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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink."

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Ottawa's Blandishments

Premier Jones is hopeful that more than his previously estimated \$2,400,000 yearly will be obtainable from Ottawa under the new financial agreement with this Province.

The Legislature will, of course, expect to receive the fullest details when the agreement comes before it for ratification.

Noting Prince Edward Island's capitulation to Ottawa blandishments, the Chronicle says the significant fact in all these negotiations is that the financial concessions made by the Dominion Government are contingent on that Government being granted most of the rights of direct as well as of indirect taxation.

"When the original conference broke down it was absurd to take it for granted that there were no adequate terms of reference upon which it might be re-opened," says the Chronicle.

"Instead of tackling the country's most vital problem in a frank and open manner, the Dominion Government has given us one of the most outstanding examples in modern times of how to conduct secret diplomacy in the utmost secrecy."

"There is no attempt now being made to stick to the Government's original terms. Individual Provinces are being bought off—and with public money—without the general public being asked or consulted as to its expenditure."

"It is tantamount to an insult to the intelligence of Canadians that their affairs should be dealt with in such a purely horse-trading manner when what is really at issue is the devising of means to create a unified Canada, balanced in all its parts."

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For Tariff Reductions

Before upwards of 1,000 Progressive Conservative stalwarts assembled at the annual meeting of their Ontario Association in Toronto, Hon. Mr. Bracken made the announcement of what many will regard as a reversal of the course followed for nearly 70 years by the party of which he is now the authentic spokesman.

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While Canada is likely to remain a protectionist country as long as tariffs exist in nearly all parts of the world, it is only common sense to recognize that our tariff structure is a thing of our own creation, that it can and should be revised, lowered, raised, entirely rebuilt, or radically recast, in accordance with the exigencies of external commerce no less than those of domestic production.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The courts did their duty in dealing with Fred Rose. Will the Government do its duty in dealing with the foreign-centred system that produced him, and is producing others like him?

Viscount and Viscountess Alexander are going to Washington early in February to visit President and Mrs. Truman. It will be their first visit to the United States by land though His Excellency had an airplane flip across country after he became Governor-General in April.

The Hon. C. G. Power very openly argues that Mr. Duplessis is wrong over the Witnesses, but adds that really what he is doing is nothing worse than the bureaucratic dictatorship being operated by the King Government at Ottawa.

Mr. W. E. Breckon, past president of the Ontario Crop Improvement, who recently returned from a trip through England, Scotland and Denmark, reports that there is a great demand in England for Canadian holstein cattle as this type of dairy cattle can produce 2,000 pounds more milk per year than the English cow.

Britain declared war on Russia this date 1854, which was the beginning of the Crimean War, Britain, France, Turkey and Sardinia vs. Russia. It ended with the Peace of Paris in 1856, by which Russia engaged to restore to Turkey the territory forcibly taken from her, and engaged to build no arsenals and have no warships in the Black Sea.

Canada's mercy work in Europe and Asia, through the UNRRA agency which officially closes its books at the end of this calendar year but which will actually continue administratively until next April so that the \$650,000,000 "pipe line" may be emptied, has up to the end of September shown a total monetary value of \$138,000,000, that of the United Kingdom \$620,000,000, and the United States share \$2,700,000,000.

That the people of Greater London can enjoy less congested conditions through implementation of the Abercrombie plan is the confident opinion of the Advisory Committee for the London Regional Planning Board, whose report to the Minister of Town and Country Planning has just been published.

Begun as a simple four-page leaflet, "Echoes", the official magazine of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire has become a publication of national importance of fifty-two pages. Recently it was announced by the National Executive Committee of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire that \$500.00 will be presented by "Echoes" Committee to one of the four 1946 winners of the Governor-General's Annual Literary Awards, or divided among the winners, as the "Echoes" Committee may decide.

