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Fair Weather Canada

Under the above heading the Vancouver Province this reviews the equivocal stand of the present Dominion Government on the question of Empire defense.

Mr. Mackenzie King goes to Geneva. The question of the future of the League comes up. The League, it has been stated repeatedly, is the core to British foreign policy.

While Mr. King is away, Mr. Ian Mackenzie, minister of defense, feels it incumbent upon him to make a statement of policy, and he does it in language that could hardly be bettered by his chief.

Mr. King comes home, and in a broadcast address the most he can say of Canada's defense plans is that Canada's great contribution to the peace of the world will be to keep her own house in order and maintain friendly relations with other nations.

Word comes that Canada has purchased two destroyers to replace defense ships that have grown obsolete. At once there is a glow of warmth, a feeling that, perhaps, while saying nothing about it, Canada is really going to play her part as a daughter of the Empire family.

What does it all mean? Why, obviously that while there are dollars to be made from Empire defense — from the supplying of munitions — Canada is there to make the dollars, but when there are dollars to be spent and dangers to be incurred and obligations to be fulfilled, Canada will view the situation in the light of the coldest realism; Canada's Parliament will decide in the light of existing circumstances.

Just as she is going to be a fair weather member of the League, Canada is going to be a fair weather member of the Empire. The belief is reported to be general at Ottawa that a large scale programme of munition production in Canada is now in process of preparation, and that the Canadian steel industry will soon be taxed to the utmost to supply the orders coming from Great Britain.

If this prospect materializes, it will have to be on a better basis of understanding with regard to Canada's responsibility toward Empire defense. It would be impossible to participate in a great Imperial scheme for providing the Empire countries with munitions and armaments, without participating in any Empire war.

Canada shares in an Empire rearmament scheme, says the Hamilton Spectator on this point, we shall have taken the King's shilling as truly as any Tommy who ever enlisted, and if Britain is forced into war our isolationist statesmen will be definitely on the spot.

The New British Pact

Details of the proposed new trade pact with Britain are being closely guarded by the King Government, but it would be surprising, says a correspondent in close touch with the Prime Minister, if there were not new concessions to the British textile plants.

Editorial Notes

Ideal weather for Dollar Days.

Our unfortunate Premier must now realize that "comparisons are odious."

Now is a suitable time to lay in stores for Christmas giving.

It was just 101 years yesterday since the late Andrew Carnegie first saw the light of day.

According to the Book of Proverbs he that withholdeth potatoes, the people shall curse him; but blessing shall be upon the head of him that selleth them. Only it calls them corn.

The Children's Aid Society at their annual meeting paid a graceful and well-merited tribute to Mr. John McKenna, who has ever shown the keenest interest in the affairs of the city, and especially in the welfare of the young and rising generation.

Is conscription to be the future policy of Great Britain? It seems highly probable. Earl Stanhope in the House of Lords during a debate on the Army said: "I am bound to admit that under present conditions of service the voluntary system of enlistment is obviously in grave danger. The public has not yet the slightest realization of this danger, but we must realize it. Voluntary service is a luxury in any country and, like all luxuries, is expensive. To get young men to serve in the army, we have either got to make that service much more attractive or make it a stepping stone to good, permanent jobs in civil life after the terms of enlistment have expired. I appeal in particular to the trade unions to get army men suitable positions." An attempt to fasten conscription on the Mother Country would bring not only the Laborites and Liberals but also many Conservatives into violent opposition. However, the Government has a big enough majority in Parliament to risk it if it considers the danger of war is sufficiently imminent and can so convince the public. But without war, conscription would mean the down-fall of any Government that put it into effect.

Calgary is not all it is cracked up to be these days. It has had a repetition of rioting by unemployed, a squad of 50 city policemen being necessary to disperse the paraders who held demonstrations in front of the police station, relief offices and a down-town bank. Then inquiry into the City Councils finance under the chairmanship of Judge A. A. Carpenter of the Public Utility Board is being held in connection with its determination to reduce interest on civic debentures. "Is it your suggestion that the people of Calgary have reached the point where they are unable to stand any more taxation," asked Mr. J. E. Fortin of Toronto, representing the bondholders. "Yes," replied Mayor Andrew Davison. "The fact that thousands of dollars worth of properties are being surrendered to the city annually would certainly indicate the people cannot pay." The mayor said that more than \$300,000 worth of property had reverted to the city in 1936 because of non-payment of taxes, under the terms of the Alberta Tax Recovery Act. The city, he said, had been unable to collect more than 75 per cent. of its current tax levies for the past five or six years.

