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

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What Are The Prospects?

Premier Drew, of Ontario, Premier Duplessis, and ex-Premier Goubeau of Quebec, seem to be of one mind regarding the Federal Government Provincial proposals. All admit that the proposals are fair to the underprivileged provinces, though at the same time maintaining that for their respective provinces to approve of them unamended, would sacrifice to a considerable extent their rights, privileges and prerogatives under the British North America Act. Premier Drew goes further, and suggests that while opposition to certain details of the Federal scheme might appear provocative of creating chaos in the Conference, actually it is not so, as Ontario Government's counter-proposal is that the help to the underprivileged provinces would be the same as in the original scheme, but that the fund should be contributed by the wealthy provinces, without their being called upon to sacrifice all the rights of taxation they now possess. In other words, Ontario's proposal is that the Federal scheme be accepted and adopted with an amendment permitting the wealthy provinces the right to impose taxation of their own in addition to any which the Federal Government might apportion. Where the two Governments would likely clash, the province would have the priority. Addressing the Empire Club in Toronto, Premier Drew put it this way:

The \$20,000,000 national adjustment fund proposed by Ontario to assist provinces in need of financial assistance followed the principles of the Rowell-Sirois Report on Dominion-Provincial relations. It was to be created by 10 per cent contributions by the provinces of income, succession duty and corporation tax revenue. The proposal was criticized on the ground that provinces which received money from the fund would also pay into it, but the Premier said the critics failed to realize that if the Dominion itself established such an assistance fund the same provinces would pay into it exactly the same proportions.

In calling for the return to the provinces of the personal income and corporation tax rights they surrendered in 1942 until the end of the next fiscal year after the end of the war, Premier Drew said that if the Dominion failed to implement its undertaking in this respect it would be difficult to see how any new agreement would have any value, adding: "May I say in fairness to the Dominion Government, in spite of all that you have read that there is no indication from them they are unwilling to recognize this obligation."

The Ontario government, like other governments, of course, approached the problem of Dominion-Provincial relations on the assumption that the future strength of Canada and the welfare of its people depended on the measure of co-ordination and continued co-operation which could be established between all governments.

Important To Breeders

At the 70th annual convention of New Brunswick Farmers' Association, Professor V. A. Rice, D.Sc., dean of Agriculture of Massachusetts State College, recommended a four-fold plan to raise the level, not only of cattle but of all types of livestock, and stressed the importance of doing "all four jobs or none at all."

It called for a united effort, the fourth phase being the establishment of a single province-wide artificial insemination unit for each breed big enough to accommodate all interested in any such breed. First, was the testing of one's herd, and obtaining of all records in connection with the herd; second, using intelligent selection of heifers; third, obtaining reliable unbiased records from the breed association on "proven sires," bulls.

If this plan were followed, said Prof. Rice, there would be a gradual steady progressive improvement in building up the herds of the province. All gains made, he pointed out, must be held. He said that if all got together in a co-operative way the plan was sure to succeed. By using the central artificial breeding plant, he was of the opinion that "there is no question but that the average production of cows will be stepped up substantially."

Any cattle breed could follow this plan, he said, or in fact swine, sheep or horses. It was up to the farmers as to what steps they would take regarding this suggestion. As for cattle the fact that a new herd testing plant was in mind for New Brunswick made adoption of such a program all the easier.

Communism On The March

During the current week we have had two outstanding practical instances of Communism on the march; we use the term in preference to socialism or anti-capitalism. On Thursday night we had the brilliant President of Britain's Labour Government, Rt. Hon. Mr. Morrison, entering that sacred precinct of Ontario capitalism, Toronto Board of Trade, and expounding his party's theories and doctrine, claiming that they were not so radical and extreme as some people would lead them to believe, and citing Tory Ontario and Liberal Ottawa as precedents for their socialization of big interests, Ontario's Hydro-Electric, its Northern Ontario Railway, its city transportation system were quoted against Ontario, while the Bank of Canada, the

C. N. R., the C.B.C. were set forth as Ottawa's contribution to the socialization of industry. The British Labour Government, he claimed, were going to do nothing more radical in this respect than Canada had already done, and he hoped with no worse results. He assured his capitalist entertainers that the Labour Government had no intention of discouraging private enterprise where it was efficient and enterprising, but were absolutely opposed to it where it was inefficient and unenterprising. That, of course, is the attitude also of Soviet Russia, and they assume to decide for themselves what is, and what is not efficiency or lacking the characteristic of enterprise.

