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The Nova Scotia Election

The suddenly announced decision of the Macdonald government to call a provincial general election in Nova Scotia on June 29 has occasioned a considerable amount of newspaper comment and speculation.

An exchange suggests that certain issues are developing in Nova Scotia at the present time that the Macdonald Government might find inconvenient to deal with at a later date.

An Educational Problem

One of the most serious educational problems of recent years, says the Bureau of Statistics, has been the difficulty of financing small rural schools.

These are some of the points indicated in an analytical summary prepared by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. At this time, when teachers' contracts for the coming year are generally under revision, comparisons afforded by the tables may be of particular interest.

Japan And The Pacific Fisheries

While the Japanese have given some assurances that they have no intention of encroaching upon the fisheries on this side of the Pacific, the Vancouver Province expresses concern at their intention to continue their survey of fishing conditions off the Alaskan and British Columbia coast.

There seems no question, says the Province, of the object of the Japanese survey. Japanese economy is largely based upon fish.

The Japanese waters are rich in fish, but the drain on them has been heavy, and for years there has been an agreement between the empire and the Soviet Union giving the Japanese fishing rights in the Sea of Okhotsk.

The halibut are caught at sea, but have been conserved under a treaty between Canada and the United States which had been thought watertight.

largely in territorial waters, and there is a treaty for the conservation of those that make the Fraser their home. But the salmon go to sea and could be swept up by Japanese seine boats before they got back to territorial waters.

The question, says the Vancouver paper, raises serious international complications. The fish within the three-mile limit belong, of course, to the country adjacent.

Spain once claimed all the fish in the Pacific and the sole right to Pacific navigation and Pacific trade. But Britain never paid much attention to those claims and the Nootka Convention opened the ocean.

"Blows The Wind Today"

Nostalgia is responsible for some of the finest lyrics in the English language. An example of such work appears in today's Poets' Corner.

It was written at Vaillima, in the South Seas, by Robert Louis Stevenson who, in his long battle with ill-health, must often have turned his thoughts to the dear Scottish "hills of home."

The last verse of R.L.S.'s poem fits in very beautifully with this touching passage, expressive of a sentiment which lay very close to the hearts of both writers.

Editorial Notes

Queen Mary's birthday, born 1867.

Major Douglas will only send delegates to investigate Social Credit possibilities in Alberta. If the founder be credulous there is not much hope for the new economic doctrine in Alberta.

Was it the intense interest in community health or the proximity of a provincial election that accounted for the overflow meeting in Halifax's forum the other night?

Logic is the science of correct reasoning, especially by inference. Mr. Baldwin says in the government and development of the British Empire we have never been guided by logic.

Market value of Prince Edward Island fisheries advanced to \$946,336 in 1936 from \$899,685 the previous year, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics report. The lobster fishery was of chief importance with a marketed value of \$614,789 an increase of \$682.

In this place we have grown up principles which form the bulwark of the system known to us as parliamentary government and these principles have been carried by our people to the ends of the earth.

He affords the spectacle of a would-be Caesar risking injury to his prestige abroad to gain an egotistical advantage at home—figuratively at least—by posing to his face. Britain remains unmoved by his action, beyond a shrug of her shoulders.

What of the future of democracy? is a question on almost everybody's lips these days. "The peoples of the world, disillusioned by the horrors of war," Mr. Baldwin told the Youth of the Empire, "are all seeking eagerly, earnestly for what they conceive to be the best form of government in which they may find happiness and security and develop their talents to their best."

Notes By The Way

That King George VI will have a long and useful reign will be the sincere and earnest wish of his subjects and friends of the British Empire in this country and everywhere.

Every time a cancer "cure" is expounded, there collapses with it all the panacea and asperate hopes which it raised. That the man suffering might at least be spared the afflicted, and the suggestion that all cancer claims should have to be approved by the British Empire has much to be said for it.

Because the democracies are feeling much better than they used to and the dictators are not so sure of their position as they would have us believe, the outlook for peace has improved. When people say that Hitler is not yet ready for war, they should be thinking of something more than planes, guns and tanks.

