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Hon. Mr. Michaud's Visit

Our people, regardless of politics, will extend a cordial welcome to Hon. J. E. Michaud, Federal Minister of Fisheries, who is expected here today in the course of an inspection tour of the Maritime Provinces.

Our local contemporary refers to the problem of the lobster fishermen, and expresses regret that it was deemed necessary to turn down the request for an extra month's fishing.

It is also interesting to recall, at this time, the suggestion of Hon. J. P. McIntyre, provincial Minister of Public Works, in the Legislature in 1935, that a bonus of "so much a hundred on fish" should be paid, either by the provincial or federal administrations.

It was Mr. McIntyre's contention that the fishermen of the Maritimes had "a direct claim on \$4,000,000 accruing under the Halifax Award, back in 1877," which was rightly due these Provinces and which our governments should get busy and collect.

That certainly would be a windfall to our fishermen at the present time! Mr. Michaud, we trust, will look into the matter, and with Mr. McIntyre's assistance, evolve some plan whereby this gratuity could be distributed.

Ignoring The Maritimes

The Donaldson liner Letitia will arrive shortly in Quebec from Glasgow, carrying two large parties scheduled to make a trip through "Eastern Canada." One party, consisting of 200 Scottish schoolboys, will cover an itinerary embracing Quebec, Montreal, Laurentian Mountains, Ottawa, Hamilton, Niagara Falls, London, Port Stanley, Toronto and Kingston.

The point about these visitations is that they purport to cover Eastern Canada while totally ignoring the Maritime Provinces. For that, of course, the visitors will not be responsible. No doubt they would be delighted to have the opportunity of seeing this section of Canada and its people.

Another itinerary in which the Maritimes seem to have been ignored is that of the British parliamentarians who are to visit Canada next month to study Canadian problems in response to an invitation from the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. As announced in a London despatch in yesterday's Guardian, they will visit Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Regina, Saskatoon, Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver and Victoria.

Purvis May Resign

Rumors persist at Ottawa that Mr. Arthur B. Purvis, the able and resourceful Chairman of the National Employment Commission, may resign office on account of sharp differences with the King Government.

A despatch from Ottawa to the Windsor Star says that the cause of the trouble is the King Government's refusal to co-operate with the Chairman of the Commission with respect to the abatement of the unemployment situation within the Dominion.

The plans in question are understood to contemplate an organization financed Federally for a low-cost housing scheme, designed to clean up the slum areas in the larger cities. It is of course in these larger centres that unemployment in the building trades constitutes the most

stubborn feature holding back the present recovery movement. The new Purvis housing scheme is designed to attack unemployment at its final and most formidable outpost.

To this project the Federal Government has declined to give effective support for the alleged reason that the Dominion finances do not warrant the undertaking of so ambitious and costly a scheme. There is of course a Housing Act in existence at present, under which prospective homeowners who are able to finance 20 per cent. of the ultimate cost of their plans can secure the balance from the Federal Treasury and certain loaning corporations, but only a small proportion of those desiring to build have been able to avail themselves of this method of assistance.

The explanation given at Ottawa for the non-concurrence of the King Government in the Purvis plan is that the cost involved is too great for the Federal Treasury to face at the present time. The Minister of Finance, however, is said to be sympathetic with the Purvis scheme and to have given promise of aid when the Federal finances are on a sounder basis.

Editorial Notes

Robespierre was guillotined this date, 1794.

It will be noted that the Hon. Mr. Michaud wired Hon. Mr. LePage direct. He did not wire to Hon. Mr. MacIntyre to tell Mr. LePage that he would be here today.

All this suing and prosecution of Neil C. Reade of the Woods-Read brokerage firm makes us wonder whether there is proper supervision of such firms by the Attorney-General.

Boy: "Daddy, do they raise political plums from seeds?"

Daddy: "No, young man. Political plums are more often the result of a bit of clever grafting."

