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Yesterday's Convention

Inclement weather yesterday, though it prevented some of the delegates from attending the Conservative convention for the nomination of candidates for the Second District of Queen's...

The keynote was struck by Hon. Dr. MacMillan when he declared that if the Conservatives failed to achieve a sweeping victory at the next election, it would be their own fault...

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Soaking The Farmers

A striking illustration of the ill effects of Liberal tariff tinkering was given at Tuesday's Conservative convention by Mr. Samuel Kennedy, when he cited the cost prices of farm machinery under the Bennett and King Governments respectively.

The Bennett Government, it will be recalled, was subject to continual Liberal criticism for its farm machinery tariffs, which were allegedly keeping prices at an exorbitant figure.

For example, on a 5 ft. grain binder the cash price in 1935 was \$210. In 1936, under Liberal tariffs, it cost \$234, an increase of \$18.

Again, the farmer who paid \$179 for a manure spreader in 1935 had to pay \$189 for this machine in 1936 and last year the price went up to \$205, a total increase under the Liberals of \$26.

These increases were equivalent to from 14 1/2 to 23 3/4 per cent. To the claim made that material costs more today and that the manufacturers are not profiting, Mr. Kennedy cited from the annual report of one big machinery company, which showed in 1937 net profits of \$32,493,000 as against \$19,618,000 in 1935.

Liberal spokesmen at Ottawa are dumb-founded at the result of their tariff tinkering, but the reason is obvious enough. They took no precaution to insure against price increase, as the Bennett Government did while assisting the manufacturers to preserve the home market and keep Canadian workmen employed.

Meanwhile, our Liberal representatives at Ottawa are dumb as oysters about this and other subjects relevant to our farmers' interests, while extolling the "generosity" of the King Government in fatuous patergyrics.

Monetary Reforms And Election

The feeling among members of Parliament, says a well-informed Ottawa correspondent, is that the monetary question will be an issue of considerable importance in many parts of Canada in the coming election, and each party will seek to develop a carefully thought-out policy on which to appeal to the electorate.

As the session has moved along there have been no developments that give any indication when the general elections will be held. Hardly a day passes but private Liberal members press Cabinet Ministers for a tip on when the Government will appeal to the people.

Finance Minister Dunning has promised to bring down the Supplementary estimates at an early date, which possibly will be late this week. There are many reports they will provide for an extensive public works programme, with guesses being made it will exceed \$100,000,000.

penditures. It was left over last session because the committee took up its entire time rebuilding the Canada Election Act.

It is understood the same Election Expenses Bill will be submitted again without the slightest chance of its being adopted. Even if it were, it could not be put into effect in the coming election as the machinery for political corporations to receive party contributions in each constituency would take over a year to perfect.

Useful Statistics

The Financial Post Business Year Book and Market Survey for 1939, just off the press, contains a wealth of factual and statistical information of which every student of economics should be possessed.

The review credits Prince Edward Island and Saskatchewan with being the only provinces to show a gain in national income last year, Saskatchewan's increase over 1937 being 35.3 per cent, Prince Edward Island's a modest 1.5 per cent, which however is gratifying in view of the fact that there was an average decline for all Canada of approximately 8.1 per cent.

Prince Edward Island's total income last year is estimated at \$12,500,000. The major item in this total was, of course, agriculture, field crops showing a total value of \$8,200,000, an increase of nearly 10 per cent over 1937. This increase was in face of sharply lower prices for most items except potatoes.

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Comrade Trotsky's opinion that the New Deal has been a help to the world, which he has been predicting for so long—should be read in the light of the complete failure of his prophetic power on his own side.

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Editorial Notes

The worst of Lent, bewailed one lady to another, is the elimination of Bingo.

Halifax is finding her fire tragedies, like other troubles, do not come singly.

Cardinal Mazarin, whose greatest diplomatic triumph was the League of the Rhine, corresponding to the League of Nations, died this date, 1661.

A correspondent who travelled all the way by auto from west of Summerside to Argyle Shore on Sunday, says the roads were only "fairly good." And that in the first week of March too! What are we coming to?

It is reported that some of Premier Campbell's supporters are urging him to appeal to the electorate this Spring in anticipation of the Federal defeat in the Fall. But rank-and-file in the Legislature ask "why was the term extended to five years if we are to throw away our indemnity and patronage in four years as hitherto?"

