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Where Uncle Sam Scored
According to Hon. J. L. Isley, Minister of National Revenue, the loss of our wheat preference in the British market...

Abandonment by Canada of the 6-cents per bushel wheat preference in the British market is considered likely to restore to United States Atlantic ports a large share of the export grain traffic.

Chief effect of the preference, which was a feature of the Empire trade agreements signed in 1932, was to divert most of the traffic in Canadian grain from United States ports to Montreal, Saint John and Halifax.

For several years Boston has complained that the British customs authorities would not yield the preference to Canadian wheat shipped from United States because of the contention the grain could not be identified as of Canadian origin.

Removal of preference will result in Atlantic ports again receiving a considerable portion of the export business.
The term "Atlantic ports" as used by the Wall Street Journal of course refers to U. S. Atlantic ports—not to Canadian Atlantic ports which will suffer in direct proportion to the gain accruing to our neighbors across the boundary line.

Pays Tribute To Ottawa Pacts

Speaking recently in the British House of Commons, Premier Chamberlain made special reference to the beneficial effects of the Ottawa agreements, which continued to be felt in Great Britain notwithstanding the recent trade recession.

"The success of the policy," said Mr. Chamberlain, "has been indicated by the fact that our exports, including re-exports, in 1937 exceeded those of 1932 by £181,000,000, and that out of that figure £125,000,000, or more than two-thirds, was due to our trade with the Ottawa countries and the countries with which we had made agreements.

"It is clearly significant that when trade began to recede it was our trade with these countries which seemed to be the least affected of all. So that, taking the first six months of the present year, our exports to these countries were only £5,000,000 less than they were in 1937, although the total fall in our exports during the same period was £26,000,000."

An Oyster Controversy

Roman antiquarians did not take kindly to the information broadcast from London at the beginning of the oyster season that the only oysters devoured by the patrician gourmets of the Augustan court and those that followed came from Colchester, England. The case for the Colchester oysters was pretty well proved: the town was one of the oldest Roman settlements in Britain, and it was recently proved that the Roman settlers cultivated the Colchester beds; moreover, tinned shells, unearthed while Mussolini was restoring the Eternal City to something like its imperial appearance, were positively identified as belonging to the Colchester variety. Nevertheless, the antiquarians were not dismayed by this formidable showing. The legend that oysters also came from Ostia, the port of ancient Rome, fifteen miles to the southwest, was looked into with promising, if not conclusive, results: Juvenal in line 14 of his fourth satire, warns Roman gluttons not to eat many of those dug off Ostia, but it is also discovered that the name of the town is a corruption of the Latin word for oyster "ostrea," in Italian "ostria".

Inexcusable Deadlock

The Rowell Commission on Dominion-Provincial relations is now to become the Sirois Commission, since Chief Justice Rowell of Ontario has resigned, owing to ill health, and his place as chairman filled by Mr. Joseph Sirois, of Laval University.

Notwithstanding the Prime Minister's assurance that the work of the Commission is progressing "rapidly towards the preparation of its report," rumours persist that the report will not be ready for submission to the next session of Parliament. As the opportunity session is generally regarded as the last that will be held before the next Dominion general election, it begins to look as if this tribunal, appointed about the middle of 1937, will succeed, after virtually two years of "fact-finding" activities, in accomplishing absolutely nothing that can be of any service to the country.

Commenting on this situation, the Sydney Post-Record says:
The reasons given for the unconscionable time being spent by the Rowell Commission on its work suggest no cause for delay, which could not have been foreseen from the outset. One reason why the Commission cannot report at the next session is said to be the difficulty confronting it in arriving at agreement on the recommendations it is to make. It is explained that there has been "a marked lack of unanimity in

the submissions made to the Commission by the various provinces." Because of these differences it is now proposed to invite all the Provinces to make supplementary submissions in order to rebut those received from other sources which conflict with some of the "claims" originally placed before the Commission.

The next step this deliberate but methodical body proposes to take, after these rebuttal statements have been received, will be the preparation of the report to be presented finally to the Government. "Undoubtedly," says an Ottawa dispatch, "a huge volume will be brought forth, incorporating the various submissions as well as the Commission's findings and recommendations." Considering the enormous amount of work the Commission still envisions, it becomes doubtful whether this report can be got in shape for presentation to Parliament even if the session should last till next June. "Late in the summer" has become the earliest reliable forecast as to the time that the report will be ready.

Editorial Notes

Tasmania discovered this date, 1642.

Picnics are still the vogue with our spendthrift Government.

Notwithstanding the excellent weather we are having, it is reported the dirt roads are in deplorable condition.

The Provincial Council of the Boy Scouts Association meets in annual convention on Monday, and the Caledonian Club holds its one and only banquet on St. Andrew's night the 30th as usual.

