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Canadian Press Changes

One of the major happenings in the Dominion now taking place is the transference of the Canadian Press management from Mr. J. F. B. Livesay to Mr. J. A. McNeil, both well known in certain circles in this Province. It is to Mr. Livesay this Province owes its direct Canadian Press news service. For years endeavours had been made without success to cover the breach between Charlottetown and the Mainland, until one day Mr. Livesay appeared on the scene, and personally investigated the situation. Within six hours the problem of years had been solved. That is the sort of man Mr. Livesay is, and is characteristic of his handling the great news gathering and distributing service of which Canadian Editors and Publishers are so justly proud. As Louis XIV said of France, "L'Etat c'est moi" so may Mr. Livesay legitimately say of the C.P., but he would be the last man on earth to do so. He has the instinct and taste of a British and Canadian journalist to let his work and influence speak for themselves. With him a newspaper man is "no news," and he flitted here, there and everywhere helping others along, and especially "lame dogs over fences" with never a line of publicity, far less his "picture in the paper". At the present moment we fail to recall ever having seen Mr. Livesay "illustrated." Yet he is the practical builder of the greatest newspaper service in the Dominion, and the only successful co-operative news service in the world. It is now being initiated, preliminary steps having been taken in Australia and South Africa to adopt the Canadian Press system. In building up the service, Mr. Livesay has sacrificed his health, for with him success has implied laborious days and sleepless nights. Yet he is not without his hobbies, chief of which are gardening and photography. His pride has been to take fellow editors to visit his garden at Woodlot, Clarkston, in late spring and early summer, and at Christmas to send them one of his de luxe photographs of scenes he has snapped on his travels, especially in the Maritime Provinces.

Mr. Livesay's successor is Mr. John A. McNeil, executive editor of the Montreal Gazette, who has been for many years a director of the Canadian Press as well. Like Mr. Livesay he has a keen sense of news values and is a tried and trusted administrator. He has visited here frequently in connection with the Good Roads Conventions, the publicity for which he has made himself responsible, and is familiarly known by his friends and the directors as "Jack."

Economizing At Wrong End

If there is one industry in Canada that requires every encouragement from Ottawa at the present time it is surely agriculture. It is therefore disappointing to note, in the main estimates submitted to Parliament, that agricultural expenditures are to be pared to the bone, the vote being \$81,281 less than last year. Among the services to go on shorter rations financially are scientific research, experimental farms, marketing service, cold storage warehouse subsidies, fruit, vegetable and maple products and honey, dairy products, grants to fairs, and administration expenses in the production service branch.

In contrast to this retrenchment in what are regarded as important farm services is the striking increase in the last few years in the cost of running the various government offices. Expenses in Auditor General's department went up 24 per cent; in Civil Service Commission 60 per cent; in Department of External Affairs 50 per cent; in House of Commons costs 54 per cent; Senate 87 per cent; Department of Secretary of State 71 per cent, etc. There are few items in this list which are not strictly "controllable" and could be curtailed with less disadvantage than our agricultural services.

Canada's Defense Bill

The outstanding feature of the main estimates tabled in the House of Commons on Wednesday by Finance Minister Dunning was the huge appropriation of \$63,447,175 for national defense, fittingly described in yesterday's despatch as "an all-time post-war peak."

With the necessity for increased expenditure in this vitally important matter at the present time, few will take issue. There remains, however, the responsibility of insuring, not only that this money will be spent to the best possible advantage, but of informing Parliament and the country with regard to every detail.

In this connection the Ottawa Journal complains that with sixty million odd dollars voted for defense in the last two years, not more than ten men in Parliament know what has been spent on coastal defenses, how many anti-aircraft guns have been secured, or how many aircraft have been provided. The information has not been given to Parliament nor to the press.

The Journal outlines a few elementary facts which the public is entitled to know, through their parliamentary representatives. For example:

1. How many first line air fighting machines are in Canada at the present time.
2. How many will be in Canada a year hence.
3. Whether the type of aircraft we are building is the latest type, or whether it is already obsolete.
4. How many contracts have been let for anti-craft guns, if any; and just how many of these guns we have now, or are likely to have

within a reasonable time.

5. What progress is being made in the manufacture of shells.
6. What system the Department of Defense operates under in the letting of armament contracts.
7. Who constitutes the Canadian Defense Council; and how often does the Council meet.
8. What measure of co-ordination exists between the three arms of Canadian defense, — air, land and sea.