Prime Minister Chamberlain has advised members of his cabinet that they must not leave the country for the present. This has resulted in the cancellation of the proposed visit to Canada of the Hon. Walter Elliot, Secretary of State for Scotland, who was due in Montreal this month.

Bootleggers are not by any means confined to this Province, though the term originated here. In Montreal the other day, the police gave chase to a suspicious-looking truck making towards the city. The driver ran it in a ditch, and then escaped. Investigation showed it contained 200 gallons of illicit rum.

Of course, Prince Edward Island is going to get it in the neck again in the matter of unemployment relief. The Minister of Labour kindly tells the Canadian Press that another cut is to be made in our allowance this Fall. Was it the Provincial Government, or the Federal Government, that put up the notice in the Square the other day "No Help Wanted" to prevent being annoyed by the hordes of unemployed wanting jobs?

Unemployment in Germany is said to have been reduced to a practical minimum, industrial activity has increased and the capital goods and armament industries are working at capacity. The value of exports rose early in the year but was exceeded by the rate of increase in imports, partly because of the rise in the price of raw materials. An abundance of idle money, arising out of the credit inflation of recent years, made possible large-scale Government debt consolidations. Complete figures for Government revenue and expenditure are not made public, but Government expenditures are reliably estimated to be at the rate of 19 billion marks a year, or triple those of five years ago.

Good prospects for farm crops are now evident in all parts of Canada except in the prairie wheat belt where the most serious and prolonged drought in the history of the country continues practically unrelieved. The advent of warm dry weather has been of great benefit to farmers in the eastern provinces and British Columbia where haying is now general with a good crop in prospect. Spring grains and hoed crops are promising throughout all western Canada and the effects of the late wet spring have been largely outgrown. While parts of the province are too dry, general conditions are still good in Manitoba although the rust which is widely distributed may yet prove a serious factor. Saskatchewan conditions have shown little or no improvement.

Seven planes of the latest type, suitable for carrying mail, express and passengers, have been ordered by Trans-Canada Air Lines and three of those will be delivered during the present summer. The three planes to be delivered first are each capable of carrying ten passengers. They are Lockheed-Electras. Delivery of two of these 10-passenger planes is expected in July, the third in August. These planes cost approximately \$75,000 each and will have a cruising speed of 180 miles per hour. In December, it is expected that delivery will be made of the four 14-passenger Lockheed-Electra planes. These cost approximately \$110,000 each and will have a cruising speed of 200 miles per hour. All seven of these planes are twin-engined, each engine having sufficient power so that in case of the failure of one engine the plane could fly over the Rockies.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

They have a Folk Craft Society in Vancouver, and a folk craft shop under its auspices, conducted by the director of the folk song and folk dance festival held every year, has been opened. The shop is in one of the largest stores in the city. The work of various nationalities is displayed and a school for weavers to be a feature. Much more attention to folk-craft should be given in New Brunswick. A beginning has been made but progress is slow.—Ex.

Soviet children from their model classrooms, and perhaps even from their model creches, are writing ten- to newspaper, childlike letters to the newspapers about the latest executions. They rejoice in the death of the "Fascist reptiles." A little girl writes: "May the names of the degenerates be accursed." A little boy says it is good that traitors are discovered and shot. Three little girls covered and shot. "Let the enemies tremble; they will be utterly destroyed." Poor little Soviet Peter and his mother were a famous victory. They have been told so and have been told to hate. So in the German schools the children study Julius and the United States and the Jews, and in Italy they are taught to hate England. And that is how beautiful new worlds are built.—New York Times.

Three-fourths of the habitable globe is in the hands of six nations. The other quarter is divided among the remaining sixty-odd countries. All told, there is only 57,000,000 square miles of earth, good, bad, and indifferent. Of that the British own 13,172,000 square miles, or approximately one-quarter. The second largest landowner is the Soviet Union, with 8,144,000 square miles—about one-seventh of the total. France ranks third with nearly 5,000,000 square miles, and China fourth with some 4,250,000. Brazil comes fifth and the United States last, each with something like 3,000,000.—New York World Tele-

The labour problem will be a hot potato for the conventions of the political parties to handle when they meet in preparation for 1940. They may be expected to take it even more gingerly than ever. Perhaps by then public opinion will have clarified and crystallized on the issue. At any rate, the outlining of some formula that will enable labour disputes to be settled more in the spirit of "sweet reasonableness" is a consummation devoutly to be wished for.—Buffalo News.

