. As a consequence of these agreements, the Russian position in Port Arthur and Dairen today is similar to that of 1898. There is, however, one great difference, and that is, the administration of both towns are in the hands of the Chinese Government. The area of the naval base in Port Arthur is under joint utilization, and certain piers and warehouses in Dairen are leased to Russia, but the towns are not leased to Russia. The Russian Government has pledged, not once, but twice, in the present treaty and agreements, to respect China's sovereignty over the whole of Manchuria, including of course the Liaotung Peninsula.

The underlying principle of these agreements is that Port Arthur and Dairen are both Chinese cities and they are indisputably under Chinese sovereignty. The turning of Port Arthur into a joint naval base is to strengthen the alliance of China and Russia against future Japanese aggression, and that of Dairen into a free port to facilitate the transit of goods into the Soviet Union from the Pacific Ocean and vice versa. These are arrangements to bring about close military and economic co-operation between the two allies, and they are not meant to prejudice Chinese sovereignty. In the final analysis, it is the spirit of friendship and alliance that will determine the future development in that historic cradle of international rivalry and conflict.

EDITORIAL NOTES

So the Federal Government is, at a long last, going to boost our fisheries and trout resources. Energetic representation in Parliament brings results. Wednesday half-holidays are now practically whole holidays in many retail stores. The scarcity of goods to sell, and not a desire for relaxation is the explanation. Can it possibly be the doctors are on strike as well as the butchers? The Provincial Government has held off the issue of six-monthly "scripts" till after a meeting of the Medical Association on Saturday. A question of professional ethics is at stake.

It is easy to run a commercial enterprise like the CBC when the annual deficits are taken care of by the taxpayers. The Corporation ran at a loss of \$72,747 last year, notwithstanding its subsidized competition with newspapers in the advertising business.

We are going to obtain some Income Tax reduction next year, according to an Ottawa correspondent, who writes that tax relief will probably include abolition of the 7 per cent normal income tax on individuals, and 50 per cent cut in the excess profits tax. The budget will be brought down on Tuesday.

The Halifax Chronicle (Liberal) notes what while — officially — political parties in Nova Scotia are again on the warpath in preparation for the forthcoming provincial election, there appears to be little genuine public interest in the election so far. The polling date is Oct. 23.

Railway official changes are happening frequently nowadays. No sooner do we welcome one district passenger agent, than we lose him on promotion. The day was when such re-arrangement of staffs meant promotion to the men of the good old P. E. I. Railway, but now Islanders are left high and dry while outsiders are placed over their heads. Provincial rights are ignored by the Railway in this respect, thanks to the Union promotion regulations.

The Provincial Government has wisely decided to send Mr. W. R. Shaw, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, to visit the Delmarva section of Maryland and Virginia. This area possesses great possibilities in the marketing of hatching eggs. Attention to its importance was drawn to the Legislature last session in a brief presented by the Federation of Agriculture, in which emphasis was also placed on the great improvement that has taken place in approved flocks in Prince Edward Island, and the opportunity for making this Province a disease free pullorum area.

St. Francis of Assisi was born this date 1182; the memory of no saint is held in so mingled reverence by Catholics and Protestants alike as St. Francis "the gentle and the holy" born in the romantic town of Assisi in Umbria; son of a wealthy merchant, he became converted at the age of twenty-five, he renounced his inheritance and devoted his life to the relief of the poor and outcast; the fervour of his devotion diffused itself like an epidemic and crowds parted with their possessions, and followed him into poverty and beggary; going to Rome he offered himself and his comrades to the service of Pope Innocent III who accepted the offer and incorporated in 1210 the fraternity of Franciscans which grew into a mighty and widespread organization of Grey Friars or Minor Friars; in his ecstatic raptures, he often poured forth his soul in verse; his sympathy with nature was very keen; his sympathy with beasts with all the tenderness due to children, and Dean Millman says the only maledictions he could find which proceeded from his lips, was against a fierce swine which had killed a lamb,

Notes By The Way

Peacetime ice cream shortly will replace the wartime variety on the market. The thought of it melting in your mouth, instead of the cream a peasant — (London Free Press).

