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Mr. Rowe Should Explain

In a recent address before the Toronto Railway Club, Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Railways, took strong objection to the Railway Act passed in 1933 which requires that the chief operating officer of the railways shall report and be responsible only to the Board of Trustees.

This is interpreted as meaning—if it has any significance at all—that the Canadian National Railways go back to the old system of political control. The appointment of Trustees by the late government to operate the Canadian National system, free of political interference, simply carried out the recommendation of the DUFF Commission which investigated the transportation situation in Canada.

It will be generally admitted, says the Moncton Times in this connection, that there has been in years past altogether too much political interference in the control and management of the government-owned railways for the good of the country.

Mr. Howe may not have intended his remarks to convey the ominous significance which attaches to them. In that event, he should take the earliest opportunity of clarifying them.

Still Prodding Its Leader

The Toronto Globe is evidently thoroughly disgusted with the attitude of its federal leader on the RIDDELL repudiation issue.

Prime Minister KING's statement regarding the oil embargo question raised at Geneva adds little, if anything, to the previous statement of Mr. LAPORTE. It reiterates that the permanent representative on the League of Nations staff proposed consideration of this additional embargo without consulting his Government.

These points only confirm the explanation of the Minister of Justice that the Dominion did not wish to appear to be taking the initiative, and are overshadowed by the further announcement that the Government's attitude on the oil embargo will be made known when the issue arises.

It will be unfortunate if some convincing reason for repudiating Dr. RIDDELL's action is not produced, or if the Government does not admit frankly that its statement was ill-advised and inexcusable.

The underlying point of all is expressed by the Midland Free Press when it says: "Surely we Canadians are not going to break faith with the Motherland and bring joy to MUSSOLINI."

"Canada will declare her position on sanctions when the proper time arises; well and good. There has been no objection raised in Canada to the oil embargo to influence the Government; let this also go forth. But how is Canada to retrieve her position as a member of the British family, so it cannot be said again that the Empire front is broken?"

"This is what Mr. KING has to adjust. He has not said anything to assure Britain, Italy and the world that the Empire stands united. It is his duty to do so, clearly and unequivocally, for it was his Government's statement that said, in effect, there was no union."

A Vital Matter

DR. W. W. CHIPMAN, emeritus professor of obstetrics and gynecology at McGill University, told a meeting in Ottawa of the Canadian Welfare Council that in the process of 230,000 babies being born in Canada annually 1,200 mothers died and 23,000 were more or less permanently disabled.

Canada's record in maternal and infant mortality, comments an exchange, is not as bad as it used to be, and is growing less bad steadily. But her record is still not as good as in many countries, and is decidedly less good than in

other English-speaking countries. The Canadian Welfare Council could do nothing finer than to go on enlisting public opinion in a crusade against needless deaths of Canadian mothers and children.

Germany Doffs Its Hat

EARL JELICOE is referred to by two Berlin newspapers as a "knightly adversary." PAUL SCHEFFER, formerly the Washington correspondent and now editor of the Berliner Tageblatt, says in a long front page editorial: "The name of JELICOE, the leading figure of the battle of Jutland, is carved more deeply in the German memory than that of any other adversary of high military command in the war."

"Germany doffs its hat to the knightly adversary, who often had taken the floor on his own behalf (a reference to EARL JELICOE's defenses of his own tactics at Jutland), but always with moderation and always with a proper regard for the man and men on the other side. With JELICOE, an excellent mariner and a whole-souled patriot has died."

King's Jubilee Fund

King George's Jubilee Fund has now reached the 1,000,000 pound mark. It was decided that the Foundation should be used for schemes of Youth Welfare, and the Trustees noting the urgency of the need now have allocated 10 per cent of the present capital for spending during this year.

The City Council have cautiously decided to "wait and see", what Santa Claus LEA brings back from Picnic Land before acting as his deputies.

Editorial Notes

Experience teaches even a Minister of Public Works. Hon. Mr. MACINTYRE no longer risks ordering machinery by telephone. He himself goes to Toronto instead.

We appreciate the Christmas-like attitude of Premier LEA at the Inter-Provincial Conference. He is reported to have said: "Prince Edward Island is prepared to co-operate with the other governments in a generous spirit."

Washington estimates place the number without jobs in the United States at 10,915,000, equal to the population of Canada, which is signal proof that ROOSEVELT's NRA has not solved the industrial problem, despite the billions of dollars expended.

