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

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The Cape Breton Market

In speaking at the Dominion-Provincial Conference at Ottawa last month Premier Jones emphasized, among other things, that one of the unfortunate results of Confederation has been to deprive us of our natural markets in Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and the New England States. In the Maritimes and on the Atlantic seaboard there are millions of people who have to buy agricultural products produced at distant points. Prince Edward Island is the only Maritime Province with a surplus to sell, yet for the most part we are by-passed because of the Dominion's failure to provide those continuous and efficient transportation facilities which it guaranteed us.

One such market which we formerly enjoyed, and to which we have a natural right, is the coal mining area of Cape Breton. The latest issue of the Economic Analyst gives the results of a survey carried out in this area to determine the volume and sources of farm products supplied. 90,000 people occupied this area at the time of the survey. Of more than five million dollars of receipts of produce tabulated, local Cape Breton Island farms supplied a little more than one-fifth. Of butter, the area produced only 2 per cent of its requirements, of potatoes, 34 per cent; of vegetables, 71 per cent; of meats, 4 per cent; of cheese and processed milk, none at all. Our farmers do not need to be told that these are the very products of which we have marketable surpluses in normal times. Here is a four million dollar market right at our door, and what post-war planning have we done to take advantage of it?

Britain's Example

While our Dominion Government until last week was marking time in switching over from war to peace production, this great movement has already been launched in the Old Country, with plans calling for release of about one million men and women from the services and another million from munition factories in the next two months. Greatest priority for release from war jobs will be given to former experienced workers in six groups of civilian industries. High on this priority list stands food production, which includes agriculture, flour milling, bread making, animal feeding stuffs and fishing.

The need for similar prompt action in this country was emphasized at a meeting here of the Advisory Committee of Employment and Selective Service. The committee found it necessary to pass a resolution, which has been endorsed by other organizations, urging re-establishment in their own occupations of former farmers and fishermen who have taken temporary employment in other work during war time.

It is difficult to understand why this problem was not grappled with long ago. The end of the war was plainly in sight for months; the Government itself reflected this attitude in its half-hearted recruiting policy for the Pacific. Yet we are now into the harvest season, with a shortage of farm labor almost as acute as during the worst period of the war.

The disturbing effect of the general election can hardly be accepted as an alibi for this negligence. They had an election in Great Britain, too, with a complete turnover in government leadership. Perhaps that is what is needed here. One of the unfortunate results of the balloting in Canada is that notwithstanding much cabinet reshuffling, it seems not to have joggled the King Government out of its complacency.

Choosing A Speaker

The despatches from Ottawa telling of plans for the organization of Canada's twentieth Parliament, which will begin its first session on September 6, announced the appointment of Hon. Dr. J. H. King to be Speaker of the Senate and the nomination of Dr. Gaspard Fautoux of Montreal, as Speaker of the House. The distinction, says an exchange, made in the despatches is correct. The government, under the constitution, has power to appoint the Speaker of the Senate. It has no power to appoint the Speaker of the Commons. The Commons is master of its own destinies and chooses its own presiding officer. The government, however, is interested and suggests to the House the name of the man it would like to see in the Speaker's chair. The House does not need to accept the government's nomination, but, as a matter of fact, it always does.

In Canada, therefore, the Speaker is always a member of the majority party. This is thought to be important because it is desirable that the Speaker, who presides in the Commons, and the Prime Minister, who is leader of the House and directs its program, should have mutual confidence and work closely together. In Great Britain they follow a somewhat different course. There the Speaker is more of a moderator, less of a party man than with us. Once he has been elected, he carries on from Parliament to Parliament, whatever party is in power, until in the fulness of years he retires to the House of Lords.

In 140 years, the United Kingdom House Commons has had only 13 Speakers. In 78 years since Confederation the Canadian House has had 20.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Hon. Angus Macdonald is "harm among his ain folk again" after having been abominably treated by the Liberal dictator at Ottawa. "Lang may his lum reek" in New Scotland, the land of the free and independent, though "thrawnly" Liberal by heredity and—dare we say it?—pig-headedness.

A correspondent complains that nothing is being done here to take advantage of the housing scheme. That is true, and probably nothing will be until the returned men have lost the right to claim their indemnity. We have no public men sufficiently unselfish and efficient to handle the situation.

That is a good move on the part of the Salvation Army to provide a home for the aged and indigent. A splendid property on the outskirts of the city has been secured, long the home of the Hon. Mr. Justice Arsenault, which with the additions and alterations planned, will provide adequate accommodation for the prospective occupants.

If the returned Vets and rising generation do not benefit from the return of peace it will not be for the lack of advice and expensive investigations by all sorts of commissions and wandering officialdom. Surely we have now reached a stage when there should be a compulsory close time for all such inquiries and investigations, and allow our constitutional representatives to do the work they are elected for. We have come to a pretty pass when Parliament can be asked to stand aside to allow the bureaucrats to run the country.