There are other questions not so elementary — questions that Parliament, if it is serious about this defense matter, and if it wants to get the best defense value for the money it votes, ought to know.

To repeat what happened last year, when a few questions were asked the Minister of Defense during the passage of defense estimates, bringing replies that told nothing, is not good enough.

Another Pledge Repudiated

"Our contemporary says the Liberals promised 'jobs not doles', but they made no such promise."—Patriot, Jan. 26, 1939.

"Jobs or doles—which? . . . Vote Liberal and get back from the Poorhouse. It is clear that Tory policies cannot END unemployment. Vote Liberal for a return of the prosperity enjoyed between 1922 and 1930."—Patriot, Oct. 2, 1935.

The latter quotation is but one of many which appeared in our contemporary's editorial columns during the last federal campaign, ringing the changes on the Liberal assurance to substitute work for unemployment. It was made almost as frequently as the promise of the Campbell Government to "balance the budget annually" without increased taxation. And it is worth just about as much today!

For now, says our contemporary, it is "freely admitted" that the Liberals cannot end unemployment. "It seems to be an impossible task unless Canada is willing to go into a large scale rearmament plan and conscript every unemployed man and place them under military discipline."

A dire alternative indeed, which the electors will find hard to reconcile with Liberal campaign propaganda.

Editorial Notes

Charles L. Dodgson, "Alice in Wonderland," born this date, 1832.

Ottawa was selected by Queen Victoria as the Capital of Canada this date, 1858.

This is from the Montreal Gazette: "Only 11,320 cars were ferried to Prince Edward Island last year, as compared with 14,792 in 1937. The Island province should advertise its attractions more if further tourist loss is to be prevented. It is a pleasant place to visit."

Surely the reputedly "hard-boiled" President of the United States is not getting superstitious with the approach of his third term! Pen-and-ink drawings ridiculing him were seized by Boston detectives. The drawings, the officers said, were prepared for distribution at a dinner, Police Commissioner Joseph F. Tumulty, announcing that he would seek obscene literature warrants, declared that "in some foreign countries, instead of waiting until the next day to obtain a court warrant, officials would order an immediate firing squad for such an offense."

For the most part the different provinces and cities of Canada are taking formal farewell of the Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett by entertaining him at banquets and presenting him with farewell gifts. There is always the proverbial exception, however, for we find from the Moncton newspapers that the Board of Trade there considers that instead of being the recipient of gifts, Mr. Bennett should become a donor. They kindly suggest that he should present a site in Albert County for a New Brunswick National Park!

According to the Hon. Mr. Crerar the annual turnover in Canadian business based on wild life resources is valued at \$50,000,000, while their contribution to the health and recreation of Canadians is immeasurable. He said so at the opening of a three-day conference of Dominion and provincial game conservation officials at Ottawa. Perpetuation of Canada's wild life depends on continued facilities for feed and reproduction, the Dominion Minister said, and it was the purpose of the conference to find means of co-operation between the provinces and Dominion to conserve game and fur-bearing animals. Among those representing the provinces were: British Columbia, F. R. Butler; Alberta, W. H. Wallace; Saskatchewan, Edward S. Forsyth; Manitoba, A. G. Cunningham; Quebec, Deputy Minister Richard and Charles Fremont; New Brunswick, Lieut.-Col. H. H. Ritchie; Prince Edward Island, W. R. Shaw, Deputy Minister of Agriculture.

Stories about last Wednesday's caucus of the Liberals conflict in some respect, writes Mr. F. C. Mears, but they all agree on one fact, namely, that Premier Mackenzie King "talked turkey" to his followers, especially those from Ontario. It now develops that while the federal leader and the Ontario Premier have some characteristics and viewpoints that are irreconcilably opposed the Prime Minister of Canada finds it even more difficult to understand some of the federal Liberals in Ontario who have run off in pursuit of false gods. One story, in short, is that Premier King wants his followers to declare themselves, to name their allegiance and then stick to it. If they prefer Premier Hepburn then stick to the provincial party and do not impede federal organization by a pretended federal loyalty; if they are avowedly followers of Premier King do not tolerate Hepburn attempts to smear the federal chief. Meanwhile, there is a truce in whatever hostilities remain between the two leaders until Premier Hepburn returns from Australia late next month or early in March. Should the Ontario leader have another outbreak on his return it will be exceedingly interesting to watch the moves that will be made by Premier King to retard, if not check-mate his Ontario adversary.