Russia is implanting as well as propagating its anti-capitalist policy all right, beginning, as was anticipated, with Poland. The Polish Government has just formally nationalized all basic industries. The National Council of the Homeland (parliament) ratified a decree giving the government control over every industry employing more than 50 persons per shift. Among the enterprises affected are communications systems, banks, mines, factories, and public utilities. Industry Minister Hilary Minc told the council, which had been in session for a week, that "there can be no political democracy without economic democracy. . . . Polish economy must be freed from the prison of cartels and foreign capital—that is the principal reason for 'our decree.' Citizens of Allied powers who have holdings in nationalized industries will be compensated with cash or bonds, Minc added. He did not estimate the amount of foreign holdings involved, but said that before the war foreign capital held 50 to 80 per cent of most Polish industries. "We do not want to be a foreign colony," he declared. "We want to be an independent country in deed and fact." Minc said nearly one-third of all basic industries would pass to the state without reparations since they were former German properties. He declared that the government would "continue to support" private initiative, but he said "private industry will be able to function only by use of state-produced raw materials which it may obtain on condition of co-operation in the state production system." Parliament also ratified an agreement with Russia establishing Poland's new eastern frontier.

It will thus be seen that while the entrance to socialism may be narrow it soon opens out to the broad road of all-state control.

EDITORIAL NOTES

After the Week of Prayer comes the day of rest and gladness.

Forty-one per cent of people interviewed in a recent survey said that reading was their favorite occupation.

Everyone would be delighted to have General Eisenhower visit here, but not just at present. Any time from June to September would suit us better.

The first raw silk shipment to come to North America from the Orient since outbreak of the Pacific war arrived this week at San Francisco aboard the freighter President Grant. The shipment was more than 600 bales. Not much, but a beginning which will increase as shipping becomes available.

Comparative prices of gasoline in various cities are as follows: Regina 35.5 cents for first grade; Winnipeg, 36.5; Calgary, 32; Vancouver, 31; Edmonton, 34.9; Ottawa, 34.5; St. John and Halifax, 35; Charlottetown, 37.5. The additional 2c cost per gallon here is due to transportation cost by the Car Ferry.

Two brothers have announced their intention of contesting the city for the Mayoralty, Lieut.-Col. Keith S. Rogers and Major Tom B. Rogers. They have made their own reputations in peace and war, and, in addition, are the sons of that most aggressive citizen of other days, Mr. W. K. Rogers, so that they have public spirit in their blood.

As long as one case of tuberculosis exists in a community no person is safe. The average cost of a case of tuberculosis, including loss of wage, clinic service and hospital care, when a male wage earner is incapacitated, is approximately \$5,400. This is a luxury no one can afford.

Thomas Hardy, O. M., English poet and novelist, died this date, 1928; famed for his "Wessex" novels, including *Far From The Madding Crowd*, *Tess Of The D'Urbervilles*; also *The Dynasts*, a Napoleonic drama, and his "sexes Poems":

Whence comes solace? Not from people,
 What is doing, suffering being;
 Not from noting life's conditions,
 Not from heeding Time's monitions;
 But in cleaving to the Dream
 Whereby grey things golden seem.

An indication as to what lengths the British Army is going in order to conserve shoe leather is seen in a statement recently made concerning what becomes of worn-out army boots. According to the report, 30 per cent are reconditioned and stored for emergency, and 45 per cent are repaired and reissued. The remaining 25 per cent are taken apart and all parts still usable are turned over for repair and reconditioning work. Nothing lost but the original squeak.

The depleted cattle herds of Greece will multiply many times in the coming year through 12 pedigreed bulls shipped by United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration. Six of the animals were given by the Church, of the Brethren and six by UNRRA. Now established in an agricultural school outside of Athens, the bulls are expected to service 25,000 cows annually. With the cattle came instruction in modern methods of artificial insemination by UNRRA cattle experts. Any scepticism of the conservative Greek farmer was dispelled by the presence of Bishop Pandelimon of the Greek Orthodox Church, who blessed the animals and invoked divine help to further science.

Notes By The Way

The admittedly visionary suggestion that Sleep Rock Iron ore bodies may ultimately be measured at 500,000,000 tons, does not seem so improbable when the volume required to make a ton is considered. Sixty-five per cent of the ore weighs a cube of 23-inch dimensions—Port Arthur News-Chronicle.

Actor Monty Wolley holds his head in high esteem. While attending a cocktail party in Hollywood, a debutante, to make conversation, said: "I admire your gray hair, Mr. Wolley, but why is it your head isn't gray?" "Because my dear, it is 20 years younger," Wolley replied.—E. P. Fitzer in Coronet.