Quebec's candidate for the national citizenship ceremony to be held in the Supreme Court, Ottawa, on January 3, is Mrs. Maurice Labrosse, wife of an R. C. A. F. Sergeant whom she married in England in 1941. Mrs. Labrosse, formerly Nichola Mary Bruce, was born in Aberdeenshire and attended the Coulter-Cullen School in Uday, Aberdeenshire. A trained child nurse, she was employed in that capacity by an army family when she first met her husband. She came to Canada in October, Mrs. Labrosse has two married sisters living in Scotland. Her brother who served with the 51st Highland Division was killed at El Alamein.

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Notes By The Way

The eating-out habit has become continent-wide, remarks The Winnipeg Tribune. The National Association of Restaurant Estimates estimates that more than 8,000,000 meals a year are served annually in restaurants in the United States. Canadians eat out 560,000,000 meals a year in their favorite restaurants, tea shops or snack bars. Obviously, eating out has become big business.

Although historical societies have ignored the delicious detail, it is a fact that the pies which the Pilgrims and many happy generations of their descendants consumed were baked in square, deep, iron pans of the same sort that could hold a turkey. Iron has given place to tin, but pumpkin pies are still baked in the "dripping pans" in today's New England. —New York Herald-Tribune.

In Gadsden, Alabama, there is a dog, owned by Dr. Cary Graham, which has been catching its own tail. The Times related this phenomenon, the dog had been chasing his tail as a pastime. The pastime grew into a habit and finally into an obsession. Dr. Graham, especially at mealtime when his master's family provided an audience, the dog pursued the tail in a mad-merry circle, snapping and snarling and never stopping until his master intervened so he could calm it. The dog didn't realize it, but he was getting more proficient all the time. Finally it happened. He caught his tail, snapping down with all the enthusiasm that had kept him going for months. He bit the tail in two and wound up at the dog hospital. —Vancouver News-Herald.

More fragile than the filigreed lace traceries which form on windows in the heavy frost, the snowflakes can hold their purity but briefly. There is a quick-changing life, individual as they drift from the clouds, falling softly in a silencing blanket they spread upon the land. Yet, in their short transit, each is a model of nature's artistry, a symbol of supreme harmony of line that defies imitation by man's most skillful hand. —Victoria Times.

Canada is poor in libraries and the provinces and municipalities, with narrowed revenues and increasing demands, find it difficult to be able to do much to aid them. Dominion might, with great advantage to the nation, interest itself in public libraries. At the very least it might set the standard by establishing a central library which could inspire leadership. —Vancouver Province.

Tramways, which are to disappear from the London streets, fit in with the Manchester Guardian, for it was in 1776 that James Outram put down L-shaped cast-iron rails for the Duke of Norfolk's colliery at Sheffield, and when Outram's son substituted solid blocks of iron for the original iron pan sleepers, "Outram ways" spread all over the country, though it was in New York in 1832 that street passenger tramways were first laid down. The first great city on this side of the Atlantic to have a regular tramway system.

The times of London recently drew attention to the fact that: "Mankind as a whole ignorantly derides mittens as suitable only for old ladies." It is interesting to note that, in general, male dignity has not been unduly affected by the fingerless mittens which have been so popular since the days of the First World War. The Christian Science Monitor. It may be that memories of the nursery cling to it—but against these memories is set the record in the winter of the glove, and there is at least some force in the argument that it is better to feel one's fingers all thumbs than not to feel them at all.

To ladies whose best dancing days were three decades ago, "Danube" prefixed by "Blue" was an invitation to dance. Today, quite unadvised—at least officially—it is a cause of sharp discussion between powers supposedly all intent on an effort to put a peerless Peace back on the pedestal from which she descended in '39. Decidedly little is as it used to be. Of course in a child's school book, it is no matter of tumult and shouting, of charges and counter charges, of marching in and of marching out again, if the green pigment marking one land on a map runs over the line and mingles with a pink painted neighbor. But let that be its equivalent happen in real life. They watch the fireworks, and listen to the row. Decide for yourself if the Kilkenny cats might not well be adopted as a symbol of neighborhood peace. The pessimist who wonders if the trail of peace is not almost as exciting as the peril of war. —Ottawa Journal.