The Japanese military have occupied a supremely independent position. Their prestige has been high in the estimation of the people. . . . The events of the last 40 years prove that they have used their position to launch their country upon a particular course of action rather than advise of action, and to formulate and direct their own policy, rather than to enforce the policy of the government.—Causen.

For many the Ontario government's plan to conduct a "horror" campaign in an effort to make the public accident-conscious and alert is a suspicious-looking truck making towards the city. The driver ran it in a ditch, and then escaped. Investigation showed it contained 200 gallons of illicit rum.

Complaint is made in the United States that the spray of trees kills insects also kills birds. This is of course, that while most insects die at the hands of man, fewer die at the hands of man's natural enemies. In warm climates man must be careful not to kill off his allies; and for that matter, not to import allies which may turn out to be worse pests than those they destroy.—Toronto Star.

A Great Falls magistrate decided that a drunken driver shouldn't be allowed to drive a car in the city again. It was a life penalty. That is a way to deal with the driver who Magistrates cannot be too severe in their sentences.—London Daily Express.

The government of Egypt is faced with the biggest crime wave it ever saw. In fact, in a few months it has become a haven for international criminals, and for every body to watch out for their personal safety. The reason for this is that the British police have supplanted the native police who have been withdrawn. This indicates that the British policeman is certainly an efficient fellow, both home and abroad.—Boston Post.

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Longevity Of Premiers

The death of Sir Robert Borden at nearly 83 years of age — he would have been 83 on June 28 — draws attention once more to the longevity of Canadian premiers. Of the 11 three are living. Of the remaining eight, only one failed to reach 70; Sir John Thompson, who died suddenly in England at 50 just after being sworn in as a privy councillor by Queen Victoria.

Sir John A. Macdonald lived to be 78; Sir Alexander Mackenzie, 70; Sir J. J. Abbott, 72; Sir John Thompson, 50; Sir Mackenzie Bowell, nearly 94; Sir Charles Tupper, 94; Sir Wilfred Laurier, 77; Sir Robert Borden, nearly 83. It is a remarkable record. Of the surviving three, Mr. Meighen is 64; Mr. King 63 next December; Mr. Bennett will be 67 soon.

A possible explanation is that a man does not usually become Premier unless, at middle life or later, he is strong and vigorous. For this reason, one of the qualifications for the factors in a long life, another explanation may be that men who become Premier or attain high position in the Cabinet thereby secure an interest in life which has a marked psychological effect upon their physical well-being. It is hard work, but they like it.

To Arm For Peace

The Fightingly (London) In the free world, the rearmament of Great Britain is taken everywhere as the best reinforcement of all that makes for peace; the industrial recovery of Great Britain is seen as a hopeful sign in the world's commerce nowhere is this more strongly expressed than in the United States; and movements make themselves felt for some arrangement between the English-speaking peoples which may lessen the restraints on international trade. There is at least a beneficent ruler whose policies in the United States appear to be gradually prevailing over the various oppositions of huge financial interests and a rigid Constitution should play its part in making life easier over the world. It will be less difficult for him, at a time when the name of England is popular with his people, to work with England. The United States, emerging from a desperate time of all but collapse, see Great Britain also rising strongly back to prosperity, and instead of jealousy there is sympathy greater than at any time since the War.