A very large delegation representing the City of Montreal waited upon the Minister of Transport in Ottawa and asked for more harbor development and the completion of the Canadian National Railways terminal, now represented by the extensive hole in the ground familiar to all Montrealers and a source of curiosity for visitors. So far as the completion of the terminal is concerned Mr. Howe appears to have made no promise. On the subject of the harbor he had much more to say. Montreal is bringing its greatest season to an end. It has had a record number of vessels of all types arriving and departing and there has been no congestion. Last year the harbor was dredged at a cost of \$2,000,000 and this work has permitted the free movement of vessels of the deepest draught entering or leaving the harbor. Within recent weeks contracts have been let for further large undertakings. The policy being pursued, has for its object the development of the harbor in accordance with the best interests of the port, which means that some grandiose ideas that have been put forward are receiving no serious official consideration. And Mr. Howe told the delegation so.

"Say it with whisks" was a little girl's advice to Abraham Lincoln away back in 1860 when he was in the throes of an election campaign. She was then Gracie Bedell of Westfield Chautauqua, N. Y., and has just died, as Mrs. Billings at the age of 88. "Shocked," as she described it, by Lincoln's smooth-shaven face, she scrawled this letter to the Republican Presidential Candidate:

"Dear Mr. Lincoln: I think you would look better with whisks. Two of my brothers are Republicans, two are Democrats, I think I could get my Democratic brothers to vote for you if you wore a beard. The rail fence around your picture in the poster is very pretty. Have you any little girls?"

Four days later she received this answer: "My Dear Grace Bedell: Your very agreeable letter of the 13th received. I regret to say I have no little girl. I have three sons, one seventeen years old, one nine and one seven. Speaking of whisks, don't you think people would call it a silly affectation if I should begin wearing whisks."

"I really believe I caused Mr. Lincoln to grow a beard," Mrs. Billings said in an interview several years ago. She said that in February after his election Lincoln stopped at Westfield and asked her to come forward. "He climbed down and sat with me on the edge of the station platform," she recalled. "Gracie" he said, "look at my whisks. I have been growing them for you." Then he kissed me. I never saw him again." At the time of her death Mrs. Billings still had the letter she received from Lincoln.

Votes by the Way

A woman was hit by an automobile. Later she was asked a question the number of the car. "No," she replied, "but the girl who was driving wore a three-piece knitted suit, and she had on a periwinkle hat, trimmed with artificial grapes."

The question is whether the opinion of non-partisan newspapers is more "honest" than that of the party journal. A great political party concerns itself, at least in theory, with the interests of the whole nation and no one will deny in any case that, even in practice, a large aggregation of individual interests, as diversified as they are divided among all classes of the population — rich, poor, or comfortably off. That being the case who dare pretend that, from the point of view of public interest, the organ of a great party does not render as great a service (to say the least) as the organ of a group of private individuals, even if these be good citizens and excellent fathers of families? Indeed, both are useful. The truth, as is frequently the case, is to be found in the compensations of a fair average.—Le Canada, Montreal.

Climbing quotations for tobacco this year have brought joy to the hearts of the growers. As is so often the case in agricultural matters, however, the price is high because of bad weather conditions earlier in the season. These resulted in poor crops in many localities and, in plenty of instances, of growers having little or nothing to sell. Nevertheless, the paying out of nearly a million dollars for Essex County's flue-cured tobacco crop is a mighty fine thing for this district, especially when one remembers that it is only a small fraction of the huge farm income of our district this year.—Windsor Star.

To shape the whole future is not our problem; but only to shape faithfully a small part of it, according to rules already known. It is perhaps possible for each of us, who will work earnestly to ascertain what he, for his own part, ought to do, his duty, with true heart, do, and continue doing. The general issue will, as it has always done, rest well with a Higher Intelligence than ours. . . . This day thou knowest: ten commanded duties, seen in thy mind the things which should be done for one that thou doest! Do one of them; this of itself will show thee ten others which can and shall be done.—Carlyle.

Out of a total of 29,530,000 votes cast in the British general election in 1935 Communist candidates for the House of Commons received a total of 27,117. This was less than one-tenth of 1 per cent of the whole vote, much less than 1 per cent of the vote cast for candidates of the Labor party. These figures explain why the British Labor party has rejected a Communist invitation to affiliate in a united front against Fascism. Whatever menace of Fascism may exist in Great Britain, the Labor party seems confident of its ability to meet the situation without the aid of Communists.—New York Sun.

In North Carolina the woodchuck is called a whistle-pig, which, recalling Bryce's famous remark about the Holy Roman Empire, is an accurate description, except that the woodchuck isn't a pig and can't whistle.—Toronto Star.

