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St. Andrew's Day

This is St. Andrew's Day. Honoring it has become part and parcel of tradition in practically every civilized country—for there are few sections of the habitable globe in which Scotsmen are not to be found in sufficient numbers to induce them to congregate on the anniversary of their patron saint.

This year the Caledonian Club will hold its 111th annual celebration of "The Day" on Monday evening, and a fine programme of speechmaking and entertainment will accompany the dinner at which—of course!—the Haggis will hold the place of honour.

People of other races find difficulty, sometimes, in understanding why the Scot, who is traditionally the most modest of men, should vaunt his achievements publicly on St. Andrew's Day. But this is merely another evidence of Scottish canny and prudence. "Getting it off" one's "chest" is an excellent preventative against ingrowing pride and prejudice.

Ominous Silence

Our contemporary has nothing to say about the Lea Government's \$500,000 secret bond negotiation which it is reported to have made, without calling for tenders, through a Toronto-Montreal syndicate.

In view of the stand taken on this subject by the Patriot and by Mr. LEA and his colleagues when in Opposition, the public is surely entitled to the courtesy of an explanation.

But the public is beginning to realize that what it is entitled to, and what it gets, are two different things under a Liberal dictatorship!

Maritime Port Trade Threatened

The potato industry is not the only maritime interest which threatens to be adversely affected by the Washington Treaty. According to the Boston Transcript, the port of Boston hopes, under the new pact, to regain lost business at the expense of Maritime Province ports.

"The Foreign Commerce Club of Boston had advocated strongly the inclusion in the agreement of a provision against the Canadian practice of assessing an extra duty on any Canadian import that entered through United States ports. Representatives of the Foreign Commerce Club found, with much satisfaction, that the following clause appears in the new agreement: 'The products of any non-Empire countries shipped to Canada in transit through American ports will hereafter receive as favorable treatment by the Canadian Customs as if they had come directly into a Canadian port.'"

"As explained by RICHARD PARKHURST, Vice-Chairman of the Boston Port Authority, this arrangement will lift the barrier against the use of the port of Boston for goods intended for Canada. This barrier has been up since 1927.

"Meantime, as a result, the ports of Halifax and Saint John have been developed as the ports of entry for many ships that formerly entered at Boston. Import cargo intended for the United States has been taken to Halifax or Saint John and then forwarded by rail into the United States, without any retaliatory action by the American Government. It is estimated that thousands of tons of freight, such as burlap, jute, tea, mica and skins have been diverted from Boston monthly through the application of the extra Canadian duty.

"With the handicap for the American ports lifted, the Boston Port Authority will begin a campaign to seek the return of the business that naturally would come this way. This means an effort to have the steamship companies route their ships by way of Boston, instead of touching the Canadian ports first for the sake of avoiding the super-charge on the imports.

"Another benefit seen in the cancellation of this extra import duty is that it will eventually bring more business to the Boston & Maine Railroad. If Canadian imports from foreign countries may clear through Boston without being penalized, more imports will make Boston the port of entry and will be forwarded by rail to Canada."

Editorial Notes

Tomorrow, rest and be thankful you are not in Italy or Ethiopia.

There is always "somekind" of weather round about the Scottish National Saint's Day, and we've got it.

One thing about an Autocrat, he need consult nobody and give his favours where he pleases, just as Dictator LEA does.

As was predicted sometime ago, the Federal Conservative organization is to be kept in action from now on, and to maintain close contact with Provincial organizations.

Italy gets little comfort from France. The overwhelming vote of confidence by the Chamber of Deputies in Premier LAVAL is a complete vindication of the League of Nations' policy.

Britain had already endorsed it by popular electoral vote.

Now, since Quebec almost upset their apple cart, it is reported Premier KING and HEBURN have decided to let by-gones be by-gones. Adversity makes strange bed-fellows.

Rt. Hon. R. B. BENNETT, as was to be expected, does not take his Party's defeat "lying down". He considers it an honour to be in a minority with Right on his side.

Montreal passed the season of 1935 without a single case of infantile paralysis, the latest bulletin of the City Health Department shows. In 1934, five cases were reported.

"The simple annals of the poor" up-to-date include the story of a butler who, in his will, left to his English employer \$250.00 "to help him out of the depression."

And now the Reading, Pa., doctor "Mercy Slayer" of six incurables rises to deny the authenticity of the news stunt, but it is almost impossible to catch up on such a good lie; anyway American Press agents are too busy turning out new sensations.

Ontario Conservative executives refused to be regimented overnight into new leadership deciding to leave matters as they are until after the next session of the legislature. It is bad tactics they held, to swop leaders on the eve of a battle.