A Chicago department store has conducted a survey among over a thousand U. S. college men, most of them returned veterans. The question was asked: "Do you like to see women wear?" The answers, of course, are highly interesting. Sixty-five per cent of the men like sweet girls; in the next 10 per cent, Ninety-six per cent cast their votes for long evening dresses. Half of the men would like to see women wear hats. The opposition goes for the swirly variety.—Owen Sound Sun-Times.

If we had any sense and any real understanding of our country, for coats of all kinds would be the normal dress of the citizenry, but because we cling tenaciously to notions which did not evolve here, fur coats are luxuries worn by the few, and the rest of the population would be produced in quantity, and we would all have them. But it is the Canadian way to avoid facing the realities about our country, and to import our ideas from abroad.—Peterborough Examiner.

Without waiting for the development of state-produced raw materials at the service of the household, an English firm has produced a domestic utensil that will be a blessing to their harassed husbands. This is a "shillings-in-the-washing" machine, which, instead of a paratur, reported simpler to operate than a radio set, requires only the turn of a switch to wash the clothes previously soiled with soap flakes—"triple-rinse" them. In 40 minutes it can restore their pristine candor to 10 pounds of laundry, and it does so with a minimum of water and soap.

The Brantford bus system has been bought, paid for and maintained out of revenue. Fares have provided sufficient money to purchase all buses, including replacements, and to modernize the bus garage, which has thus become one of the best in the country. The Brantford Expositor reports: "When it is stated that the buses are 'paying their way,' therefore, the expression is meaningful. When the bus still owes on a now non-existent street railway, the sum of \$63,000 in addition to amounts borrowed to purchase the buses, approximately \$120,000 retired during the last five years.

D. Leo Dolan, head of the Dominion Travel Bureau, has been suggesting that we get rid of the small, double-deck type of one-way cabins to be found along our highways catering to the tourist trade and replace it with something better placed, more comfortable and ornamental. He would even have legislation adopted to that end. The question of such a course being followed. Much the better equipped cabin unit, he says, would be to allow the natural sequence of events to follow. Owners of small cabins seeing patronage flow to the suit if they wished to attract custom, and we would thus have improvement without rebelling, and without legislation or compulsion which would scarcely be justified.—Brockville Recorder and Times.

We can't all choose the points in life that we would like to live. We can't all crowd the faraway pastures of the world where most of us have to earn our living; yet the sweet life of the world is not in the faraway pastures, realizing that life is a procession of second-choices and realizing most of all that the best places would have to be to and allow the natural sequence of events to follow. Owners of small cabins seeing patronage flow to the suit if they wished to attract custom, and we would thus have improvement without rebelling, and without legislation or compulsion which would scarcely be justified.—Brockville Recorder and Times.

Just 100 years ago today, as a blinding white snow fell over the quiet Valley from Canada, chilling a crowd gathered around a pick-and-draw crew in Windermere, the Central Vermont Railway came into being. Thirty months later its first locomotive was named "Abigail" and it was a wood burner and had to stop every 30 miles or so while the whole crew helped "churn" it. Today, "Montrealer," a train that links the two great nations, thousands of people summer vacation days among the Green Mountains and winter sports on snowy slopes. To its patrons it is a friend, a complete rebelling against the obscurity of the past, and a "ridden the pluck" of the C. V. Presidents, statesmen, members of the British royal family, prime ministers, governors-general and ambassadors have travelled after their train into modern times, the devastating floods of 1927 marked the beginning of a new era for the Central Vermont. The longest railway system in North America, the longest railway system.—Christian Science Monitor.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

APPRECIATION

Sir—Some time ago, perhaps four or five months, I wrote to you asking if you could obtain for me a Pen Friend on Prince Edward Island. I am writing at this time, not to make a further request of you, but to thank you heartily for doing so, as I received a marvellous response, and am writing to all of my new found friends immediately. I have longed for an overseas correspondent for many years now, and have written to several places with no success, but it was the kindness of the folk on P. E. I. that made my wish come true. Once again I thank you, and I hope that the New Year will be a bright and prosperous one for you. I am, Sir, etc., (MISS) JUDITH BLAKE, 10 Homestead Avenue, North Stratfield, Sydney, N.S.W., Australia. 3rd December, 1945.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Sir—I had intended to have continued the discussion of Prince Edward Island's possibilities in Foreign Trade as soon as docking facilities in the Charlottetown harbour have been provided for ocean steamships. Owing, however, to the obstructive stand that has been taken by the Province of Ontario in the Dominion-Provincial Conference, it will, I feel, be advisable to postpone further consideration of the future trade of this Province until it has at least been decided what, if any, a change for the better shall be obtained from the Provincial Government from the Federal authorities. I am, Sir, etc., H. K. S. HRMMING, Charlottetown, Jan. 10, 1946.