Arrival of the \$1 haircut in many communities appears to have encouraged considerable resistance. This has taken the form of a strike in some localities. In other words, barber shop patrons have inaugurated walkouts and paraded to keep their old haircuts. One speculates as to the ultimate outcome if no settlement is reached. Perhaps the men folk will allow their hair to grow long enough for a couple of "pig-tails" and a ribbon. Or maybe they will collect it in a net until it reaches such proportions as to necessitate going over it with a lawn mower. One will begin to wonder if we are not on the way back to

Coventry Forgives

(Ottawa Journal)

The Provost of Coventry has exchanged friendly messages with the German city of Hamburg.

That, for the Provost of Coventry, is a demonstration of the Christian charity and magnanimity of the German people. The cases of Coventry and Hamburg are quite unlike Coventry was a quiet English cathedral city with a considerable industry, but it could have been wiped off the map of England without substantially impairing the British ability to make war.

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Unusual Communities

(Roland H. Sherwood in The Maritime Advocate and Busy East)

On Prince Edward Island you will be surprised to find two settlements on the island, and yet they are so much like other settlements on this Home Cradled on the Waves that should you stumble on them with no previous knowledge, you would together with the common welfare of a co-operative community.

There is a world of difference between realism and defeatism. It is realistic to look facts in the face but it is not defeatism. No ill can be diagnosed without a frank appraisal of facts. On this basis it is the surface of the world at large and measure the degree of unrest which at so many points makes itself all too apparent.

Only six stoneasons are available in British Columbia for a program of millions of dollars worth of building construction. This disclosure by Henry Hill, regional director for Canadian Vocational Training, at a gathering of apprentices, here reveals only one aspect of a situation which is rather ominous for our whole society.

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Capital Closeups

(By George Kitchin, Canadian Press Staff Writer, Ottawa.)

OTTAWA—Split and polish is the order of the day in the great, grey-stone Parliament building; these days as gangs of charwomen and men put a lasting shine on the chiefters of the commons and the senate.

The heightened activity has been prompted by last week's announcement that the third session of the 20th Parliament has been called to gether for Thursday, Jan. 30.

The official announcement of the summoning of the two Houses came in the legal language of a proclamation from Viscount Alexander, the Governor-General, published in the Canada Gazette, the county's official publication.

The proclamation, a quaint document which uses the royal "we" and is seen by few outside of official circles, opens with the observation that Parliament stands prorogued until Dec. 28 and then adds: "Nevertheless, for certain causes and considerations we have thought fit further to prorogue the same to Thursday, the thirtieth day of the month of January, 1946."

Old Charlottetown

(And P.E.I.)

One of the earliest four-wheeled vehicles in Prince Edward Island was a wagon brought here by Lieutenant Governor Ready from England in 1827, with which he made a trip to Princetown, the Prince County capital. The journey by one of the party is thus described: "I remember being one of Governor Ready's escort on his journey to Princetown when he drove the first four-wheeled vehicle which had ever travelled the road, and never shall I forget the difficulties of the journey. Notwithstanding the aid of a band of persons who preceded us for the purpose of leveling the hills and filling up the hollows which everywhere obstructed our progress, the shoulders of the whole party were in requisition to keep the empty wagon up on its wheels. Riding in it was out of the question."

This was not only the pioneer carriage to travel the Malpeque Road but it was the first four-wheeled vehicle owned or seen in Queen's County, and the second first being a light wagon brought to Bedouque, in 1826, from Providence, Rhode Island. The first

tute jobs within the community at will. No one is forced to stay or work if he does not desire to do so. If he wishes to leave, the others simply buy out his share and he is free to go.

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The Poet's Corner

WINTER SPRINGTIME

Drear is the winter—often sleet and snow Come whirling down from skies of heavy gray. And barren boughs seem silently to pray.

Yet like the brave are loath to tell of woe But keep it locked within that none may know. Yet by their reticence they plainly say Earth's joy, for them, is vague and far away— Has all but vanished in the long ago.

Yet there is beauty in this bleak, cold season. Although it casts a strange, lethargic spell; We know, for it, there is a valid Spring will return—for earth, all still is well. . . . Why is it mortals cannot learn the art That will each year, bring spring-time to the heart? —William D. DeCoste, Formerly of Charlottetown.

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