It is not often women object to women teachers, but Mrs. Evelyn Millis Duvall, executive director of the Association for Child Study and Parent Education, Chicago, declares that "feminine dominance" in schools was helping to produce "sissies" among boys, "dictatorial or weak-kneed husbands," "boy-crazy girls"—and last, but not least, "man-hating, over-aggressive women." She advocates more encouragement for men teachers.

Here is what Mr. W. T. G. Wiener, Secretary-Treasurer of the Canadian Seed Growers Association told the Ontario Crop Improvement Association, and it is equally applicable to ourselves: "If we continue to grow weeds by the millions of tons annually, what hope is there of bettering agricultural conditions by use of good seed alone?" The fact that economical production of farm crops is "essential to the whole success of agriculture as an industry" is recognized, the speaker said, but he described present production practices as "extremely wasteful." The difficulties in production of good seed and good crop should be impressed by the provincial organization, Mr. Wiener declared. "One wonders what is the advantage in using superior new varieties under conditions where the crops will be starved or smothered with weeds," he said.

We are now told by the New York Times that there is a weakening in the opposition in Canada to the St. Lawrence Seaway scheme because the interested utilities anticipate compensation from the U. S. A. Government. It is reported that the private power interests in Quebec and Ontario who have motivated the opposition of the governments of those provinces to the plan are reconsidering. They are discussing the advisability of assenting to the seaway scheme, but at a price. The price would be the consent of the United States Government to their sending surplus power across the border. They believe that if the seaway plan were endorsed President Roosevelt would be ready to consider an import agreement for hydro-power that would permit its withdrawal when required for Canada on a basis that would not create international friction.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The most popular piece of paper in Great Britain is the postal order. Last year the Post Office sold 344,000,000 of these, to the value of \$450,000,000. Popular when they were first introduced, in 1800, the advent of newspaper competitions sent their sales soaring up. In a single day the issue of postal orders may vary between 500,000 and 4,000,000, November being the busiest and June the slackest.

As for Mr. Hungerford's experience, capability, training, and general qualifications for the post, they are unsurpassed. If not unequalled, by those of any other man in the service. Unless and until further facts than those implied in the Murdoch-Howe correspondence come to light and change the picture, it is a fair judgment on the record that the angle of the picture is not to the disadvantage of Mr. Hungerford. And that even at the cost of losing Mr. Murdoch as one of its members, it looks as if all he is rather too busy for such a service.—Sydney Post Record.

The map of Europe has been largely treated by Hitler and Mussolini while England and France have looked passively on through four Fabian years. Is there a statesman in the world who will undertake to say that Hitler and Mussolini have slaked their thirst and satisfied their hunger and that London and Paris may put down their confidence, their cup of trembling? The lust for power is the appetite that grows on what it feeds upon. This prospect is not on his own side. What dark totalitarian vista appals the eyes of statesmanship that is not afraid to look? How far will the Wainwright, the black-shirted Europe? —St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Answer to a question in the House of Commons, notes the Woodstock Sentinel-Review, discloses that the cost of putting a new driveway through the Dominion Experimental Farm at Ottawa was \$159,794.81. In very truth, all the highway atrocities in this country are not accidents.—Toronto Telegram.

Speaking about a speech by Sir Edward Beatty in which he said Canada needs pioneers and adventure today, as much as ever it did in the Detroit Free Press comments. It says Canada and the United States were both settled and opened up by generations that realized that without some risk nothing is gained. They risked generously and won handsomely. Without the spirit of adventure there could have been no development as has taken place in the New World in the last 400 years.—Brandon Sun.

We have long maintained that practically anything could become an antique as soon as it ceased to have any practical utility. But it has remained for the City of Kingston to provide us with the most striking proof of that assertion that we have yet found. In the coming week, the city will be the prevailing high price for scrap metal the long since abandoned streetcar tracks of the Limestone City could be sold for scrap metal and sold. H. Whiting writes indignantly to the Whig-Standard: "Why any person would advocate destroying one of our most precious sets of this fair city of ours is beyond me. The tracks are priceless, and very few cities can boast of possessing such a main street complete with car-tops and no cars. Why not let us stay different to the up-to-date city and advertise our street-car-less tracks?" —Saturday Night.

