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

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Hog Production Costs

The barley-hog ratio is often used as a measuring stick in determining whether or not hog production, on the average, is profitable. That ratio simply means that number of bushels of No. 1 feed barley which is equal in value to 100 pounds of live hog, live basis, both at Winnipeg prices.

It may be a nice question whether Canadian hog producers would want to see Britain offering to the Danes and our other potential competitors more than the equivalent of the September price of \$29.20 for bacon.

Recently Dr. L. E. Kirk, Dean of Agriculture at the University of Saskatchewan, advised the farmers of his province that they would probably be far better off in the long run to be feeding large quantities of grain to their own hogs, for export as bacon to Britain, than again allowing the Danes to monopolize that market with hogs fed largely on Canadian grain.

B. C. Proposal

The British Columbia Legislature at its last session set up a special committee to bring in recommendations regarding an amendment to the Elections Act that would pave the way for compulsory voting.

"Why should the authorities have the means of checking the movement of anybody? What business is it of those in authority where a person moves or what he does as long as he does not violate the law?"

"A registration card that can be turned into an identity card—one of the efficient bits of machinery of the police state—and that can be used for checking movements and snooping into peoples' affairs and pushing people about is something Canadians can very well do without and would be well advised to insist upon doing without."

A Huge Industry

Dealing with forest resources and the pulp and paper industry the January Letter of the Royal Bank says Canada's is one of the major industrial enterprises in the world. It has a world-wide reputation for quality and dependability.

wood uses 22.6 per cent timber, pulpwood for export, and miscellaneous products 34.1 per cent, and fire, insects and disease takes 26.0 per cent. Yet so vital is the continued supply of its raw material that the pulp and paper industry has done more on its own in the way of forest management and more in the way of developing the forest for use in perpetuity than all the other users combined.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The irreplaceable part that daily newspapers play in everyday lives was amply illustrated during a newspaper strike in Hamilton when 50,000 telephone calls flooded the newspaper office within 12 hours of the commencement of the strike.

Mr. MacNaught associated this Province with Sorel, whose newly elected member seconded him in moving the Address, and we are told that Mr. Cournoyer bowed his acknowledgement. We trust he will further enhance the compliment by insisting upon the Simard people delivering the Car Ferry here, as soon as ice conditions make it practicable.

Sir Arthur Keith, F. R. S., M. D., C. M., F. R. C. S., LL. D., British anthropologist, born this date 1866; educated at Aberdeen and Leipzig Universities; President of the British Association in 1927; Lord Rector of Aberdeen University, 1930-33; now Master Buckston Browne Research Farm for experimental purposes.

Federal Progressive Conservative Committee chairmen have been appointed for the session. Maj.-Gen. G. R. Peakes, V. C., member for the British Columbia constituency of Nanaimo, has been appointed chairman of the defence committee.

In the death of Mrs. P. W. Clarkin this Province has lost one of its finest poets and citizens. As "Lucy Gertrude Clarkin" her contributions over a long period of years to St. Dunstan's Red and White, as well as to various other publications including The Guardian, were read with great appreciation and were invariably of a high standard, both in style and content.

Hon. James G. Gardiner is still in the running for the succession to Mr. King, and is offering strenuous competition with the C. C. F. leader in the way of "leftist" policy. Speaking on "The Nation's Business" at Ottawa he told the big corporations of Canada that the profits which were not required for their business were "not your profits" and thus were liable to taxation.

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Notes By The Way

Psychologists are studying the phenomenon of people dreaming in color. That's nothing. A fellow sleeps in the room above us who dreams with sound effects. — Windsor Star.

In the "good old days" we had shirts with tails, two pairs of pants per suit, no income tax, nice neighbors, road shows, parades, the Western Fair, private enterprise churches, home-grown vegetables, a house to ourselves, time and faith, hope and charity. — London Free Press.

Unemployment in Britain last year never exceeded 2-1/2 per cent of the working population, and only 2,104,000 working days were lost through strikes, as compared with 34,483,000 lost for that reason in the year after the First Great War.

A new rule is in effect on railroads entering and leaving Shanghai. Passengers may not carry more than ten cabbies or cabs, and have to resort to washing dishes to pay for his food. — New York Herald-Tribune.

The best check on excessive increases in many of the items now released is the stimulation of competitive production. Indeed, the whole value of what has been done, so far as price stability is concerned, depends on how speedily other materials can be released, especially many of the raw and semi-processed items basic to the production of the wide range of consumer goods. — Toronto Globe and Mail.

We in this country, for sentimental rather than realistic reasons are inclined to the belief that the Chinese people as a whole love us dearly and are grateful for the aid we have given them. What doubtably the Chinese feel that the Chinese Communists are body and soul devoted to the ideology of the Soviet Union and are dependent upon to follow the line as laid down by the Kremlin. What we should not forget—is that underlying the surface in millions of Chinese is a deep anti-foreign feeling, whether it is directed against the United States or Russia or any other country. — Providence Journal.