Actually, habitual criminals are among the most expensive luxuries. Figures show that 188 "repeaters" in our Canadian prisons, having served a total of 2,000 years in confinement, cost the nation for maintenance \$1,346,190.76. With conviction of the total bill comes to \$4,607,080 — an average cost to the taxpayer of \$26,453.24 apiece. — (Vancouver Province).

It all boils down to this: If we in Canada can turn out goods of quality and at prices which suit those whom we seek as customers — and if those customers have the money to pay for them — there will be no trouble about unemployment in Canada. If we cannot, then no power on earth — not even "the government" — can do anything to insure — much less guarantee — full employment. — (Owen Sound Sun-Times).

Duck hunting would seem to involve a minimum in hazards to human life, but in a very recent day of the season Ontario had at least one fatality. In this sport all the firing is supposed to be done into the air; yet there is still carelessness that causes death. It is possible only to repeat warnings that hunters must be careful at all times. A shotgun is a deadly weapon, yet it should not be a menace to humanity if properly handled. The utmost care, dictated by sound common sense, will prevent tragic accidents. — (Windsor Star).

Russia must be told, and told firmly, that she herself is contributing most to unending world trouble in Russia. Disturbed world opinion can only conclude from what it sees on the surface, that the Kremlin is out to grab all within reach: power, influence and territory. If this is the wrong impression, then let Russia and the other powers correct it at once by throwing open the deliberations of the Big Five to the public gaze. Let the world see those interests are being served. It is time for a showdown, before peace collapses in a grab-all chaos. — (Vancouver Sun).

Every charred stone of the grand arch that leads into the old blitzed House of Commons Chamber at Westminster is being taken down and numbered carefully, to be re-erected and incorporated in the new chamber. Scared and seething with indignation, the members of the House who stayed and carried on the government of Britain in defiance of German bombings. — (Ottawa Citizen).

It will not be enough for the Allies to execute Japanese war criminals responsible for the sadistic practices disclosed on nearly every Pacific battlefield. Somehow, whatever the difficulties may be, we must re-educate the Japanese as we must re-educate the Germans, to the acceptance of a moral code. Sickened and disgusted by tales of cannibalism and torture, we must do it. We must ask itself what course of action will prevent a repetition of these atrocities. — (Montreal Star).

We are a Dutch family in Amsterdam and a man and child four years old, had a bad season this winter. We had no bread, no potatoes, no butter or fat. We had no electricity. We had nothing. Just one thing we had there: that was the German. And now, this Sunday morning, it was all fine breakfast, bread and butter and cheese, and a cup of milk for the boy. We are so grateful, and my wife said to me: "We must tell the English people how grateful we are. We must do it for us in your newspaper? And will you say that we will never forget it?" (Letter in the London Times).

The future of Japan outlined by General MacArthur is happier than our own would have been if we had lost the war. The Japs will be permitted to retain all their industries except those devoted to war purposes, which will be completely erased. They will thus be able to rebuild their economy, which today is ruined. Within a year or two they will be able to recover as a first-class power remains for time to disclose. Certain heretofore in the past, Left to condemn 70,000,000 human beings to a hopeless future would have created the problems. The chance Japan is promised to use her industries for peace may not satisfy the more vengeful nations her conquerors. As long-term statesmanship, though, this program has much to commend it. The Japs need to be re-educated, not exterminated. — (Detroit Free Press).

Canadians and Americans are heart-conscious, says Dr. A. B. Cameron, of Chicago. This is not merely an indictment; it does point up a situation that is dangerous. There is a possibility that there has been a nation of hypocrites on this subject, and that should be avoided at all costs. There has been an undoubted increase in deaths, particularly among people of middle age, from heart ailments. This inevitably sets up fear, which should be dispensed. Proper care of health, with periodic check-ups by competent doctors, is the wise course to pursue. But let us not allow ourselves to become panic-stricken. That would be the best way to increase the toll of heart failures. — (Windsor Star).

