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Shades Of Coles And Whelan!

Those who have followed The Guardian comments on the Park expropriation issue are aware that emphasis has been placed solely on the un-British manner in which our farmers and other property owners were dispossessed without right of appeal to a competent and impartial tribunal.

But it has had something else to say which we quote for the benefit of Guardian readers who do not subscribe to The Patriot, and who otherwise might be under the impression that the Government press has been silent altogether. That, though a negative virtue, would be counted to it for righteousness by those who feel that our contemporary is in an embarrassing position.

In the whole history of the Liberal party in this Province, it would be difficult to find a more striking example than this of barefaced and deliberate misrepresentation. No attempt was made to do anything to do with the issue raised in these columns. Our contemporary's statement does not require an answer, beyond the obvious one that every intelligent reader will make for himself or herself.

But there is one point worth noting. The report to such an unimpeachable source betrays the weakness of the Government's case, or at any rate the conviction on the part of its newspaper apologist that its case is so bad it can only be buttressed by fabrication. And that is important, and should inspire the petitioners who are asking for the restoration of their right as British subjects to appeal to our courts of justice to press forward more strongly than ever.

More Truth Than Poetry

The Toronto Saturday Night, which usually leans favourably towards Liberal politicians, expresses the hope that whatever be the outcome of the Ontario elections, it will not mean a sweep for Premier Hepburn.

"We are not opposed to his re-election," says the Toronto paper, "but we would like to see his majority reduced to reasonable proportions. That is because we do not believe in one-party government but in two-party government. For democracy to function in its ideal form, a substantial Opposition is as much a requisite of good government as a substantial majority of the party in power." (Don't we know it!)

Sinews Of War

"Money is what money does," say the economists—and it is, perhaps, one of the best definitions which can be given of that puzzling commodity. It matters not whether "money" takes the form of gold, silver, paper, shells, beads, or what have you—if it ceases to do its job of buying commodities and moving goods, it is no longer of value. One of the mysteries of the present age, says the Hamilton Spectator, is the ability of nations to spend on an extravagant scale for war purposes when, by all tokens, they should be facing bankruptcy.

Ultimately, it comes down to a question of financial strength. Great Britain and the United States, as peace-loving, democratic nations, have a tremendous advantage over countries which apparently have the will to conquest, but lack the resources. British policy is designed to put her in the position of saying: "We've got the ships, we've got the men and we've got the money, too." And it remains the fact, also, as the old song asserted, that "we don't want to fight." But if, notwithstanding such disinclination, Britain should become involved, the economic factor is liable to prove of decisive importance.

Liberal Criticism

This from The Eastern Chronicle (Liberal): "The Canadian National Railway is again in the monkey business. This time its officials are fooling with a contraption in the form of a passenger car that will run either on the rails or on the highway. Possibly if they put a keel on it and sent the bottom it would serve as a ferry-boat. What is the sense of all this? It's costing thousands of dollars that a bankrupt railway cannot afford to spend that way."

it can successfully cover. It is abandoning railways in some sections, in others it has miles of unfinished construction. Now it would seem as if it wanted to add the highways of the Dominion to its railway bed.

"This new thing has wheels for rails upon which it glides merrily along. Then you pull a lever and a set of rubber tired wheels drop down, the steel wheels are hoisted up out of the way, and there you are. A group of officials at Moncton have been joy riding with the thing. They and their machines had better be confined to the railway. Let the shoe-maker stick to his last."

There seems at least to be this much ground for the Nova Scotia Liberal paper's criticism: The railway went ahead in constructing this type of car without considering that the bus companies had the highway franchises. That, at any rate, is what happened in this Province.

Editorial Notes

This day week Labour Day.

Warren Hastings died this date 1818.

Now for the end of a perfect tourist month.

The grain is practically all saved, and the crop might have been worse.