Mary Lepell, Lady Hervey, celebrated for her beauty, wit and good sense at the Court of the second George, died this date 1768; in one of her letters, dated April 5, 1750, after expressing her pity for the Countess of Dalkeith in losing her husband, she says: "I dread to see people I care for quite easy and happy; I always wish them some disappointment or rub, for fear of a greater; for I look upon felicity in this world not to be a natural state, and consequently what cannot subsist; the further, therefore, we are put out of our natural position, with the more violence we return to it."

Evidently the Halifax riots have effected changes in both the military and naval commands at that Atlantic port. Brig. James Crossley Stewart, C.B.E., D.S.O., of Victoria, B.C., will succeed Brig. D. A. White, C.B.E., D.S.O., of Ottawa, as Officer Commanding Military District No. 6. The post of commander-in-chief of the Canadian North Atlantic has been abolished and an Atlantic Coast command under Commodore C. R. H. Taylor, 50, of Weymouth, N.S., has been set up, naval service headquarters announced. The announcement mentioned that Rear-Admiral L. W. Murray, 51, of Halifax, has been the North Atlantic commander but gave no indication as to whether he had retired or was waiting a new posting.

Fall schedules in the churches and social organizations will begin this week. With the advent of peace there will not be the same opportunities for organizing for the forces at home and overseas, but there should be more than enough to do looking after the boys who have returned to "civvies". There lies the opportunity of the Churches. Their commission is to go out into all the world spreading the gospel of faith and work, beginning at Jerusalem. Prince Edward Island is our Jerusalem, and when we make a success of our own gospel here, charity beginning at home, it will be time enough to carry the propaganda beyond the seas.

Finance Minister J. L. Ilsley is expected in the coming session to introduce legislation to extend or enlarge the lending authority of the export credit scheme, which was originally limited to \$100,000,000. Another provision made by Canada for facilitating the restoration of trade with other countries, particularly those in Europe, was in the formation of the Canadian Export Board, whose sole function is to do the purchasing here for countries not yet able to set up their own buying machinery. Other nations making purchases of goods in Canada with their own funds but who are using the facilities of the Export Board are: France, South Africa, Iceland, Belgium, Norway and UNRRA. It is emphasized here, though, that the Canadian Export Board is not intended to exercise any trading functions for other countries excepting for those who have not yet been able to provide their own purchasing machinery here.

The situation, described in a resolution as "intolerable confusion now existing in connection with the education of adolescents" in New Brunswick, created when amendment of the curriculum stopped at the end of Grade 7, has been agitating the teaching profession of that province. As the system now stands, New Brunswick school pupils from Grades 1 to 7 are taught along the lines and methods of the new curriculum. But when pupils, geared to the modern type of education, reach Grade 8, their instruction reverts to the old style with its greater emphasis on less advanced methods of study. The result of the change-over is that they reach Grade 9 unprepared for what is recognized as perhaps the most strenuous of the higher grades. In other words, the benefit of the modern training received in Grades 1 to 7 is lost because Grade 8, which is the connecting link between grade and high schools, does not bridge the gap. The strain on the pupils endeavoring to adjust themselves to both methods is scored by the teachers as being too great and the cause of a larger than average number of failures in Grade 9.

Notes By The Way Capital Closeups

No woman is wholly convinced that a man really loves her unless and until he buys her something she doesn't need at a price he can't afford. — Kitchener Record.

Some air experts insist the day of the battleship is done. People along the coast of the Gulf undoubtedly wish it were. — Buffalo Courier-Express.

Loading on the job is like coasting on a bicycle, an exchange says. Neither can be done for long except by going down hill. — Chatham News.

Undoubtedly during the war many marriages have been entered into much too hastily, both parties having been caught up in the emotionalism existing during the war. It is probable that many such marriages have insufficient basis for stability. — Niagara Falls Review.

Residents of a town in Surrey, England, petition to have a street carnival removed, saying that it is a nuisance to the nerves than flying bombs were in the war. A crowd of midway splinters, a crooning bearded lady, an old toothless lion, and a mechanical hurry-gurdy can create a lot of bedlam when they really put their hearts into it. — Hamilton Spectator.

Hotel and restaurant owners in New York hold forth the hope that with the end of the war there will be a return of polite and efficient service to customers. That will be one of the most grateful amenities of peace. Good service is fine sauce for a formal meal and an admirable relish for a snack. Inattention and delay make the hearty cook and the temper sour. — Toronto Telegram.

It is a remarkable fact that children of six years of age now will need to have "peace" explained to them, never having known any condition other than a state of war. May it truly be said of succeeding generations that they will have to have "war" explained to them, not having known anything but an established state of peace. If we could be sure of that even this grim conflict which has been fought in vain. — (Victoria Colonist).