It takes real courage to stand alone—especially when to do so may mean the loss of friends or temporary acclaim. But the builders of every nation have done so. In our personal lives there are always certain times that arrive when we must stand alone—when we must decide for ourselves, allowing neither friend nor circumstance to interfere.

Canada's total external trade of \$1,636,000,000 in 1936 restored the Dominion to its fifth position among the world's commercial nations. Of this total, exports accounted for \$1,027,902,000, while the favorable balance of more than \$400,000,000 was by far the largest in the country's history.

Gen. Robert E. Lee was once asked what he thought of a certain young officer whom Jefferson Davis was considering for an important position. Lee gave the officer an excellent recommendation, and the young man was immediately promoted.

There are national prejudices, national customs, national characteristics that must be considered by those who would formulate a national diet. Eating will never become altogether rational. It is to be hoped, but the scientists who count the calories letter the vitamins and appreciate the protein value of a monotonous frugivorous menu to persuade many of the latter that eating can be both rational and enjoyable.

In this place we have grown up principles which form the bulwark of the system known to us as parliamentary government and these principles have been carried by our people to the ends of the earth. They are now the heritage and pride of the parts of the British Commonwealth and Nations—King George VI at Westminster Hall.

Those pacifists and humanitarians who are nobly striving to assist unfortunate Spaniards, mainly of course the socialists, may be so moved by benevolence. Warm-hearted citizens can hope so because distressed peoples are needing warm hearts at this emergency.

When one looks over the records it becomes evident that high tariffs, exchange control and quotas failed to maintain home production during the depression. In most countries the decline in physical volume of production was closely proportionate to the decline in volume of foreign trade.

Not only to its own brood has Eng and remained an unforgotten home. To its shores throughout the centuries have come refugees from oppression and intolerance, to meet the warm friendliness of a race which demands the right to live in freedom and grants it to all others.

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.

CO-OPERATIVE WARNING

Sir—In recent years widespread interest has been taken throughout Canada in the Co-operative Movement as a solution of economic problems. That fact has attracted the attention of people in various parts of the country with a promoting interest.

At a recent meeting of the National Executive of this Union I was instructed to invite the Press, in the public interest, to publish a warning against such exploitation, and to call its attention to a resolution passed on the subject at the Canadian Co-operative Congress, 1936.

The above mentioned resolution also warned the public to satisfy themselves when approached to become members of, or to make investment in, corporations claiming to be co-operative that they are so in fact, that is to say of consumer or producer origin and under effective democratic control.

I am, Sir, etc. GEORGE KEEN, General Secretary, The Co-operative Union of Canada, Brantford, Ont., May 20th, 1937.

THE GOLDEN SUNSET

Sir—Many a song has been written about the golden sunset, and as the long evenings come to a close there is always something wonderful in the sunset. If we would stand by the seaside those evenings and gaze to the western horizon and watch the sun set and fade we would see there a bleeding passion.

We would see back down the road of life in that sunset. We would see our youth, school days, college days, see our leaving college for the last time as the door closes behind us forever; the cross roads of life, the parting with sweethearts and friends as we went our different ways.

So go any of those spring evenings alone and watch for yourself the passion of the golden sunset. See for yourself that beautiful sun change to a sea of tears, reminding us that Heaven is weeping for the sins of this world.

A QUESTION OF CIVIC LAW

Sir—I noticed in one of your issues last week that a new ruling has been given in regard to municipal law. The Stipendiary Magistrate of Summerside has given his opinion that so far as that town is concerned the Council will not be permitted to budget for a deficit.

In giving this opinion to the Council the chairman of the finance committee stated that the estimates could not be reduced so the only other alternative was to increase the rate of taxation to balance the budget. That certainly is a common sense method of transacting municipal business and if Summerside is compelled to adopt such a course then why not Charlottetown? It seems to me that in Ontario municipalities are bound by the same law.