It now takes 500 paper pesetas of the Spanish Lefist Government to buy a franc. The franc is valued at \$0.26. The financial page sometimes sums up the situation more accurately than the front page.—Windsor Star.

General Jose Maja, savior of Madrid, declares that "as long as there is a plot of ground left in my zone no war will be fought." As the plot has been greatly contracted, Maja's deft may be described as "magnificent, but not war." —Windsor Gazette.

The new navies have arisen from the graves of the old. Whether they are bettered than their predecessors their ever being brought to a decisive action than there was with the old ones, the chance that they will find themselves at war "with us by no means the same" is chilling enough as 1914 joins hands with a 1939 or 1940, so much the same only far worse.—New York Herald Tribune.

It was real good news to learn that Canadian ex-servicemen will unite their forces and greet their Majesties when they tour the Dominion next spring, not as members of various ex-soldier organizations but as Canadian ex-soldiers. It was equally interesting to note that at a recent conference of national ex-servicemen organizations held at Toronto it was agreed that there must be unity of action in approaching the Federal Government on behalf of ex-soldiers as a whole.—Calgary Alberta.

Soviet children, according to the official organs of the ruling Bolshevik League, must be firmly grounded in atheism. "Man was made by no God," says the editor of this publication. "He is the work of chance—a spontaneous production of nature. There is no God." Up at the house we have

The Poet's Corner

THE WISH
If I live to be old, for I find I go down,
Let this be my fate: In a country town
May I have a warm house, with a stone at the gate,
And a cleanly young girl to rub my bald pate.
May I govern my passion with an absolute sway
And grow wiser and better as my strength wears away,
Without gout or stone, by a gentle decay.

War Scare "Jitterbugs"

"Sir Samuel Hoare, British Home Secretary, said something notable not even a word for catastrophe. Nine times out of ten they are merely taking matter-of-fact newspaper dispatches and dramatizing and distorting them, playing upon the nerves and the fear of their all too gullible listeners. The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation is (and we think wisely) fighting shy of the 'commentator,' and more especially of the commentator who is apt to be propagandist. Under its regulations it denies its net work to commercial sponsors of commentators; it does not sell time to anybody for the expression of views."

NO PARTING HERE

BOLTON, England (CP) — A couple, both 76 years old, who had been married 56 years died within 15 minutes of each other here.

two semi-Persian cats which share this belief. But they have the good sense not to boast of it. — R. M. Harrison in Windsor Star.

The great change that has come over the British House of Commons during the present century is indicated in the plan for providing pensions for needy Members of Parliament who have served some years in the Lower House. The small salaries which are paid to members (recently raised from £400 to \$600 a year) are quite sufficient to allow any margin for saving. The modest proposal accepted by the House is really a provident scheme, under which deductions from the existing salaries would provide a fund for members or ex-members who find themselves in need of assistance. That such a scheme should be thought necessary is the clearest sign that the House of Commons is no longer a rich man's preserve. The majority of the Labour Members in the P use have no means beyond what they get from their official salaries or such supplement as their trades unions may allow them. There is no doubt that the payment of members is far more beneficial to the Labour Party than to the Conservatives who for the most part could afford to do without it. — Christian Science Monitor.

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That Body of Hours

DIET TREATMENT OF CHRONIC SINUS INFECTION

During the past ten year there has been fewer surgical operations for sinus ailments. Not that surgery is unwise or unnecessary but because simple local treatment and especially diet treatment has made surgery unnecessary in many cases.

Dr. B. R. Shurley, Detroit, in American Journal of Surgery, points out that while surgery is often necessary in chronic or stubborn cases, the use of certain foods should also be a part of the treatment.

The use of a "preventive" diet in early infancy would prevent sinus trouble later in life especially the proper use of vitamin D as found in milk, eggs, and leafy vegetables. Lack of vitamin A in the diet (cod liver oil, butter, cream, milk, egg yolk, green vegetables) may reduce the resistance to infection with lowered vitality of the tissues in the ear, nose and throat.

QUICK CLEARANCE

SOUTHERN, England (CP) — Less than seven minutes after an Air Raid Precautions rehearsal alarm, 1,500 firms were evacuated from a radio factory here to trenches.

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