This is St. Andrew's Day. This is the night we Scots foregather. In spite o' blaw or snaw or weather, This is the night we brak our tether— Ae nicht the year Tae toast Auld Scotland's hills and heather Wi' cronies dear."

Dismissing charges of Mr. JAMES CRANKSHAW, special Crown Prosecutor, that Judge LACROIX of Court of Sessions had been "privately" influenced in passing sentence of 20 months' imprisonment on ISIDORE JACOBS for forgery, the Court of Appeal, Montreal, found the magistrate had not "improperly exercised his discretion or erred in law" and confirmed the sentence by unanimous decision of all five justices.

Wonder if our Borden express will ever be able to equal, or surpass, this record? In 120 trips the fast non-stop train between London and Edinburgh has lost a total of only three minutes. As the daily run is 400 miles and the train average 70 miles per hour according to schedule, that is some expert railroading, which would make Mr. Justice SAUNDERS hold up his hands in holy horror if attempted on our make-shift railroad by our make-shift express.

Former King ALFONSO of Spain, whose son and bride recently spent their honeymoon in Canada, will remove his residence from Rome due to conditions brought about by the Ethiopian war, including the Anti-Spanish agitation. Many foreigners have left Italy recently because of restrictive measures applying to food and other necessities ordered by the Fascist Government to meet the threat of sanctions, and soon will be as dry of League supporters as Germany is of professing and practising Jews.

That independence also connotes military preparedness is evidenced by the Philippines which has recently in major part thrown off the yoke of foreign dominance. National Assembly leaders joined in support of a sweeping defence act the first legislative measure approved by the new Philippines commonwealth. Compulsory military training of all men to prepare the islanders to defend with arms the freedom they so recently won peacefully, was urged by President MANUEL QUEZON in his first message to the assembly.

Mayor McGEER told the Vancouver City Council if the Dominion-Provincial conference in Ottawa December 9 does not evolve some method to relieve municipalities of financial burdens he is "prepared to recommend refusal to pay interest in order to carry out our essential services." "I will not hesitate to suggest that course," the mayor added. Early this year Mayor McGEER attempted unsuccessfully to obtain a reduction of bond interest on Vancouver bonds from bondholders and later started the Mayoral Conference by recommending revolutionary measures for handling the situation. Now he is M.P. as well as Mayor.

The Bulletin, Glasgow, has the following: "Lord TWEEDSMUIR, who leaves for Ottawa on the 19th, has resigned all his public and other offices on his appointment as Governor-General of Canada—with one exception. He has written to the kirk session of St. Columba's (Church of Scotland), Pont Street, London, expressing his desire to remain a member, and the hope that occasionally during the five years' term of office he may be able to make his flying visits home correspond with some of those celebrations of Communion in St. Columba's at which he has so often officiated as an elder for many years past."

The RUSSELL legitimacy case was more than a ten days wonder—it occupied the English courts for four years. Lord JOHN RUSSELL, heir to the Barony of Amphil, in 1922 sought divorce from his wife (nee Miss CHRISTABEL HULME-HART) on the ground that he was not the father of her son, born the previous year. The jury disagreed but on a re-trial the following year he won a decree nisi. Mrs. RUSSELL appealed, and in 1924 the judgment was upset. Then two years later the mother appealed to the courts to establish the legitimacy of her son, GEOFFREY, and succeeded in obtaining judgment. This summer, on the death of his father, Lord John became Lord Amphil; and his wife, now Lady Amphil, has just obtained a divorce from him. The disputed son, cause of all the trouble, of course, is now the recognized heir to the barony.

Notes By The Way

It is not true as has been claimed, that the Conservatives opposed reciprocity with the United States in 1911. What they opposed was the terms upon which the treaty was secured by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Hon. W. S. Fielding. Together with Canadianists of all political creeds, of course including Liberals, they defeated the pact and with it the government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. If the Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King were to appeal to Canadians for endorsement of the pact of this year, he would undoubtedly meet with the same results that met Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his reciprocity agreement in 1911.

While there is no doubt Egyptian views with respect to the possibility of the Italo-Ethiopian quarrel taking an extension that may threaten their country, they are also hoping that the present crisis will make Great Britain the reader to reach some sort of working agreement regarding Anglo-Egyptian co-operation in that event. Pro-Government newspapers have been hinting that the recent British communication to Egypt that the Egyptian Government will be informed and consulted on international affairs in which Egyptian country will be followed by further "concessions," the nature of which, however, is not stated. These hints are being given out in reply to the determined campaign of a section of the Arabic press who allege that the Prime Minister is sleeping at his post and not sufficiently asserting Egypt's importance.—The Sphinx (Cairo).