The continuance of His Hon. G. D. DeBlois in the office of Lieutenant-Governor until further notice meets with general approval. He and Her Honour (to coin a phrase to correspond with Her Excellency) will make ideal hosts for the Royal Visitors next June.

The Duchess of Atholl, M.P., who recently toured Canada and part of the United States, has been turned down as Conservative candidate by the West Perth Unionist Association because of her opposition to Mr. Chamberlain's foreign policy. That, too, with her noble husband the Duke of Atholl presiding at the meeting. Indignant at the result, the Duke left the chair and declared his Duchess would run as an independent candidate. She has represented the constituency for thirteen years—perhaps that had something to do with her bad luck.

Here is a suggestion our Government Control Premier might very well act upon, viz. put his vendor alcohol into auto gasoline instead of into auto drivers. In the recent crisis in France and Italy alcohol was blended with gasoline in all the gas stations and proved a tremendous speed getter. But since the crisis passed, the French and Italian Governments have been discouraging alcohol mixture with gasoline because of the failure of the sugar beet crop in Italy and France has caused a serious alcohol shortage for beverage purposes.

Mr. Winston Churchill attempted to start another revolt in the House of Commons last week. Almost breaking down with emotion during the closing stages of the debate on the address in reply to the King's speech he appealed for fifty conservatives to vote for the formation of Ministry of supply to speed up the supply of munitions by exercising compulsory powers over industry. But Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain, with support of his followers in a vote of 326 to 130, stood fast on his determination not to allow State interference with industry. And Sir Thomas Inskip, Minister for the Co-ordination of Defense, assured Commons that Britain now had thousands of Bren machine guns and a surplus of munitions for some guns, while the government is now getting "day by day additions to our defenses."

A Scotsman named David Rowland Macdonald has been causing a matrimonial mix-up and insurance problem down in Pittsburgh. He disappeared on Feb. 14, 1924, leaving a note, hat and coat on the bank of the Allegheny River, the note stating he had "failed in business and as a man". After 11 years his wife obtained a divorce and re-married. She then took action to presume her first husband's death, and a Federal jury formally declared Macdonald legally dead. Armed with this certificate the widow collected insurance on three policies; and two years ago husband number two died. On Sunday last a man was arrested on a minor charge in Pasadena, Cal., and his finger prints corresponding with those of the missing Pittsburgh Scotsman, he admitted his identity. Now that he is legally dead and divorced, what is his status and what about the insurance paid to his alleged widow?

The prospective successor of Lord Baden-Powell as Chief Scout has died while still 20 years younger than the Chief. He was Mr. Hubert Martin, chief passport officer at the Foreign Office since 1916, whose activity in the Boy Scout movement, in the words of international headquarters, had made him "next to Lord Baden-Powell the best known Scout in the world." He founded the Boy Scout International Bureau in 1920 and had been its director since. He had a large share in organizing subsequent world jamborees. At The Netherlands jamboree last year he received the Order of the Bronze Wolf, highest decoration for Scout scouting. Mr. Martin had been Chief Scouts' Commissioner (honorary) in the British movement since 1909. The Boy Scouts of America in 1927 presented to him one of seven silver buffaloes awards for distinguished service to the movement. In that year Mr. Martin assisted in the arrangements for a good-will trip of sixteen Eagle Scouts of Wayne, Pa., through England and France. In 1928 he attended the fifth biennial training conference of Scout executives at Cornell University. At this gathering he expressed the belief that the friendly relationships engendered among Boy Scouts internationally would be an important factor for world peace.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Premier Hepburn says he fears Canada may become another Ethiopia, and that set us to wondering what he is going to do about the part of Selassie—Peterborough Examiner.

Many folk would like to recapture the thrills of yesterday—the first auto-mobility, the first airplane ride, and similar firsts. Recently a middle-aged couple from Prince Edward County came to Belleville to see their first airplane. What a thrill that was for the couple and their accompanying friends. Thrills are few and wide apart these days for the folk who are right up to the minute and up to the minute seeing anything new. Well, the new automobile models will soon be out, and what about the new women's hats are they not new? In other words, ain't they something?—Ontario Intelligencer.

Lord Willington opened the fifth Antique Dealers' Fair and Exhibition at Grosvenor House, Park Lane, London, last night. The value of the exhibits is estimated to be about £200,000, and it is said that there are at least 100,000 people entering the beautiful things of a bygone age to be seen. The Queen Elizabeth II. has attended the fair and has seen many of the exhibits. The fair is a great success and is expected to continue for several more days. The fair is a great success and is expected to continue for several more days.

Lord Sydenstricker Buck who in private life is Mrs. Richard J. Walsh, has been awarded the 1938 Nobel Prize for Literature, an award which is the highest honor in literature. He is under stood the honor was granted particularly for "The Good Earth" which was his first novel. The Pulitzer Prize for an American novel. This book has been widely read and has been turned into a notable moving picture which has captured the fancy of audiences in many countries. It is a true picture of the life of the millions in China, a land in which the population is increasing at the rate of many years. —Montreal Gazette.