Purchasers of Western horses must be careful from now on. Mortality rate among horses suffering sleeping sickness in Manitoba is estimated at 25 to 40 per cent. provincial Agriculture Department officials declare. While cool weather has slowed up spread of the worst plague of equine sickness Manitoba has ever experienced, lower temperatures remained the only hope of getting the disease under control, it was stated.

Professor Alberto de Stefani, former Italian minister of finance and until lately a financial advisor to the Chinese government, predicts the present Sino-Japanese conflict would end European and United States "special privileges" in China and bring a united Chinese nation. This nation, he said, might conceivably join with Japan to carry out the principle of "Asia for the Asiatics." Professor de Stefani, predicted the Oriental conflict would assume great proportions and China would be able to resist Japan with prolonged success.

Andrei Viskinsky, chief U.S.S.R. prosecutor has made the interesting discovery that many peasants were executed five years ago "because of a mistake." As the victims of the error cannot be helped now, Viskinsky should pay particular attention to the executions now in progress in order that mistakes of the kind may not occur again. Eight workers in Leningrad factories have recently paid the extreme penalty for "wrecking and murdering activities." There may have been errors in some of their cases also. The charges, at any rate, seem fantastic.

An all-Newfoundland agricultural and livestock exhibition will be held the first week in October, the Department of Natural Resources of the Newfoundland Commission of Government announces. Prizes totalling \$3,000 will be offered during the three-day meet to be held in St. John's. The last all-Newfoundland exhibition was in 1910. The exhibition is another in a series of steps being taken by the Department of Natural Resources and the department of rural reconstruction to encourage agriculture throughout the island so that the people would not be so wholly dependent upon the fisheries for their livelihood.

Cheaper Newfoundland fish is capturing the Brazilian market from Nova Scotia exporters according to Mr. Lester S. Glass, Canadian Trade Commissioner for Brazil. The price of Nova Scotia fish would have to be reduced to eliminate a 15 or 20 per cent. price difference if the exporters of Nova Scotia and Newfoundland were to compete on even terms, he said. Mr. Glass said Brazilians were mainly interested in prices, and that quality was a secondary consideration. In figures quoted by the commissioner, Brazil's total imports of fish in 1935 were valued at \$2,412,000. Of this, Newfoundland's share was nearly half—\$1,189,000, that of Nova Scotia was \$550,000.

Expressing hope of "uniting various Liberal factions," Dr. A. D. Roberts, Sault Ste. Marie member in the Ontario Legislature, has temporarily stepped out of Ontario politics. First elected to the Legislature in 1934 when Mr. Hepburn's Liberal forces upset Mr. George S. Henry's Conservative government, Dr. Roberts clashed with his leader near the end of the last session. He objected when Sir James Dunn, head of Algoma Steel Corporation, announced the government's plans for an iron ore bounty. Dr. Roberts considered such an announcement should come from the member of the riding. Charges and counter-charges were hurled by the premier and Dr. Roberts who was finally read out of the party during a hectic session.

Mr. E. R. Harriman, chairman of the National Economy League has been warning the U.S.A. that a continuance of the present policy of an unbalanced budget would result inevitably in either inflation or unbearable taxes, and possibly in both. Most of the new debt of \$20,000,000,000 acquired in the last seven years, he said, has been absorbed by their banking system thus furnishing the fuel for inflation. "So long as the budget remains unbalanced and the Treasury continues to borrow from the banks no constructive action can be taken to ward off inflation," Mr. Harriman said. "Each year the government goes further into debt the greater will be the burden which future generations must carry. The Treasury holds \$2,000,000,000 in the gold stabilization fund and over a billion of 'inactive' gold in the general fund. To release this gold while the budget is unbalanced would only lead to a further expansion of credit inflation and result in an upward spiral of prices."

NOTES BY THE WAY

It has been made perfectly clear on various occasions within the last few months that there may be public sympathy with strikes and strikers, that sympathy soon disappears and turns to hostility when violence enters the strike picture. —Brookville Recorder Times.