The world is what it is, not what we would like it to be. What can any sensible man or woman anywhere in the world do for that matter, do but endorse and support Mr. Baldwin's policy, expressed in his declaration that the Government would not relax for one moment its rearmament efforts, "because we know that while we work for the blessings of peace, there can be no peace in Europe with certainty unless every country knows we are prepared for war." It is not the counsel of despair. It is not accepting war as inevitable. It is, on the contrary, taking the world as it is, the best and only practical insurance against war. If the autocrats can see speedy victory in prospect, there will be war. If they see the prospect of defeat there will be no war. The only way of meeting them on common ground is to convince them that defeat is the more likely outcome of any attack.—Winnipeg Tribune.

If we try to reduce the present opposition between central and western Europe to a brief formula, we may say that it is the conflict of the two different epochs. The main difference and the main opposition are in the political dictionary: "Hegemony" and "Supremacy" are expressions most popular in the world east of the Rhine and south of the Alps. The political dictionary has conserved the mark of the late nineteenth century. European community, internationalism, collective security, and the acceptance as a fact of the new national revolutions in the Slavonic world are ideas unable, as it seems, to penetrate into the mind of the ruling elements of these late nineteenth-century powers.—Ex.

Kind words produce their own image in men's souls, and a beautiful image it is. They soothe and comfort the hearer. They shame him out of his unkind feelings. We have not yet begun to use them in such abundance as they ought to be used.—Pascal.

With the increasing cold of November the best yards along the bay are filling, and fewer and fewer are the yachts remaining at their moorings. In parallel rows upon the shore are stored the power cruisers, the auxiliaries and the small fry, which only a little while ago were threatening their respective ways over the bright waters or lying gracefully at anchor in still coves and quiet harbours.—Providence Journal.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

USING OILS AND SOFT PASTES OR DRYING TREATMENTS IN ECZEMA

You may recall the saying, "The most satisfactory specialty in medicine is to be a skin specialist, as the patient never dies and he never gets better." This means no worry about the plenty of work for the skin specialist.

The second "satisfactory" point for the skin specialist is that as one-half of all skin ailments are due to eczema, he apparently can be right in the treatment of one half of all his cases by treating them all as eczema.

However, it so happens that while eczema is eczema, all skins are not alike, and so the skin specialist has to choose whether he will treat the condition by means of an ointment or by a dry method. Dr. P. Mulzer, Leipzig, stresses that the general condition of the skin, particularly its oiliness, must be given consideration when it is to be decided whether an eczema should be treated by means of an ointment or by dry method.

In those patients in whom the skin, especially the face, is oily and shiny, has comedones (blackheads) and a tendency to acne-pimples and in whom the hair is oily, so that it requires frequent washings, the use of ointments, oils, and soft pastes is not advisable. The application of oily ointments or pastes apparently results in a stoppage or stasis of the natural oil coming out on the surface of the skin—it gets held back by the oily ointment or paste. This causes further irritation and delays healing. In such patients a dry treatment is advisable. Dr. Mulzer uses chiefly a zinc mixture, which contains zinc oxide, talcum, glycerine and water.

However in the patient in whom skin and hair are especially dry, ointment and soft pastes are the best remedies for eczema.

The Poet's Corner

PASTORALE FOR INDIAN SUMMER

The geese gleam whitely in this pale light. Where a willow shades the white plaster bridge. And pigeons, murmuring softly, return from flight To settle just beneath the barn roof's ridge.

A dog barks or a cock crows, prophesying rain: This silence is not disturbed by other sound. The crib holds golden ears of corn; the sto, silver grain; Windfallen apples lie glowingly upon the ground.

Far mountains wear quietly their cloak of days: Soft atmospheric gray or smoky blue. But near-by slopes flames in autumnal blaze: Bronze oak and scarlet maple, the beech's copper hue.

Crows wheel above the pines on slowly flapping wings. And cows stare musingly with great calm eyes. Chewing reflectively unmoved as serene things. Regarding this season with p'acid surprise.

—Frederick Ebricht in Christian Science Monitor.

More and more we perceive that the danger of the dictator is that he must command, exhort, inflame. The world is shaken because men are in power who can not speak calmly or move except with an effect of violence.—New York Times.

DOCTORS CHECK KIDNEYS FIRST

Because they know that healthy kidneys remove from the blood the waste matter—the excess acids and poisons, formed by the ever-changing human body as it decays and rebuilds itself. But if the kidneys fail, illness surely follows. Backache, Rheumatism, Impure Blood, Lack of Energy, Too Frequent Urination, Sleeplessness, Headaches—all may result from faulty kidneys. As a health safeguard—as a wise precaution—regulate your kidneys frequently with Dodd's Kidney Pills—for over fifty years the favorite kidney remedy—non-habit forming—safe.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

GOVERNMENT SALE OPERATING

Sir—As it is quite unlikely that a satisfactory answer will be given "One of Many" relative to the Doctor's liquor prescription blanks, and as I believe the majority of the people to be in the dark in this regard, I take leave to answer the question. I gladly pass along information that came direct from the Attorney General's department.