Canada less than any other country could get along without railways, here, where every year a large amount of our roads are blocked with ice and snow as soon as the season of navigation closes, and the air services are evidently inadequate for the needs of the land and water. So far as the cost of our railway enterprises is concerned, it is true that the Government in the case of the railways spends millions of dollars. But accompanying other explanations the Minister recalls that it is erroneous to see in this the case of the railways as a large expense. The Canadian canal system, he said, swallows up annually \$20,000,000 furnished by the State. The road system, he said, absorbs \$50,000,000 more than the cost of automobiles and gasoline brings in. It is evident that our railways do not constitute an exceptional case. —La Press, Montreal.

The ethical significance of the happenings in Germany are all too clear. One of the primary aims of civilization for hundreds of years has been to eradicate the practice of blood taint and to substitute in its place the belief that a man is individually responsible for his acts. The civilization of the world is a work of one of its members. When mobs, or overzealous military men, offend against this principle, they are executed by the Government of civilized countries. The Government of civilized countries allies itself with those who promote a better world, and those who perpetrate it. But in Germany this basic principle has been abandoned. A maddened youth kills a German in faraway Poland, and the German Government, in retaliation, deliberately incites its people to a widespread pogrom aimed at those who have no possible connection with the crime and who could not possibly have prevented it. The German Government deliberately incites in its people a kind of blood lust, and the aim of this is to create a wholly innocent people. Barbarism becomes thus not an enemy of government, but its ally, carefully nurtured and exploited. —Baltimore Sun.

The methods by which the Germans are setting out to dominate South-eastern Europe economically as well as politically have been made clear by the terms of the German offer to Bulgaria. The details have not been announced; but, broadly, the Germans want to purchase the entire export surplus of Bulgaria including both foodstuffs and raw materials, for a period of years, and to pay for it entirely in German products including exports of capital goods and the services of German experts in reorganizing and developing the Bulgarian economic system. That is, the rates of exchange between Bulgarian and German exports shall be fixed now absolutely for the period of years to be covered by the agreement, and the remuneration of the German experts shall be fixed in the same way. If the agreement went through, the Bulgarian market for German goods would be in a position to drive for the future as hard a bargain as they might choose. These conditions are so plainly disadvantageous to Bulgaria, who have so far insisted on selling their foodstuffs in the world market for cash, can hardly accept them for cash. —The New Statesman and Nation.

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PUBLIC FORUM

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DAIRYING AND VACANT FARMS

Mr. Hemming's recent letter on Dairying, coming from so good a writer and a man of wide information should be read and answered by someone who has made a study of our dairy situation. I have made that study and am much directly interested in the problem and therefore deem it a duty to offer an answer.

What Mr. Hemming says about New Zealand competition is not a complete statement. No doubt New Zealand has immense natural advantages over P. E. I., in cheese and butter production. Our only advantage is our proximity to the British market. Mr. Hemming thinks we should drop making butter and cheese, scrap our present plants, and start a new milk industry. This is a very serious proposal. It would mean a large return from the milk? Would we have a monopoly in the new venture? Could we get New Zealand to enter the new field? We certainly could not. We could make a start but New Zealand could follow us with a year. We made a real mistake already in dropping to a large extent, our co-operative dairying, and now we are advised to make another blunder. Had we not made a start with our milk now have the 500 vacant farms that you mention in your recent article. Furthermore nearly all the vacant farms are run-out and seriously infertile. It would be a safe prediction to make that any milk farms taken to any managements with or without buildings, and also give each \$2000 cash as a gift to start with it is very doubtful that even a few of them could without other means in time be able to make even a scant living.

NEW ZEALAND BUTTER
Str.—While I generally agree with Mr. Hemming, whose public spirit I am sure is deservedly appreciated, I must differ on his view of the Butter issue.

While it is true that our exports to New Zealand are of value we must recognize that this represents goods required by that country. It is not our duty to better advantage than other countries give. If it were not so, they would not buy. The New Zealand farmer has the advantage of year around pasturage. That is a natural condition in their favor, far enough, but the assistance of the Canadian as well as their own government to intensify its unfavourableness to our home dairymen.

The New Zealand government subsidizes every pound of butter exported, against which our producers have to contend, in addition to their unreasonably low cost of production. The dairymen of our province should be vigorously enforced against every pound of government subsidized butter, or other product, which our farmers are not to be permitted to enter at any price. Yet, if the government must insist upon helping the New Zealand farmer, they should be equally generous to our own butter makers, and grant a subsidy at the same rate per lb. as is granted to those same sea producers of cheese manufactured in Upper Provinces, are recalled in P. E. Island at 60¢ per lb. in milk we sell locally, and export, hundreds of tons, with the same milk ingredient, at from 22¢ to 23¢.

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