Municipal Councils are not allowed to play fast and loose with finances. It is not legal to over-run estimates. Election to the office of Mayor or Councillor carries with it a certain honor but it also entails much responsibility. A Council is not permitted to budget for an deficit and expend money un-

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That Body of Yours

ARE YOU A NERVOUS DYSPEPTIC

A high executive of an international corporation had risen to his high position because of his great ability as a salesman. He had won their "button" (best salesman) a number of times. He was sent to each and every branch of the organization to put more "life" into the office executives and factory superintendents.

In lead of leaving each organization alert, inspired, and on their toes, he left the majority with what was called "nervous indigestion."

As he himself suffered with nervous indigestion it might almost be thought that this ailment was "catching", so many of the executives developed it during his stay in their city and some of them continued to suffer with it for some weeks after he had departed.

Nervous indigestion is not a disease or an ailment in itself, but a group of "symptoms" caused by tension, by anxiety, by even a desire to fulfil one's ambitions. And where formerly it was thought that only "nervous" individuals could suffer with nervous indigestion, now physicians are finding that practically any of us put under nervous or emotional strain can develop the symptoms.

Dr. Edwin A. Cameron in an article "Are You a Nervous Dyspeptic?" in Hygeia, says that Economic problem, fear of loss of position or work, mental fatigue from work done under strain and pressure, insufficient rest, improper habits in eating and chronic constipation are all factors which may foster the development of nervous indigestion.

Just as calmness or poise, a rested body and mind, can enjoy the sight of food, start digestive juices flowing, and stimulate movement in the intestine to rid it of wastes, so can a tensed body and mind actually stop or slow up the digestive juices and movement in the intestine. Then follows lack of appetite, a "sticky" feeling, gas pressure, sometimes diarrhoea but more often constipation.

The point then for all of us is that if we are to be free from nervous indigestion we must learn to be calm in mind and relaxed in body when we eat. If calmness and relaxation are impossible because of our worries or anxieties, then we should do without eating at that time or eat a very light "digestible" meal.



TO S. R. CROCKETT

Blows the wind to-day and the sun and the rain are flying, Blows the wind on the moors to-day and now, Where about the graves of the martyrs the whaups are crying, My heart remembers how!

Grey recumbent tombs of the dead in desert places, Standing stones on the vacant wine-red moor, Hills of sheep and the homes of the silent vanished races, And winds, austere and pure:

Be it granted me to behold you again in dying, Hills of home! and to hear again the call; Hear about the graves of the martyrs the peewees crying, And hear no more at all.

—R. L. Stevenson.

til such money is actually provided for and the serious part of the business is, according to the opinion of Summerside's Stipendiary Magistrate, if such provision is not adequately made the whole, or part, would be illegal, that is to say, the Council is not permitted by law to levy a rate insufficient to pay all ordinary expenses and if it does so, then the rate is illegal and uncollectable, or in other words it is not permissible to budget for a deficit.

As the question is of such a serious nature it is not be advisable for our Recorder to give his ruling on same at the next meeting of Council? I am, Sir, etc. TAXPAYER.

ANOTHER DREDGE ACCIDENT

Sir—Another accident on D. P. W. Dredge No. 9 is reported as having occurred last week, making it necessary to rush repairs over the weekend. Blame is placed on the breaking of the large steel hauser supporting the dredge bucket, which allowed the arm to swing inward, striking a metal derrick which fell on the roof of the superstructure.

Whatever the cause, it is surely the first duty of the authorities to hold an investigation into the accident. It will be recalled that in 1923 the same dredge, under the same management, was badly damaged in an accident at Southport, and again last year at St. Mary's Bay a fatal tragedy occurred through an accident on this dredge. So far as the public at least is aware, no investigations were held into these previous mishaps, or any attempt

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made to place responsibility. It is understood that the widow of the victim of the accident at St. Mary's Bay receives a government pension of \$40 a month which would indicate that the fault, at any rate, did not lie with the deceased.

Damage in the present case is reported to be slight, but the public, in view of the previous occurrences, have a right to insist on a full inquiry. Otherwise, the suspicion that political ploy is behind the inaction of the authorities will not down.

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