Superficially, the trials of nature war criminals like Petain and Goebbels are similar. Basically, they are different, as witness the introduction of evidence at Quilting's trial that he had "penned" Hitler to invade Norway. Petain was not charged against Petain that he tried to turn his country over to its enemy before that enemy was on its soil; he did collaborate once the Nazis gained control, but he did not deliberately betray his country's invasion plans. — Montreal Star.

Self-cooling water bags for the armed forces are being made of cotton duck instead of scarce flax. The large-scale use of cotton duck for this purpose has been made possible by treating it with a synthetic resin. The treatment leaves the fabric just porous enough to permit a small amount of water to soak through, evaporate, and so cool the rest of the water in the bag. The water bags may be useful to hikers, foresters and farmers. — New York Times.

Greyhound breeding has become an important Irish industry. Official returns for last year show that the export of greyhounds, valued at something over \$2,000,000, was almost equal to the value of fat cattle exported. The number of these animals exported in the year was 4,890 and the estimated average value of each dog was slightly under \$500. Most of the dogs exported last year were destined for Britain, and in the track-and-dog there Irish-bred dogs invariably carry off the big prizes. — Brandon Sun.

Lieut. Colonel Nabi Aminatayev, the well-known Soviet airman and parachute jumper, made a record-breaking jump the other day when he leaped out from a height of over ten kilometers and hurtled down to within 600 meters of the ground before opening his chute. Colonel Aminatayev has been chute-jumping for nearly 13 years. This jump was his 1,644th. In 1935 when he came down from 7,012 meters and from 8,126 meters. Aminatayev established two records for altitude jumps without oxygen apparatus. Two years after he jumped from a height of 10,000 meters with an oxygen mask. — U.S.S.R. Bulletin.

We hope you will pardon us if we indulge in a few quotations from our favourite contemporary philosopher. Here goes: "Cultivate mutual understanding with any one you think you have to get along with—and to my mind that is the whole civilized world. . . . 'Keep your minds open in your relationships with other humans. That way lies co-operation between nations or co-operation between allies, if we ever have to fight again.' Who is this internationalist, this starchy-eyed idealist? To what group or club has he belonged? Theorists was he talking? If you don't already know the answer, here it is: Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower talking to an audience of West Point cadets. And he's right—eternally right. — Buffalo Courier-Express.

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Capital Closeups

By Jack Brayley Canadian Press Staff Writer, Ottawa

The touchy business of politics and precedence in connection with the Sept. 6 opening of the first session of the 20th Parliament is in the skillful and tactful hands of Dr. Arthur Beaulac, veteran clerk of the House of Commons. He is in the process of assigning offices and seats to the newly-elected and re-elected members of the new House. This is where precedence comes in; with veteran members claiming the choice spots. In the case of the offices, they all want the most convenient with the best facilities while in the case of seats they all ask for the benches closest to the active cabinet section of the House.

The seating arrangement of the Commons is ticklish and involves decisions this time on what side of the chamber will sit former Liberals who called themselves independents during the election campaign. Members in this category who used to have imposing front benches are Hon. C. G. Power, Air Minister, Hon. P. J. A. Gardin, former Transport Minister and Jean Francois Pouliot, stormy petrel of the party for many seasons. One thing is certain—there will be no "rump corner" at this session. The "rump corner" was a block of Liberals who overlied to the Opposition benches due to the larger Liberal majority in the last House. This time the Government's 123 supporters all can be comfortably seated on their own side.

The 66 Progressive Conservatives will move up into the "rump corner" and also will take over some of their old central seats. News in line with the 29 C.C.F. members, the 13 Social Creditors and the other members, making a total of 245.

The mighty automaton: When the provincial Premiers were meeting here recently Prime Minister Mackenzie King had occasion to refer to the atomic bomb. When he had finished speaking of the effectiveness of the party for massive his sleeve was plucked by quick-witted Premier Maurice Duplessis of Quebec who whispered something

No show of bolts and bars can keep the foeman out, Or sope his secret means. Who end'rd with the doubt That drew the line. No warder at the gate Can bid the sun, o'er all He will the castleswin, And shine along the wall.

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—Henry David Thoreau.

The Poet's Corner

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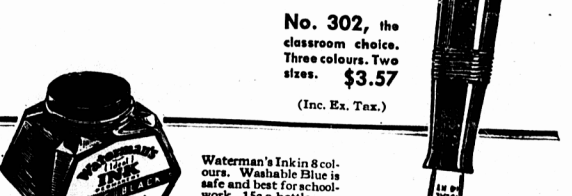
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which made Mr. King laugh. Reporters have just found out what the joke was about. The Quebec Premier, an ardent advocate of provincial autonomy, had winked at Mr. King and whispered: "I guess you'd call me 'the atomic bomb' Mr. Prime Minister."



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