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Facing Both Ways

At the time of the general election the Liberal organ was particularly solicitous about the butter consumer, and gave frequent place and prominence to the propaganda of the so-called Consumers League advocating cheaper prices for domestic and other supplies, especially of farm produce.

The fact of the matter is, the heavy importation and cold storage of New Zealand butter in the dying days of the Mackenzie King regime kept the price of butter low throughout the whole of the winter, and still affects the market.

As an example of increased production, the Minister was told that one creamery in Montreal had doubled its output within the last eight days.

The Snowden Budget

The Snowden budget, delivered in the British House of Commons, is described by the Associated Press as a "temporary expedient pending an anticipated general recovery"

The British Labor Government comments the Montreal Gazette though reduced to a mere shadow Cabinet and retaining its position only in power at the pleasure of the Liberal party which, de facto, governs the country by minority rule.

administration which belongs to its own management, and in which casual political alignments play no part, receives a great credit upon it. All the fulsome fulmination made about the Socialists being able to tackle and solve the economic problem, a point upon which they were once most insistent, has vanished like lost winds seeking for home.

Yet with shrinkage of trade returns and with the unemployment list eating up the funds, the Labor Socialists have framed a proposal for increasing the dole allowances, and the Labor-Liberal alliance is considering making appropriations that will add at least another hundred million dollars to the national expenditure.

Anti-Tuberculosis

One of the most unostentatious and at the same time one of the most deserving organizations in our midst is the Anti-Tuberculosis Society and Free Dispensary. The amount of good work it does is incalculable, for it goes on steadily from day to day, week to week, month to month, year to year, and the only two occasions the public at large hear of its existence is at the annual meeting of supporters in April, and at the distribution of Christmas cheer in December.

Editorial Notes

Concluding an enthusiastic tribute to the Hon. John A. MacDonald, M. P., in a recent issue of MacLean's Magazine, Mr. Gratian O'Leary, noted Canadian journalist, says: "It is doubtful if in the present House of Commons there is anyone who, because of sterling qualities as a man, is more respected and admired."

If there is one man who thoroughly appreciates the large-mindedness, the vision, the audacity, the shrewdness, the business ability, the executive enterprise, the political courage, etc., etc., of the Provincial Minister of Public Works it is the Hon. Mr. McIntyre. Time and again, in the course of his speech on the Budget Mr. McIntyre dwelt upon this entrancing subject, marvelling at the comparison between his almost superhuman endowments and the trivial qualifications of his degenerate predecessors in office.

Notes by the Way

Russia, says an exchange, has placed herself outside the pale of civilized nations. She has done this, not because of her espousal of Communism (which is her right), but because of her frankly avowed determination to subvert the political systems of other nations, and because of the methods she has adopted to effect that aim.

Mr. Lloyd George, say the cables, would enter Mr. MacDonald's Cabinet if Mr. Philip Snowden would quit it. If that be the necessary condition, then those who know Mr. Snowden's character will venture to predict that Mr. Lloyd George will stay out of the Cabinet.

In spite of the rapid growth of the canning industry, Canada imported canned vegetables last year to the value of \$1,461,185 and of canned fruits \$2,954,415, while her exports of these commodities amounted in value to only about \$900,000.

It is generally interpreted that Mr. Neville Chamberlain's nomination as Mr. Baldwin's deputy on the Opposition front bench implies also that he is the chosen understudy for the party leadership. Even on the coming budget debates Mr. Chamberlain will elbow out Mr. Churchill as Opposition spokesman.

Apropos of the Canadian census to be taken on June 1 next is interesting to note that the first true census was taken in Canada. It was in Quebec, then New France, in 1665. This example was followed by Nova Scotia (Acadia) and Newfoundland. In the next century European nations began to follow suit, but these early European counts were mainly instruments to tell the rulers how hard they could squeeze.

The "hope of glory." It would seem that many men and women are trying to attain "glory" by perilous "stunts," as they are called. There is something of the essence of futility in a girl's effort to remain several miles up in the air. There is nothing to admire in a man's effort at suicide in the speediest motor car yet constructed. Let it be granted that the obtaining of personal distinction is a motive that is fairly respectable in its way, and that it was evidently planted in our nature for a good end. We find it in race horses, in dogs, and in human beings.

Noted Journalist Pays Enthusiastic Tribute To P. E. I. Representative

(M. Gratian O'Leary in MacLean's Magazine)

From the days of its discovery by the Cabots to its entry into Confederation, and in the fifty-eight years that have intervened, Prince Edward Island has played its part in Canadian romance and achievement.