When a country with not more than 11,000,000 population exports its products to the time of almost \$100,000,000 in a single month it seems to us that this export business is something of an achievement. Think of what Canada would be accomplishing, at home and abroad, if our population were scattered nearer what it should be—say 30,000,000—Toronto Telegram.

The roots of one tree will never touch those of another underground. This fact was established by Professor M. A. Raines, of Howard University, who for several years has investigated the matter. Further, he finds that in trees and plants of the same species, the roots of the younger invariably bend slightly so as to allow the roots of an older plant to pass. Most plants and trees are sensitive, and Professor Raines thinks that the roots give off some elusive compound—probably electric—which repels. He has trained roots to meet each other, but when near to touching they invariably turn aside.—Montreal Star.

To most Canadians, the formula for creating a dictator requires only an armed uprising, a march on Rome or a beer-cel at putsch. Actually those things are merely. Actual climax of a long preparatory period of secret plotting and chicanery, a "which" of buying off and promising of dodges and playing with loopholes in the constitutional law.—Vancouver Sun.

His patience exhausted by air and sea attacks in Mediterranean areas far from Spanish waters, the British Government issues "shoot-to-kill" order against submarines threatening British merchantmen. It's Britain's notification that it through its trade artery of the world, Germany and Italy, that there is a submarine threat. But there's criticism in London because the order was restricted to submarines. However, it is felt that the British navy won't be able to distinguish between under-water, air-water, or over-water craft in the future when British merchantmen are attacked. When the mad dogs of war are abroad, Britain considers it wise to carry a club.—Christian Science Monitor.

The benevolent aims of Japan in relation to China have won the unstinted admiration of Germany and Italy. Japan's big guns and bombs are used as civilizing agencies in Ethiopia, Japan, Germany and Italy from a mutual admiration society the rest of the world regards as a menace to peace and good neighborhood, and with good reason. The benevolent fails to ring true.—Telegraph Journal.

Dictatorships feed on victory. Their whole system of logic is upset by defeat. Not even the traditional victor's drink of horse-races can be accepted if the result is in accordance with the plan. Failure of Italy's favorite entry, Donatello II, to capture the Grand Prix at Paris was received with chagrin at the Press. Commentators are interesting. Says Il Giornale d'Italia: "No horse was able to dominate Donatello II. The winner was a good horse which happened to be luckier than ours." It rather recalls Victor Hugo's interesting expansion of the word "Napoleon" in "Napoleon" wrote Hugo, "was never defeated. At Moscow it was fire—at Waterloo, it was fate."—Toronto Telegram.

The Gananogue Reporter, prompted perhaps by experience, has been looking into this business of getting things wrong, and here is what it has discovered. An editor, who had had attention called to a mistake in one of his columns, didn't feel so aggrieved when he recalled that on the same day there was a letter in his postoffice box that did not belong to him; he called 86 on the telephone and got 198; he called for a spool of No. 30 thread and got a spool of No. 60; he got his milk bill and there was a mistake of ten cents in the company's favor; he felt sick and the apothecary told him that he was eating too much meat, when he hadn't tasted meat for two months; the preacher turned in his church notes with the name of the society president misspelled and the editor got the hang of it; the garage man said his car was missing because it needed a new timer and he cleaned the spark-plug and the flvler has run fine ever since. And no doubt you can pick out a few more that could not be blamed on the editor.—Globe and Mail.

"We're going to plant raspberry bushes. A lady of our acquaintance gets quite a crop from her plants, far more than she can use herself. So she distributed dishes of them to her friends. So far this year six of her dishes have come back, none of them empty. One contained a lake trout, another cookies, the others, rolls, a cake, meat loaf and little pink beads. Ah, the reward of virtue! Yes, we're going to beed raspberries and give them away in big buckets!—Stratford Beacon Herald.