NOTES BY THE WAY

When the roads are drifted with snow, one horsepower under the snow shunts can usually make better progress than 40 horsepower under a hood.—St. Catharines Standard.

A British scientist has produced sugar economically, suggesting the possibility of producing sugar in stuffs in factories. Then we would all live in cities and use the country to park our cars.—Brubaker in the New Yorker.

It is seldom indeed that prophets climb as far out on a limb as Roger W. Babson in predicting that during 1939 Canadian business will average higher than any previous year in history, with a fifteen per cent movement over 1938. But the statistician's Babson Park is not in the habit of making predictions without some sound basis.—London Free Press.

Gaelic Athletic Association of Dublin has dropped Dr. Douglas Hyde, President of Ireland, from its list of patrons because he attended a soccer match which, in the eyes of the association, is a "foreign game." Eamon de Valera was present at the same match, but the association say haven't developed their forward passing sufficiently to make an example of that baby.—Windsor Star.

A "human polar bear" whose fancy is to don bathing trunks, sit on a cake of ice and eat ice cream challenges any man in Winnipeg to dig a hole in the covering of the Red River, step in and stay in the water as long as he does, for a wager of \$100. The challenger says he has been hovering around 30 to 35 below zero, it is to be feared that neither the challenger nor the interested bystanders haven't been very long. If they did they would perish.—Montreal Gazette.

The British archaeologist Mr. Walter Emery, has discovered at Sakkara the tomb of a noble or high official of the Second Dynasty (about 3000-2800 B.C.), which is interesting because it has a chamber facing the niche containing the sarcophagus were found several plates, mostly alabaster, on which are the remains of a fish, a pigeon, and other comestibles laid out for the soul of the departed. In adjacent chambers were found alabaster jars, which had held grain and wine.—London Times.

There is only one way to restore our foreign markets. That is to lower tariffs sufficiently to give foreign nations an opportunity to acquire the dollar exchange with which to buy our farm products, and to produce those products so efficiently that we can offer them at as least as low a price as competing producers in other parts of the world.—St. Louis-Despatch.

Although Australia's next Governor-General, Lord Gowrie, of Kent, invariably swims in trunks, they will not be permitted at the National Capital pool. While public opinion in other Australian cities favors allowing men to wear trunks for swimming, Canberra continues to insist on the addition of "uppers." Pictures of the future of the pool, which the trunks had no effect on the council, which reaffirmed the trunks ban when it was brought up for review.—Australian Press Bureau.

The Minister of Highways is on the best of ground when he points out that a three cent increase in the tax on motor cars, one of the leading sources of revenue to the last notch, the tourist industry would be endangered. And certainly the manufacture and sale of motor cars, one of Canada's leading industries, would be injuriously affected. As we remarked when the report of the Chevier Commission was first made, and to which he is looking for Lower, not Higher, taxes. The politicians must keep this in mind if they expect to stay in business.—Windsor Star.

Everybody has to write a letter occasionally, and least and the old superstition "Your truly" seems to be losing its old grip to judge by the letters this column receives. It is in fact interesting to see how many letters to get away from it: Years ago a lot of letters were signed "Your obedient servant," or the more modern "Your truly," but it is a couple of generations ago since this florid style was in vogue. Much depends on how the writer feels towards the person he addresses nowadays. "Sincerely yours" or "Yours faithfully" have a fairly steady vogue, the latter often indicating an old country origin. "Yours truly" is probably most generally used, with an occasional "Cordially yours." Of late the superscriptions on letters the one that stands out in the writer's memory was from a Finland friend whose not perfect English was claimed by his simple "friendly" above his signature. And what ending could be better? Maybe it would be a good idea for Algoma people to adopt for their letters.—Sault Ste. Marie Star.