Canadians remember with pride that the late Franklin K. Lane, who was Woodrow Wilson's Secretary of the Interior, was born and cradled and reared on this tiny island, Franklin Lane, without question, was the ablest mind among that brilliant group which surrounded Wilson, and only his Canadian birth prevented the Democratic party from nominating him for the office of the Presidency.

In the story of Confederation, too, Prince Edward Island, with one per cent of the Dominion's population, has played no insignificant part in the country's political development. Since the days when Edward Whelan, who was the Island's D'Arcy McGee, spoke and wrote brilliantly on the side of Union, the sons of Prince Edward Island have been in our legislatures and our parliaments, always in the van of political progress.

The Heritage of Tradition

Today this tradition is being maintained. There is scarcely a legislature in the Dominion which, in the past two decades, has not had a brilliant member who first saw the light of day in the "Garden of the Gulf," and today in the Parliament of Canada eight men claim Prince Edward Island as their birthplace. Of these, perhaps the ablest and best known is the Hon. John Alexander MacDonald, Minister without Portfolio in Mr. Bennett's Ministry, and affectionately known to his colleagues and associates as "Cardigan Jack."

A Student of National Problems

Mr. MacDonald is not an orator. He does not break out into the voluptuous and purple passages of a Macaulay, but his speeches are invariably characterized by that earnestness and deep study of national problems which have been responsible for his success in politics, and which deservedly command the attention of the House.

Geographical Expediency

His faith and determination were justified. In 1928, when he was in his thirty-fourth year, MacDonald entered the legislature of his province, and in 1931—that year which saw the fall of Laurier and the return of Federal Conservatives from their long sojourn in the wilderness—he was sworn into the Matheson Ministry of Prince Edward Island, without portfolio.

In the twenty years that have intervened John Alexander MacDonald has not only been a major figure in the commercial life of his province, but he has played an important part in its political history in both the provincial and Dominion fields.

A large and prosperous merchant, he was called upon in the war years to be Prince Edward Island's director of National Service, and was also its honorary Fuel and Food Control to the influence and prestige he enjoyed among his people, and which were to be exemplified more emphatically later on by a procession of political successes.

In 1925—that year which saw Mr. Meighen just fall within sight of the Promised Land—MacDonald stood for a federal riding and was successful; and in 1926, when the King Ministry temporarily fell, he became a member of the Meighen Administration, without portfolio. In the election which followed, Meighen's captains went down everywhere, but MacDonald was among those who survived; and in the election of 1930 he came back with a full Conservative contingent from his province.

Having delivered Prince Edward Island one hundred per cent to Conservatism, Mr. MacDonald was entitled to a portfolio in Mr. Bennett's Ministry, and only the expediency of geography prevented him from having one. Mr. Bennett, however, was determined to give recognition to his ability and his services, and he was invited to accept a place in the Ministry without portfolio, ranking in this respect with that veteran of the Conservative party and old captain of Sir Robert Borden's, Sir George Perley.

That he would have administered a portfolio and the most difficult one, with credit and distinction, no one who knows the man can doubt. John A. MacDonald is not the type of politician who achieves place and preferment by those noisy superficial qualities which so frequently bring men of minor capacity to the front benches. A quiet, unostentatious gentleman of transparent mind, one whose thoughts lie clear as "pebbles in a brook," his strength lies in caucus and council rather than in the field of parliamentary warfare.

The House and his party feel that here is a man to bank with and upon one who has common sense in an uncommon degree and whose advice and sage counsel are invaluable to his party. It is not always the gifted orator, or the man who gets his name most often on the pages of Hansard, who turns in the most solid achievement in the field of politics. Usually it is the modest, moderate and sane representative of the type of John A. MacDonald who accomplishes most for his party and his country; and it is these qualities which compel Mr. Bennett to rely so often and so implicitly upon the advice of the Minister from Prince Edward Island.

Nature Protects the Vital Parts

Did you ever think how Nature protects the "vital" spots in that body of yours? The whole working of your body whether it is the muscles, the heart, the lungs, in fact every part, is dependent on the brain. The brain directs everything.

DROUGHT KILLED FROGS

TAZEWELL, Va., April 24.—(U.P.)—Tazewell County farmers report an absence of frogs this spring, and it is thought thousands of them perished in the great drought. Last year their music was heard nightly, but so far few sounds of frogs have been heard this year.

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The Poet's Corner LOVELIEST OF TREES Loveliest of trees, the cherry now Is hung with bloom along the bough, And stands about the woodland ride Wearing white for Eastertide. Now, of my threescore years and ten, Twenty will not thence come again, And take from seventy springs a score, It only leaves me fifty more. And since to look at things in bloom Fifty springs are little room, About the woodlands I will go To see the cherry hung with snow. —A. E. HOUSMAN.

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