Hertzog's Protest

The Spectator (London) General Hertzog has raised once again the question of the transfer of the new territories of South Africa to the Union, asserting that further delay in the transfer would amount to a breach of faith. Such a statement of the case cannot be justified by the facts. It is true that the 1935 agreement fully accepted a policy designed to lead ultimately to transfer. But it was clearly laid down that it would only become "practical politics" when it could be effected "with the full acquiescence of the populations concerned." From a geographical and economic point of view there can be no doubt about the desirability of associating Swaziland and Basutoland with the South African Union. If the economic position were alone in question, the territories might be handed over at once. But politically the problem assumes a different form, and it is idle to deny that the South African attitude towards the black population has not up to now inspired with confidence the General Hertzog asserts that the assurance given him that officials should be instructed to promote a disposition towards transfer have not been carried out. That question should be examined, but it was never intended that pressure should be put upon the population to influence their view. The issue which General Hertzog desires, and which is in itself desirable, can only be promoted by continual co-operation between the Union and the administrations of the territories, and can not be forced prematurely.

ing 1936. This is a tremendous increase over 1935 when the revised total was 17,616,000 pounds. The growth is due quite largely to the mining activities in the portions of Canada not served by railways.—St. John Citizen.

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That Body of Hours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

OVERWEIGHT CAUSES BOTH GALL BLADDER INFLAMMATION AND DIABETES

That overweight is a liability from the health standpoint has been known by insurance companies for many years. Their figures as to sickness and death of policyholders show quite definitely that the overweight is more likely to have heart, bloodvessel and kidney ailments than those of normal weight. It is also a poorer risk under surgical operation.

Physicians have known for years that overweight or relation with runner of diabetes and should be absolutely avoided when there is a family history of diabetes.

Some physicians have been of the opinion that just as gall bladder trouble and appendicitis are often related, so also may gall bladder trouble be connected with or be the cause of diabetes.

Dr. A. Tebruggen, in a Berlin medical journal records the results of a study of a number of cases where examination was made after death to learn what connection exists between age, overweight, and gall bladder trouble and diabetes.

In diabetic patients of less than fifty years of age he never noticed any connection or relation with gall bladder trouble. In diabetic patients between the ages of 30 and 50, overweight was frequent, and in those beyond the age of 50 overweight was very frequent.

Dr. Tebruggen thus thinks that gall bladder disturbances are not a cause of diabetes. In his opinion gall bladder disturbances and diabetes are both really the result of obesity (overweight) as overweight occurs in both conditions. He suggests that on one hand obesity favors the development of gall bladder disorders, and, on the other hand, in case of a predisposition, overweight also causes diabetes.

Thus in addition to the extra work put on the heart and bloodvessels by overweight, these two other serious ailments—gall bladder inflammation and diabetes—have been shown to be often caused by overweight.

Overweight can be prevented in the great majority of cases by eating less, resting less, and exercising more.

A simple safe method of reducing weight is to continue to eat the usual amount of meat, eggs, fish and poultry, but to cut down by one-quarter to one-half on all starches, fats, and liquids.

The Poet's Corner

VERSE

What should we know For better or worse, Of the Long Ago, Were not-for-Verse: What ships went down; What walls were razed; Who won the crown; What lads were praised? A fallen stone, Or a waste of sands; And all is known Of Art-less lands. But you need not delve By the sea-side hills Where the Muse herself All Time fulfils. Who cuts with his scythe All things but hers; All but the blithe Hexameters.

—Oliver St. John Gogarty.

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The European War In Spain

Wickham Steed in The Contemporary Review (London) Soon or late the British Government, or the British people, will have to decide whether this country and the British Commonwealth uphold the principles of English Common Law in the international sphere or tolerate those of the New International Law. This country ought without delay to tell all whom it may concern that British policy will be directed against the war method of dealing with the affairs of nations, and that any country that may not count upon British indifference or neutrality. Within this framework precise regional obligations may be entered into. But such limited obligations must not be taken to imply indifference or "disinterestedness" towards the fate of other regions. Still less ought room to be left for any supposition that assaults upon the freedom of nations which uphold representative democratic institutions can leave the British people unmoved. Were such a policy as this to be proclaimed, before the sands have run out in Spain and elsewhere, there might yet be

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