Since Canada needs the Commonwealth and is benefited and strengthened by her association with it, the simplest and the decent thing is to recognize and carry out our obligations and responsibilities to our fellow-members of the Commonwealth. It is clear that we envisage no situation affecting Canada from without where we do not expect those fellow-members to carry out what we conceive to be their responsibilities towards us. If only a fraction of the time and effort we have wasted trying virtuously to convince ourselves of the propriety of side-stepping our obligations were devoted to performing these obligations, Canada would today be richer in all those qualities which exalt a nation. And if that is not unimportant, one is national self-respect.—Fleurbaey, in The Legionary.

That Body of Ours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

WHY THE BODY NEEDS THE DIFFERENT KINDS OF FOOD

One of the miracles of life is to see how the average normal individual seems to eat what he likes, never measuring the amount of each kind of food stuff, and yet remains healthy and happy. Naturally he scoffs at all the food specialists and dietitians and calls them "food faddists."

"All I do," he says, "is to eat every day some meat, potatoes, and one or two other vegetables, some bread and butter, and a little raw or canned fruit." Which, the diet experts will agree, is really an ideal diet for the average normal individual.

A scientific examination of the above daily menu would outline the exact amount of the foods eaten, for the different foods are used by the body for different purposes. These purposes or requirements of the body are (a) energy, (b) growth in children, (c) body building to repair tissue worn out by the work done in the body, and by the body as exercise or labor.

In our student days our physiology textbooks taught us that there were five classes of foods—proteids, carbohydrates (starches) fats, salts and water.

1. Proteids—meat, eggs, fish (animal), and cereals—oats, wheat, corn, barley (vegetable). Proteids are the body builders and repairers.

2. Carbohydrates or starches—sugar, bread, potatoes, pastry. Starches are the energy producers of the body.

3. Fats—butter, cream, egg yolks, fat meats. Fats provide energy, heat, and "protective" duties for the body.

4. Salts or Minerals—calcium, phosphorus, iron—required in the structure of all tissues and fluids of the body.

5. Water or Liquids—water, milk tea, coffee, soft drinks—used to help carry food and oxygen by means of the blood to all parts of the body, control temperature, remove wastes, and prevent friction.

However, since those student days, the vitamins have been discovered, those tiny substances which seem to have the power to make other food stuffs do more complete work thus giving more service, and preventing various ailments.

And one other food material is now being stressed, the fibrous or hard indigestible material found in fruits and vegetables. This fibrous material or cellulose in sufficient quantities irritates the walls of the intestine, causes them to contract, thus preventing constipation. If too much is eaten, colitis (inflammation of the large intestine, diarrhoea or dysentery) may occur.

Bell the Aldermen!

(Chicago Daily News)

To protect the town's wild life, the defecation of Edwardsville, Ill., have just decreed that all cats must be belled and licensed, at one buck per cat. Fortunately, Chicago's wild life is not endangered by cats. Indeed, it is simply protected by the politicians. Yet cats, like goldfish and canary birds, are one possible source of revenue which our aldermen seem hither to have overlooked. License the cats, use the money to increase patronage, and hang the bells on the aldermen. Why not?

A Lack of Information

(Moncton Transcript)

Mr. Aberhart told a picnic crowd that he had been advised by cable that millions of electors in Australia and New Zealand were following his struggle with deepest sympathy. Typical of the cables he read was one from Adelaide: "Support you. Cable Mackenzie King 50,000 South Australians resent attempt coerce Alberta people. Interpreted here violation democratic principles."

Evidently it is difficult to make a proper appraisal of a situation at long range. Mr. King is not attempting to coerce Alberta people. Rather the shoe is on the other foot, and Mr. Aberhart is trying to coerce the people of Canada. Coercion is much more characteristic of Mr. Aberhart than of Mr. King. Mr. King is not violating but defending the constitutional rights of Canadians, including the people of Alberta.

Premier Aberhart, who should know better, bases some of his objections to the course Ottawa has taken also on a lack of knowledge. He says that, in March, the Minister of Justice declared that the power to disallow no longer exists. What Hon. Mr. Lapointe said was that the British government no longer has the right to disallow Canadian legislation. The Minister of Justice specifically added: "I would not say the same concerning self-respect."—Fleurbaey, in The Legionary.