Lord Nuffield, prince of benefactors, has planned a job which ought to benefit the whole country. Before the end of the month he will leave to visit South Africa, New Zealand, and probably Australia, to revive British motor-car exports. South Africa is a country where dumped foreign vehicles have sharply cut into our trade. But here is a line of sight as road transport develops should keep tens of thousands of our men and women busy. Lord Nuffield means to see that this potential work cannot be retained for Britain. This great industrialist is as shrewd as he is patriotic, and will not return without plans for the covering of the success of his potential work cannot be retained for Britain. This great industrialist is as shrewd as he is patriotic, and will not return without plans for the covering of the success of his potential work cannot be retained for Britain. This great industrialist is as shrewd as he is patriotic, and will not return without plans for the covering of the success of his potential work cannot be retained for Britain.

Note well the development of American public opinion. For it is one of the big things going on in the world today. Plain and vigorous condemnation of tyranny by American leaders is no new thing. But what is now significant is this—plain speaking is finding accompaniment in the realm of action. The American Ambassador in Berlin is reported to have, and stays there. The Ger-

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.

"PASSING THE BUCK"

Sir—The Island Government had passed the collecting of income tax over to the Federal Government. They collect two income taxes, one for themselves, the other for the Province.

Now, in turn, the City want the local Government to help them collect their auto taxes. Is this a tribute to the efficiency of the Federal tax collecting powers, or merely a confession of their own weakness?

The annual meeting of the Legislature is not far distant. Is there any premonition of what new tax measures they are hatching for this session, or is it to be barren of this familiar trump card which they have played at every preceding session?

Mackenzie King, in his speech on the Draft Address, has indicated at least one new taxation project in prospect. If he is permitted by Hepburn and some other stumbling-blocks. He wants the provinces to consent to "Unemployment Insurance" in which he openly declares, his Government will collect by taxation the funds to carry the costs.

taxation, more or less, and yet still more of tax burdens, despite the plethora of election promises.

I am, Sir, etc.

ONE OF THE GOATS

A VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM

Sir—H. Miller, in the Forum, paints a picture which is too real and too serious for indifferent dismissal. Not unlikely there are over 100 tenants in the City, confronted with the prospect of outdoor residence, an unpleasant outlook in present weather.

How are these to be housed, or must they take to the streets? Owners of rental properties have now been consulted. However when they carry them. They can stand it no longer, or they themselves will be out of doors, or seeking impossible shelter. How would you like to have property, and the dole is not for you. But of what use is property on which you must pay taxes, insurance and upkeep, which you can neither eat or drink, rent or sell?

Governments, and the City, with that destructive "housing" have provided homes for those who did not need them who had the means to pay for them, absorbing those having tenants which helped landlords to help out the unemployed. How do you propose to employ and those in actual need?

Why not change the scheme? Secure some buildings such as the old Arena. Rent fit up fifty or more two-room-apartments, and give a "vacation" housing shelter to those "overheated" with an unbearable residence out of doors.

I am, Sir, etc.

LEWIS P. TANTON

HAS THE CHURCH FAILED?

Sir—According to the newspapers, the Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett at a farewell banquet given to him by his fellow church members in Calgary, declared it to be his considered view that the Christian Church had failed. This declaration has been discussed by the Rt. Rev. Moderator of the United Church, by several other persons and by many newspapers. As I see it, neither Mr. Bennett himself nor any of the discussion-ers realizes the full import of the declaration.

If Jesus Christ was and is God, the Church which He founded, with which He promised to remain till the end of time, and to which He promised to send the Holy Ghost to be its special guide and instructor did not and will not fail. Every question asked, and every doubt entertained as to whether the Church founded by Christ has failed implies a doubt or a denial of the Divinity, and in my opinion these doubts and these denials are the fundamental cause of the world's troubles today.

If Jesus Christ was only a man the Church which He founded was only a human institution, and may have failed; in which case Christianity goes by the board. If Jesus Christ was God, and He was neither Redemption nor Fall; therefore Christianity is not only a myth, but an imposition, and the greatest imposition of the world. Are we prepared for this? I suppose not, yet it is what loose thinking on these subjects inevitably leads to, and it is the road upon which I fear that problems ably half of so-called Christendom is travelling today.

If there are in the world at the present time, institutions which men founded and called Churches, they may have failed or they may not, and while the consequences might be serious they would not be fatal. But to say or to think that the Church founded by God could fall shows a gross misunderstanding of what Christianity means that the persons who so speak or think, while they may be good people and law-abiding citizens, cannot in reality be called Christians.