There are three chief solutions by which the chasm between housing and minimum cost housing can be bridged — raising of the levels of low incomes, reduction of delivered cost for building of homes, or some form of subsidy to supplement rentals, or purchase payments. In the present outlook, achievement of the first two goals is not an early prospect; and the idea of subsidization has so far met with a notable lack of enthusiasm at all levels of government.

A recent study of auto accidents brought out, as its salient point, the fact that three-lane highways are the most dangerous on the road. The accident rate soared sky high on such roads when any considerable volume of traffic was encountered, well above that of the two-lane highway and actually three times higher than that of the four-lane road. The lesson in this for road builders is to get away from the three-lane highways wherever possible and for drivers to exercise extreme caution on such roads, particularly in making U-turns. — Boston Post.

A cut-rate wedding war in Newport, Ky., one of the State's Gretna Green variety, finds one of two feuding marrying justices promising couples wedded by him not only a feeless ceremony, but would hold his "business" prestige. Today, the results of hasty marriages, particularly those of the Gretna Green variety are helping to swell our divorce volume. That's usually the case when the dignity of marriage is lowered. — Boston Post.

Caught up on other chores, countrymen are likely to be found in orchards on mild winter days, trimming trees, says the Jan. issue of the Journal of Forestry. But an occasional maple, growing apart from houses and other trees, spreads in wide and sturdy pattern, it outlines as symmetrical and pleasing in midwinter as when leaves add their lovely garnish. Strengthening the tree is not the

The Poets Corner

CANOPUS

When quacks with pills political would dope us. When politics absorb the livelong day, I like to think about the star Canopus, So far, so far away.

Greatest of visioned suns, they say who list 'em; To weigh its science always must despair.

Its shell would hold our whole dinged solar system, Nor ever know 'twas there.

When temporary chairmen utter speeches, And trembled henchmen howl their battle hymns, My thoughts float out across the cosmic reaches To where Canopus swims.

When men are calling names and making faces, And all the world's a jangle and a jar, I meditate on interstellar spaces And smoke a mild cigar.

For after one has had about a week of The arguments of friends as well as foes, A star that has no parallax to Conduces to repose.

"Once... I Was A Real Turtle"

(Montreal Gazette) Through several pages of Maclean's Magazine, Hon. G.C. Power mourns the charge and decay which he sees all around him in the Liberal Party. As the Dean of the House of Commons, he looks through the retrospect of 30 years of Parliamentary life and sees how the might of Liberalism has fallen.

Yet the questionable part of Mr. Power's vigorous mourning is whether the Liberal Party may not be its traditional characteristics. Times change, and issues change, and the things that are compromised today are not the things that were compromised yesterday.

Mr. Power believes that Canadian Liberalism has become too vote-catching in its methods. It is high time, he urges, that it cease to neglect principle for the sake of opportunism. It must recover from its office-holding mania. "In short," he says, "we must fight with all the fervor of inspired men, prepared to accept whatever verdict the electorate may pronounce."

In deed, Mr. King seems to sit rather awkwardly upon Mr. Power's Liberalism. His article is sprinkled with praise for Mr. King's capacities, and at one point he declares that he should be induced to continue as Liberalism's leader. Yet he believes that Mr. King needs nothing so much as a stiff injection of "principles."

Mr. Power declares that "Canadian Liberal leaders in the past"—and among these he includes Mr. King—"have fought unre-

Old Charlottetown (And P.E.I.)

DE ROMA'S AMBITIONS

As we travel along the south coast from Souris toward Charlottetown, we come to a bay into which flows three rivers, the Brudenell, the Montague and the Cardigan. In 1781 Louis XV had granted lands drained by these three streams to four men, of whom the only one worth remembering is Jean Pierre de Roma. The other three were interested only in profits of the fisheries.

It was a mistake of principle but not of expediency. The racial and religious prejudices appealed to in the Riel issue of the 1880's were nurtured through two world wars. The procedure has long been Canadian Liberalism's stock-in-trade. In principle the procedure was highly questionable. But politically it has paid well.

It may be that Mr. Power's long retrospect as the Dean of the House of Commons suffers in realism from the colorings of memory. "What's wrong with the Liberals?" he asks. Perhaps the true answer is: "Just what has always been wrong with them." Mr. Power views his party in light that never was on land or sea.

The sorrows of Mr. Power for the glories that have faded may be like the sorrows of the Mock Turtle in Alice in Wonderland: "Once," said the Mock Turtle, at last, with a deep sigh, "I was a real turtle." These words were followed by a very long silence, broken only by the constant heavy sobbing of the Mock Turtle. Alice was very nearly getting up and saying, "Thank you, Sir, for your interesting story."

Quickies By Ken Reynolds. This picture, 'The Brook', we picked up with a Guardian Want Ad—realistic, isn't it?

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do what he can," he declared, "you may by your disturbance of today and your abusive language try to prevent me from saying it, but Mr. Laurier... knows that in raising this cry of race and prejudice, he has made a mistake that nothing can repair."

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