On the first of each month the Doctors are forwarded 50 prescription blanks for beer and light wines, and 15 for hard liquors. Upon request for more, they are obtainable. This matter may be further illustrated by revealing the fact that in the month of April this year a Doctor without a practice led all others in writing liquor prescriptions, having issued 124.

If I remember correctly 62 Doctors issued 1,029 prescriptions that month. It seems as though the Doctors with the largest practice issued the least number of prescriptions.

Yes, "One of Many" it is quite possible that our Government is deliberately trying to increase the revenue from the sale of intoxicants. In fact we have reason to believe that a system of Government sale is operating in this Province strictly against the expressed wish of the people.

We are being urged to "speak again," and really we must, but loudly spoken desire voiced by the people and recognized and honoured by promises eloquently spoken by our candidates for public service to protect and enforce all our laws, particularly referring to the Prohibition law, all of which are the written desire of our people, ought to be sufficient.

Personally, I have been dubbed a "prophagandist" and the displeasure of the Premier of this Province has been publicly registered against me. If I have done aught worthy of such conduct I am ready to answer for it. In any case, I want to breathe the free air of a British subject.

Again, why should we have to ask and answer questions pertaining directly to the public welfare?

I am, Sir, etc.

C. WATTERWORTH

BALANCING THE BUDGET

Sir—Would it be high treason to ask how many drunken fatalities it would take to magnify the profits on liquor sales to a sufficient extent to raise funds enough to balance the budget?

And if this is a chosen method of reaching the end, why not exploit it in all its branches, and reap the harvest from every agency? How about an extra tax on the M.D.'s who make profits on the increased number of 'scripts' sold, a special tax on every extra coffin, a tax on every extra coffin, a tax to hide from the world the victims of the traffic?

Recipients of life insurance monies, garages profiting from repairs on cars in drunken accidents, lawyers fees depending the intoxicated road offenders, all might contribute a quota to help balance the budget. Why levy it all upon the drinker?

I am, Sir, etc.

BUDGET BALANCER

APPULUS CLAUDIUS

Sir—It is a strong point scored to have the Patriot so openly endorsing my comparison of the tyrant and dictator of Ancient Rome with the present Provincial Government.

The Liberal apologist tries to whitewash Appulus Claudius as a benefactor of the people, citing a codification of law as his great and popular achievement; history describes him and all the Claudian line as a race of able politicians, cowardly in military prowess, then the chief quality of nobility, never by any of them distinguished in battle, from which they shirked, but eloquent in tongue, obstinate in strategy, and cruel in performance, distinguished by "haughty demeanour" which drew upon them "the fiercest public hatred."

There was no press then to muzzle, but on parchment great poets aimed their satire upon the ruling tyrants, one of these. Nervous slung into a dung-heap, prior to the Claudian laws, and others, because of their attacks upon the Claudian dictators. It was after the reign of tyranny was suppressed that poets spoke with effect as in the lines which I in part quoted.

As the Liberal organ fixes the analogy of the Decemvirate and Appulus Claudius with its own party, may I quote a few more straggling lines from that immortal poem? "Like the moaning noise that goes before the whirlwind on the deep.

Or the growl of a fierce watch-dog but half aroused from sleep, The wailing, hooting, cursing, the howls of grief and hate. We heard beyond the Pincian Hill, beyond the Latin Gate. And sharper came the pelting, and evermore the yell— Tribunes will have Tribunes—rose with a louder swell. And when his stout retainers had brought him to his floor, His face and neck were all one cake of filth and clotting gore.

As Appulus Claudius was that day, so may his grandson be." I commend the Liberal organ for its candid acceptance of this object lesson for would be dictators. I am, Sir, etc.

UNMULLED SPEECH

The modern youth not only burns the candle at both ends, but expects father to supply the candle. A liberty loving man is very often amazed by his liberty taking neighbors.

Advertisement for Old Chum tobacco. Includes image of a woman and a pack of Old Chum. Text: "There is no other tobacco just like OLD CHUM. The Tobacco of Quality. CUT COARSE FOR THE PIPE. CUT FINE FOR CIGARETTES."

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Advertisement for Stone Carvers in the Senate. Text: "Stone Carvers in the Senate. (Ottawa Journal) For years the Governments of the day have refused to grant funds for the carving of the stone walls in the Parliament Building. Notably have the Senate and Commons Chambers been walled with bare slabs awaiting the animating touch of the artist. But last year a small grant was made for a start on the entrance to the Senate and the Senate Chamber itself."

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