Anyhow, the last word lies with the British. The end of the race is to launch him on the game of the Great Life, with the ball in his hands. It implies, like all sport, the passion for individuality, with-in loyalty, sacrifice and fellowship—the eucharistic outlook. It springs from and strives for expression. There is a call—and room surely today in the Church school and in all schools throughout all lands—for the sake of society no less than for that of the individual. "To re-conceive our ideal of education—to take a thought and mend."—S. Udry in The Contemporary Review (London).

Which are the nations who are climbing most rapidly out of the depression? The British nations. Canada's trade leaped up 22 per cent last month. Inspiring news comes also from little New Zealand, where Mr. Coates, the Finance Minister, boldly states that the Dominion's economic problems are "largely solved." Cuts are being restored, emergency taxes reduced, pensions increased. On top of that Mr. Coates gives a new break to his countrymen. Population of New Zealand 1,818,000; public works expenditure \$5,830,000 pounds. That means the inauguration of new booms and amenities for New Zealanders at the rate of 3 pounds 10 shillings a head.—London Daily Express.

Canada is over-governed. She must reduce her administrative and executive expenditures to a measure commensurate with her paucity of 10,000,000 people, and realize that that population is of more value to her than her present 100,000,000. She may develop, as the United States of America at the present moment, into a community wherein two sections—the competitive and non-competitive groups—emerging side by side under the yoke of foreign dominance. National Assembly leaders joined in support of a sweeping defence act the first legislative measure approved by the new Philippines commonwealth. Compulsory military training of all men to prepare the islanders to defend with arms the freedom they so recently won peacefully, was urged by President MANUEL QUEZON in his first message to the assembly.

It is not much use anybody announcing that Mussolini is not coming to Italy. It is not much use anybody announcing that Mussolini will admit himself beaten unless the Italian people throw him over and declare they have had enough. There will have to be some extremely subtle arrangements made if it is to be saved; if it is not, he is done for. In actual fact the nations of Europe have no wish to throw Italy into chaos. They recognize that Fascism—and Nazism too—is merely a mood. The Italians are not the outsiders fundamentally different from their neighbors, not from what they themselves were fifteen years ago. However, they cannot be allowed to profit from the things they do when under the influence of rabid Fascism. There is no doubt but that economic adjustments will have to be made to relieve the pressure of a growing population in a relatively unproductive country, but that will not necessarily be according to Mussolini's plan.

The Greeks have brought their kaleidoscopic republican experiment to a summary finish and returned to the monarchical form of government, with a call to the exiled King George II to resume the throne from which he was ousted nearly a dozen years ago. This unexpected action merely anticipated the course that was to be taken a few weeks hence, for a plebiscite on the question of governmental form was substituted and there was virtually no doubt as to its result.—Providence Journal.

The present Government has continued and intensified the policy of protecting the home market by means of a tariff. A review in the current issue of the "Irish Trade Journal" shows the fruits of this policy. They are now about a dozen large factories in the Sarsat making footwear of all kinds, including slippers and fancy shoes, and the

The Highlandman's Toast

Toasting is a very ancient custom. It got its name from the toast which used to be put into the tankard to give flavor to the wine. Originally toasts were only drunk to ladies, from the romantic compliment that to drink to her gave piety and merit to the draught. The custom has been broadened to include compliments to anyone whom it was desired to honor. Scotland, the land of the thistle and heather, Scotland, the land of the mountain and flood; Scotland, the birthplace of true-hearted heroes, Who paid for their freedom their last drop of blood; Well may each Scotsman, while life lasts remember, The brave ones who fell 'gainst the numberless host, Who tried to enslave her, in slavery degrade her, And whose name shall forever be the Highlandman's toast.

Chorus: Here's to the health, the hill and the heather, The bunnet, the plaid, the kilt and the feather; Here's to the heroes that Scotland can boast: That Body of Hours

PROLONGATION OF HUMAN LIFE "For long life it is necessary to come from long lived parents, preferably of the middle classes and located in the country rather than in the city."

"Living to a good old age is an art as well as a science. The art consists in adapting oneself to one's surroundings and circumstances, and keeping the laws of hygiene that one knows apply to oneself, and one's needs."

"The mental outlook is as important as the physical aspect of living; it is desirable to cultivate calmness, contentment and optimism. All disturbing passions such as anger, envy and jealousy should be avoided."

"Diet is important. Authorities agree that the amount of food should be cut down in old age. Nevertheless sticking closely to strict rules of diet is not desirable since it may become a fad that rules the life."

Modern high tension living and intense competition hurry the rate of living and bring on old age before its time, followed by premature death due to heart and blood vessel weakness.