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(Church Christians, as the Senator is aware, consist to some extent of what in gambling are called "hedgers"—people who put up most their all on the World, the Flesh, or the Devil, and a little on the Church in case, by any chance, it should romp home ahead of the favorites they have backed.—Ed. G.)

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Till out the last skyline of youth We look down on his fair new land.

We put from port, without a fear, Our wish to sail on this Spanish Main. And the great wind that bore us here Will drive our galleys home again.

If not, we can lie down and die, Content to perish with our peers. So one more road be gained thereby.

For Love's dominion through the years.

—Richard Hovey.

man protest against the Tickers speech, he publicly rejected. It announced that the American Atlantic fleet is permanent Money is lent to China. Food is sent to Spain. This is no "isolation." Not yet is it "entanglement." But it is a policy, not just a sentiment, and it is designed to give actual help to the spiritual causes in which America profoundly believes.—London Daily Express.

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CAUSE AND TREATMENT OF BOILS

The usual treatment for a boil now is to let it alone or perhaps apply a "drawing" ointment to cover the boil only and not the surrounding skin. The use of poultices on the surrounding skin is a mistake. A poultice that just covers the boil helps to draw the contents of the boil to a head.

When the boil is ready to open, a toothpick is dipped in carbolic acid and used to make an opening in the boil to allow pus to come out.

Where there is a "crop" of boils or carbuncle (a large swelling or lump with a number of openings), no home treatment should be attempted and a physician should be consulted. However when boils occur from time to time the underlying cause or causes should be sought. Treatment directed toward the removal of these underlying causes usually results in success.

"It consists of the removal of local sources of friction—collars, clothing, the removal of substances obstructing the opening of the hair roots (dirt, oil, pimples), the treatment of any infection—teeth, sinuses, the treatment of underlying skin ailments, acne (pimples), dandruff, hives, eczema, etc., and the treatment, when present, of too much sugar in the blood, anaemia, under-nourishment and the like. Some cases seem to be associated with anxiety or overwork. Increased fresh air and sunshine or a long holiday may prevent the attacks of boils."

The thought then when boils occur from time to time is to try to find the cause among these mentioned above, and then undergo treatment by ultra-violet or X-ray to improve the tone and infection-resisting ability of the skin.

It should be remembered also that the eating of too much starch food—bread, potatoes, sweets, etc.—greatly increases the amount of sugar in the blood and is a factor in causing boils.

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Of Lakes And Rivers (Hamilton Spectator)
 We don't think much of the poster in geography. It is indeed about the most effective form of embarrassing people who might otherwise have a fair amount of general knowledge—and general knowledge covers too much. For the subject is one that is so full of awkward spots for most of us to cover up.

Take the business of Canadian lakes and rivers.

There is probably nothing startling about the listing of our lakes and rivers in comparative size—not even as startling as the fact that the "prairie" provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan are from 65 to 75 per cent covered by forest—but it might serve as a vaguely informative source for those who are a big trend of the Munich pact and the quinine.

Lake Ontario, it might be said as an opening refresher, ranks seventh in size among Canadian lakes—that is, excluding the purely American Lake Michigan and including Superior, Huron and Erie. Lake Superior, with its total area of 31,820 square miles making it the largest body of fresh water in the world, Canada's share is some 11,000 square miles. Of Huron we claim 13,675 square miles of a total of 23,100, and of Erie, a little over half of its 9,840. Our part of Lake Ontario is 3,727 out of 7,540.

Thus, in ranking their total areas we have Superior, Huron, Great Bear, Great Slave (both in the Northwest Territories), Erie, Lake Winnipeg, (Manitoba), Lake Ontario, Lake Athabasca (Alberta), followed by Lakes Reindeer and Winipegosis (shared by Manitoba and Saskatchewan). Of the "all-Canadian" lakes, Great Bear, with 11,580 square miles, and Great Slave, with 11,170, are well ahead.

Some idea again of the size of Canadian rivers is brought home by the fact that the St. Lawrence, while second longest in the Dominion, has some close rivals. With their headwaters, the list is as follows: The Mackenzie river in the Northwest Territories, 2,514 miles long; the St. Lawrence, 1,900; the Yukon, 1,765; the Nelson (Manitoba), 1,600; and the Saskatchewan, 1,205 miles long.

It might be added that in total fresh water area Quebec leads the other provinces with 71,000 square miles, followed by the Northwest Territories with 61,465, and Ontario with 49,300.

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