Ships have not always been "she". During the 17th and 18th centuries, vessels were merchantmen, men-of-war, Indianmen, and the like. Even as early as 1620 a historian recounting the battle of Asticourt said, "Every ship voyaged by itself", 150 years ago a treatise mentions that "in a shyppe the Rudder ought to be like that which may suffice to direct his course." However, this "she" business was just an episode in the passage of the centuries. The Bible, describing the travels of the Apostle Paul, tells that the disciple "landed at Tyre: for there the ship was to winter her." "Probably as sound a theory as can be offered as to why a ship is called "she" goes back even earlier than the Greek mariners. They gave their ships female names, possibly out of deference to

The Poet's Corner

NOT WITHOUT CLOUDS We watched the laden clouds that came to rest Upon the far horizon. Suddenly Unnumbered spears of flame shot through the west— Then sunset that was a wild symphony Of crashing cymbals, gold-vocal violins, Which sang against the dullness of the day. It waked us to the singing of And psalms of praise were sounded on our way. We wondered how we ever could have felt The sky was gray and gloomy There above The evanescent shadows seemed to melt Into multi-colored shell and move As giant butterflies; once more we knew That beauty does not need a sky all blue. —Bayka Russell (Christian Science Monitor).

PUBLIC FORUM

NEGLECT OF PAVED HIGHWAYS Sir—Would the Minister of Highways state the reason, if any, why the shoulders of the pavement from Charlottetown to Bordentown or other places are not kept graded so the water can find its way to the ditches. Is it not a fact that drainage is vital to the permanency of the pavement. Has no engineer or road inspector on the pay sheet, no machinery capable to do the work or are there men that could be employed with pick and shovel for a few hours to drain off the worst spots which are many and not hard to find. I am, Sir, etc. ONE WHO HAD OCCASION TO TRAVEL AFTER A DAY'S RAIN. LARGE SCALE PRODUCTION BANGALORE, India — (CP) — One hundred million units of penicillin will be produced every month by the Indian Institute of Science here. Plant and equipment for production on such a vast scale are being installed.

ATHENS, Goddess of the sea. Whatever the origin, the Greeks had a word for it. — ("Ships")

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The Red Patch (Bulk of the 1st Canadian Division has returned home and in the following story Douglas How, former Canadian Press war correspondent in Italy, describes something of the life the soldiers endured on the battlefields of Europe). The patch was red—emblem of the 1st Canadian Division. The soldier, walking with that awful, deliberate, that unforgettable stride of the infantryman, went on through the dust of the road, the arm hardly moving, the patch red and bright against the melancholy of his clothes and the sweated bronze of his face. He thrust across Sicily in 28 days, still lusty for battle, bloodied, proud at the end that the enemy had called him the Red Patch Devil. He struck into Italy and walked and shot and walked and fought and walked and bugged himself north. The men fell at his side. The graves began to multiply. He went across the Moro and into Ortona and fought the paratroopers for eight days and the Division won its first C.C. at Casa Berardi and he came out of it knowing that now he was a soldier, as good as his father, as good as any other. But the dead lay thick on the ground. The faces changed again and again. Thousands of men had worn the patch and gone their way and others had taken their places. The framework—the patch—went on. Chris Vokes, tough, and driving, stayed at the helm, proud of the patch and all who wore it. He chanced one night into an argument with the Generals of the Army, the fabled 8th, and stopped them all and topped their boasts with his eulogy of his division. "When I say 'Go,'" said he, "just grab hold of something and hold on." Another autumn came and the soldier thought of the other winter and, thinking of it, broke the Gothic line and broke his heart in the few miles that held him from Rimini and the plains of Lombardy. The soldier was tired of the war now. His lust was gone but his courage was great and he was happy when Smokey Smith won the V.C. on the Saviu. Smokey who had come through it all, straight from 1939, straight from Sicily. There were few of them left now, few in the fighting companies from 1939 or from Sicily. The soldier crossed the Rubicon, the Lamone, the Reno, the fern-lands, the dykes, the endless miles, until at last they pulled him out and sent the Red Patch to the Western Front where the other soldiers called him a "D-Day Dogger"—he who had fought twice as long as they had. Then when the seventh Christmas drew near, he came home and marched through the streets that once were thousands of miles and sometimes millions of miles away. He looked at the faces in the ranks around him, shuffled, cross-powered, transfixed, and thought how few there were he knew and how many had worn the patch and gone their many ways.

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