Safety bound to their destinations, the trans-Atlantic airplanes pass each other in mid-ocean, one on the "up line" the other on the "down line" like a couple of express trains. The Englishmen take coffee and sandwiches on their calm, eventless flight; the Americans enjoy a five-course dinner. They shave up in the sky before landing to meet Mr. de Valera, who has just had his own whiskers somewhat trimmed in the Irish elections. —London Express.

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.

THE GARDENS AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Sir.—There is a lovely spot on a lovely island—cool and fresh on warm afternoons, an enchanted grove on summer nights—the sweet and gracious gardens at Government House. There, flowers, purple and yellow, and rose and white, smile and sway toward the blue river, and coral-tipped water-lilies float on the silvery surface of a fountain exquisite enough for a mermaid's bower. Sometimes, on golden days, and star-filled evenings, charming ladies and handsome gentlemen, welcomed by the fairest of hostesses, and the most gallant of hosts, stroll along the scented walks in friendly converse. Happy Gardens in a troubled world! A place to dream about when the white winter sets in.

I am Sir, etc., RUHAMAH SCHEINFELD FRANK

PROVINCIAL MUSEUM NEEDED

Sir.—There has been increased interest in recent years in the preservation of local historical objects in the various provinces of Canada. Every province, except Prince Edward Island, has a museum. Many of the provinces have historical societies. Is it not time that Prince Edward Island began to preserve its resources?

Prince Edward Island has an interesting history. But the material records of this history are daily passing into oblivion. Objects of great historical importance are being carelessly destroyed by people ignorant of their value. Many have found their way to other provinces. It is time that the objects which are left should be preserved. In other words, why not start a museum in Charlottetown?

There are, in the province, several private collections of relics relating to the early history of Prince Edward Island. I have no doubt that many of these owners would be glad to contribute some or all of their collections to a provincial museum. Many have expressed a desire for such an opportunity.

The only argument which I have ever heard used against the establishing of a museum is that of lack of money. The same argument was used in regard to the libraries, and we still have the libraries. The same argument was used about the roads, and the government is going gaily ahead preparing for more pavement. Museums are like teeth. The longer they are neglected, the harder they are to fill.

It is advisable that historical objects should be housed in a fire-proof building. But, if that is not possible, there are several places in Charlottetown which might be used as a museum. The Harris Memorial Gallery, for instance, has the nucleus of a collection. The room is small, but it might serve as a beginning.

Perhaps some Charlottetown society might, if asked, undertake this project. It would be an interesting and profitable winter's work.

I am Sir, etc., HELEN JEAN CHAMPION O'Leary, August 27, 1937.

THEIR FAITH UNCONQUERED

Sir.—In these days of dust, drought, wind and grasshoppers, many people are asking: "How are the people of the drought area standing up under the sledge-hammer blows that Nature has dealt them during these past eight years? What keeps them still standing on their feet, looking with hope toward another year? What helps them from losing heart?"

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The Poets Corner BAVARIAN GENTIAN'S Not every man has gentians in his hours in soft September, at slow, sea Michaelmas. Bavarian gentians, big and dark, only dark, darkening the day-time torch-like with the smoking bueness of Pluto's gloom. Ribbed and torch-like, with their blaze of darkness spread blue down flattening into points, flattened under the sweep of the white day torch-flower of the blue-smoking darkness, Pluto's dark-blue daze black lamps from the halls of Dis giving off blackness, blue blackness as Demeter's pale lamps give off light, lead me then, lead me the way. Reach me a gentian, give me a torch let me guide myself with the blue forked torch of this flower down the darker and darker stair, where blue is darkened of bluesness, even where Persephone goes, hush now, from the frosted September to the sightless realm where darkness is awake upon the dark and Persephone herself is but a voice, or a darkness invisible enfolded in the deeper dark of the arms Plutonic, and pierced with the passion of densest gloom, among the splendour of torches of darkness, shedding darkness on the lost bride and her groom. —D. H. Lawrence

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