Prime Minister KING "said a mouthful," like the Queen of Roumania, when he told the Mayors who asked for unemployment relief that "What you have said will find its way into our discussions." Weighty non-committal pronouncement this, which must be taken for what it is worth.

Is it believable that U. S. A. is on the brink of a political revolution? Speaking on "What of Tomorrow" Mr. HAROLD L. ICKES, Secretary of the Interior, declared that those who opposed the policies of the administration had no alternative proposals except a return to the old order, and that inevitable disaster lay in that direction.

One can easily have too much of a good thing, and compulsion does not make it more palatable. In Lanarkshire, Scotland, the Education authorities ordered that every child attending school should receive a pint of milk every forenoon, with the proviso that children whose parents considered it unwise could be exempted by sending a certificate to that effect.

Foreigners can shout and wave their arms about the Patrie and the Vaterland and the glory that was (and apparently is) Rome, but I think that the British attitude towards jingoism was well expressed by a certain sergeant-major during the Great War.

The Bishop of London pleads for Empire migration to people the empty places of the Dominions. Australia has a population of only six and a half millions, Canada ten millions. Each could absorb 100 millions. The Daily Express gives praise to the Empire statesmanship of the bishop. But migration on an effective scale is not yet economically or politically possible.

It is nice to have at least one of our representatives abroad appreciated, for it must have been very humiliating for Dr. RIDDELL to leave Geneva under a cloud. In bidding farewell to FERGUSON, The Times said: "Something more than a conventional expression of regret is due upon his departure. He earned the gratitude of the people of his own country during a difficult term of office without parade or self-advertisement. He has done much to create and maintain a good Canadian-British understanding. He greatly stimulated their growing and mutual trade. He was indefatigable in his visits to the chief industrial centres of England and incidentally to Geneva, where Canada played a more important and independent part than she sometimes seems to realize. Mr. FERGUSON owed his success to the fact that he is a good Canadian. He felt no need to apologize for his close-cooperation with the British Government, whether at London or Geneva, because he has long since rid himself of the self-assertive nationalism which was a natural feature of the earlier development of the Dominions."

Notes By The Way

Peppermint spread liberally about is said to drive mice away to other quarters. But this, after all, is like the method adopted in some municipalities of telling undesirable to leave town at once. The mice and the undesirable are just passed on to somebody else's worry.—Toronto Star.

When will it be realised generally in Australia that a university is an essential part of a modern community, and not merely a glorified school where advanced lessons are taught? The great universities of the old world owe their greatness to the contributions they have made to the increase in the sum of human knowledge and to the advancement of civilisation.

There will be talk, no doubt, of good riddance to bad rubbish, of the economy of a system which permits gangsters to eliminate one another. Such talk is founded in a vicious alley—the assumption that with each murder of the sort there is one less enemy to prey on the public and to worry the police and the courts. The direct opposite is the fact. Not only do the executioners step into the shoes of their victims, but the spectacularity of their defiance breeds a constantly growing number of imitators.—New York Times.

Bolshevism has been going through a curious phase this year. The latest laws attempting to lessen the number of irresponsible divorcees in Russia are important as signs of the times. Soviet leaders at last seem to be recognizing that the individual is more than a cog in the machinery of the State.

It was to be expected that there would be protests against President Roosevelt's neutrality proclamations. While the people at large support the action with virtual unanimity, as a safeguard against this country's again being involved in a foreign conflict, there are interests whose profits are endangered and which cry out against it.

The thought then is that as cool weather approaches a "beginning" should be made on the richer foods, so that when the real cold weather arrives there need be no sudden change in the diet.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago—Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know—We may not count her armies: we may not see her King—Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering—And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase, and her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are Peace.—Sir Cecil Spring-Rice.

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voked and made effective against Italy, there is no good reason why they should operate against Germany. In such circumstances the League might continue as an international discussion centre, but it would cease to function as an organization for the establishment of collective security; and Britain, in common with a number of other Powers, would reserve entire liberty of action in future crises.—Glasgow Herald.

That Body of Doves

By James W. Barton, M.D.

COOL WEATHER EATING

When the warm weather passes and there is a coolness or even coldness in the air it is only natural that we should turn from the salads, jellies, cold meats and frozen desserts to the richer "warmer" foods.