"The above is from an editorial in the Journal of the American Medical Association some months ago. It is only too true that those who come from long lived parents of the middle class, have a better "natural" chance of living to a good old age. It is also true that calmness of spirit, a willingness to accept life as it comes to us, strengthens the chances for long life, and anger, envy and jealousy can weaken otherwise good chances for long life.

A little less food, more outdoor living, a hobby that is constructive to us and helpful to others, should give us the enjoyment of the years Nature intended us to have.

number of workers engaged has risen to 3,000. The purchasing community is, we believe, well pleased with the quality and price of the Irish product. Since the tariff was first imposed in 1924 the number of dozen pairs of leather footwear imported has fallen, over 1,750,000 pounds being thus kept at home.—Irish Independent, Dublin.

Ogden L. Mills, eminent American statesman, says: "There is one inescapable fact. All great wars are inevitably followed by major economic depressions." Great economic depressions, on the other hand, breed wars. A vicious circle, surely.

MINISTER'S WIFE FRIGHT. ENDED OFF PLANNED CRUSADE KANSAS CITY, Nov. 29—A minister's wife who fled the city because of asserted threats after she led an anti-gambling drive came home yesterday, but not to continue the crusade. "I'm going to be busy making beds, getting meals and darning socks," said Mrs. A. J. Dahby. She indicated she had definitely abandoned the campaign she started three weeks ago to "run organized gambling clear out of Kansas City." At the time she left town, her husband said, she was under severe strain because of anonymous telephone calls threatening to take her for a ride.

May their names never die; that's a Highlandman's toast. Famed is the name of our own hero, Wallace, Whose brave heart to Scotland was loyal and true; Who lived for her glory, who died that dishonor, Might never descend on the bonnets o' blue. And the Bruce we still mourn, who at Bannockburn, With his brave little band, the usurper defied, Who fought like a lion, vast armies defying, Till the field with the blood of her foemen was dyed.

Wave on, stern thistle! Wave on, bonnie heather! Grow over the graves where darling ones lie; Bloom there to show them, our friends and our foemen, How Scotsmen can fight and how Scotsmen can die. Bid them remember, we want no defender, Our hearts are as true as the brave ones o' yore, Whose names we will cherish till memory perishes. So let the toast resound from the hill to the shore!

As I went down to Dymchurch Wall, I heard the South sing o'er the land; I saw the yellow sunlight fall On knolls where Norman churches stand.

And ringing shrilly, taut and lithe, Within the wind a core of sound, The wire from Romney town to Hythe Alone its airy journey wound.

A veil of purple vapour flowed And trailed its fringe along the Straits; The upper air like sapphire glowed; And roses filled Heaven's central gales.

Masts in the offing wagged their tops; The swaying waves pealed on the shore; The saffron beach, all diamond And beads of surge, prolonged the roar.

As I came up from Dymchurch Wall, I saw above the Downs' low crest The crimson brands of sunset fall, Flicker and fade from out the west.

Night sank; like flakes of silver fire The stars in one great shower came down; Shrill blew the wind; and shrill the wire Rang out from Hythe to Romney town.

The darkly shining salt sea drops Streamed as the waves clashed on the shore; The beach, with all its organ stops Pealing again, prolonged the roar.

—John Davidson.

Beaver

Grey Owl, a backwoodsman of Indian birth, who is conservation officer of the Canadian Dominion Government at Riding Mountain Park in Manitoba, where he carries on the work of the conservation of the beaver and other animals native to the region, is in London, and is to undertake a United Kingdom tour, during which he will lecture in many cities and towns. His visit to this country has been made possible by the Canadian Government, and its object, in his own words, is to arouse public sympathy and understanding with a view to toleration of the "lesser people" (the animals of the wilds) in order that they may be better understood.

There is reason for suspecting that Grey Owl knows something about modern civilized man as well as a great deal about animals. A country which has long ago exterminated its own beavers, and imagines that it gets on perfectly well without them, is likely to be impatient of anyone who should plead for beavers only on humanitarian grounds.

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PROHIBITION PETITION Sir,—A petition is being circulated in the City in favor of Prohibition. Charlottetown mothers and wives, beware! Beware of yielding to the temptation to sign merely to rid yourselves of the visitors' importunities! Duty is sometimes distasteful. There are times when it is of vital importance to say—No! And this is one occasion when a merely accommodating acquiescence might be disastrous in its consequences. Mothers and wives, you are more painfully aware than any others of the moral and physical ruins accumulated by prohibition. Remember that your signature may mean the selling in bondage of your sons and husbands to the bootleggers. Beware of unsuspectingly perpetrating a misdeed that would bring from you tears that would be the blood drops of crushed hearts! I am Sir, etc., CITIZEN.

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