Fruits and vegetables are now at their best and are at their cheapest price, especially squash, pumpkin, grapes, pears, apples, plums. In speaking of a suitable diet for the autumn months Dr. Jean Bogert in her book Nutrition and Physical Fitness recommends savory foods and foods which have been out of the market for some time—cheese, nuts, corned beef, sauerkraut, pickles, ham, pork, sausage, oysters, fall honey jams and preserves. Eggs and butter may be used more sparingly as they become more expensive, while meats, root and leafy vegetables, apples, oranges, and grapefruit become more generally used.

A typical autumn menu would thus be as follows: Breakfast—Oranges; omelette with bacon, toast and coffee. Lunch—Soup; baked beans (with salt pork); creamed turnips; butternut string beans; lettuce salad; apples and grapes. Dinner—Corned beef and cabbage; mashed potato; fried eggplant; fresh pear salad garnished with nuts; pumpkin pie; cheese.

With the coming of cold weather or more meat, duck, geese, codfish, mackerel, herring, shad and sardines, pork and butter should be eaten as this extra fat helps to keep the body warm. If too much of these rich fat foods are eaten when the weather is not cool or cold there is likely to be a slowing up of the digestive processes with distress in the stomach or abdomen.

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Another Oil Canard!

(Frederick Gleener) Hostilities which have produced fake stories in greater numbers than any conflict within memory, have produced another, this time about the making of an agreement on the part of a subsidiary of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey to provide Italy with oil, in spite of an embargo which may be imposed by other nations, and in spite of the "benevolent neutrality" of the United States of America.

Ninety millions of dollars is the amount mentioned in this connection. Hardly has the report been given publicity, than a denial is launched from both Italy and the United States.

The story of course takes its rise in the fact, present or expected, that Italy and dependencies soon will feel the pinch of deprivation as the result of sanctions and embargo. From one quarter comes a story to the effect that oil-storage in Italian colonies is sufficient for the demands of three months, and from another source comes the tale that the shortage is sufficient for a much longer time. The reader can take his choice.

If nothing else has been produced by Mussolini's incursion into Ethiopia, stimulation of the powers of imagination has. Perhaps if more real warfare took place it would not be necessary to start stories and at once deny their truth.

Canadian Spars In King's New Yacht (Moncton Times) In a few months the King of England's new yacht, "Victoria and Albert," will proudly sail forth on her maiden voyage, replete with the peaks of her rakish, graceful masts to her keel. She'll be an able successor to the King's famous old "Britannia."

There's one man to whom the new sea queen will owe a great deal, says the Canada Lumberman. He's Joe Kerrone, veteran logger of British Columbia, but he won't be there to hear the crash of the christening merriment that will send her down the ways. It was Joe whose keen eyes selected from the British Columbia timberlands the near perfect spires of Douglas fir to be used as masts and booms for His Majesty's new yacht.

It was Joe's crew who earmarked trees on Grosvenor Mountain above Cowichan Lake on Vancouver Island. A high rigger went up to inspect each tree. Operated by a skillful skinner, one of Logger Kerrone's powerful "Caterpillar" Diesel Tractors pulling a logging bummer, moved in through the timber to the newly-felled champions of the forest. On separate hauls, to insure the maximum of safety to the precious fir, the logs were deftly skidded down the winding mountain trail. Laid side by side on the lake shore, the four ho's were heaved into octagon shapes under the personal supervision of Milo Ross, an expert with more than 50 years' experience. The mainmast was now 173 feet long, 30 inches at the butt and 22 inches at the top. The foremast measured 112 feet with a 22-inch butt and 20-inch top. Each log weighed about seven tons. Most stringent were the specifications. Each must be heart-centered at both top and bottom, and each must be straight to the fraction of an inch.

Of the fifty trees tentatively selected, ten were felled. From these, four were chosen for main mast, foremast and booms. The longest log was 108 feet, with only three-quarters of an inch sway on string line. The log for the foremast was declared to be absolutely perfect. The boom timber was almost perfect, although the two logs were as long as those of their brethren.

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The Poet's Corner

I VOW TO THEE, MY COUNTRY

I vow to thee, my country — all earthly things above—Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love. The love that asks no question: the love that stands the test, that lays upon the altar the dearest and the best; The love that never falters, the love that pays the price, the love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

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AUSTRALIAN PARROT MAY TALK ABROAD Why not an international Parrot-talking contest? Stirred by the news that Australia has a parrot that can beat all others, the director of publicity of Blackpool, England, has suggested that a contest be arranged which ultimately might extend to America and establish the world champion. Meantime the Australian bird is prepared to meet all challenges, and if quarantine regulations can be overcome may be sent to other countries in search of possible rivals.—Australian Press Bureau.

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