The Sum Total Crime

(From the speech of Sir Hartley Shawcross, British Attorney General, in the trial of Goering and other Nazi leaders at Nuernberg.)

This, then, is the case against the defendants. As among the rulers of Germany, under count two of this indictment, it may be said that many of the documents which have been referred to were in Hitler's name, that the orders were Hitler's orders, that these were mere instruments of Hitler's will. But they were the instruments without which Hitler's will could not be carried out. And they were more than that. These men were no mere willing tools, although they would be guilty enough if that had been their role. They were men whose support had built Hitler up into the position of power he occupied; they were the men who initiated and planned perhaps made possible the acts of aggression made in Hitler's name, and they are the men who have been referred to as fanatical followers to peaceful countries, to murder, to loot, and to destroy.

They are the men whose cooperation and support made the Nazi government of Germany possible. In the criminal courts, where they are to be tried, we are to consider how the criminal law, for the murdered to plead, "I killed because I was asked to kill." These men are in a different position from that of the nations they sought to rob, whose peoples they tried to kill.

The sum total of the crime these men have committed—so awful in its comprehension, has many aspects. Their lust and the degradation of the nations, and the degradation of so many millions of their fellow-creatures that the imagination recoils, incomprehensibly, but one side only of this matter. Now that an end has been put to this nightmare and we come to consider how the future is to be lived, perhaps their guilt as murderers and robbers is of less importance and of less effect to the future of mankind than their crime of fraud—the fraud by which they placed themselves in a position to do their murder and their robbery. This is the other aspect of their guilt.

Without trust and confidence between nations, without the faith that what is said is meant and what is undertaken will be observed, there is no peace and security, and the Governments of the

What Is Prayer?

By John of "The Lilies"
 Prayer is the boundless realm of spirit, not placed any restrictions upon our ability to soar heavenward and commune with the Almighty God through prayer. Prayer is that sacred medium through which the immortal or spiritual being within us, reaches out beyond the limits of our mortal frame, searching for the light which we know dwells within our innermost being, is somewhere around us—above us—if not within us. In prayer we are drawn through the darkness, and the light towards that radiance shining before us; many times praying for the light where it cannot be seen, owing to our remoteness from that Great Source of all light. Without prayer we are as prisoners in a dark cell, selfish desires and isolation; walled in by doubt, mistrust and disbelief; cell-lined with complete worldliness, none at all and mixed with the break of fetters which bind us, and open the door to that unending radiance we must have prayer to break the golden key that releases us to grow and develop in a spiritual atmosphere.

Prayer is a vital necessity. It is there in humbleness, solemnity, faith, pleading and desire. It is the communion between God's great light that shines from everlastingly, and the lesser light of the soul, which is enveloped within the radiant glory of His divine reflection. Prayer is His only approach to the Divine source of power. In prayer we have a path of willingness to the garden of perfection. Through all the ages as far back as we have record there has been prayer, and prayer has been accomplished thereby. Even the heathen, those who knew not God, prayed to their idols, thus we see that even with those who were unfortunate enough not to have received or known of the True Light, they knew and realized the value of prayer.

Prayer is the great oasis in the desert of life. The power of light over darkness and the never failing springs of help that flow from the eternal wells of the Almighty. There are certain special fundaments regarding prayer, that show a wondrous wisdom and have a clarifying effect on some inter-pretations. Prayer is a sacred communion with the Great Being, Christ went up into a mountain to pray. Again in his sorrow his last prayer was for the forgiveness of his murderers. Prayer is the fragrance of flowers and the teardrops of dew; His last prayer was that of forgiveness.

Seven remarkable and precious features are outstanding in His prayers and instructions: Command: Pray without ceasing; ask and ye shall receive, knock and it shall be opened unto you; seek and ye shall find. (all through prayer.) Advice: And when ye pray, say, "Our Father, who art in Heaven." Invitation: "Come, because all who are weary and heavy-laden and I will give you rest." (Through prayer.) Promise: "And I if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men unto me." The gracious granting of a request: "Today thou shalt be with me in Paradise." Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." Complete renunciation: "Not My will but Thine be done." Prayer is not just a jumble of words. Into it we must put our heart and soul and mind. What would be the good of praying if it were only saying words from habit. United Kingdom and the British Commonwealth, of the United States of America, of the U. S. R., and of France, backed by the on behalf of every other peace-loving nation of the world, have therefore joined in signing the Declaration of Intent, and the Nazi conception of international relationship before the bar of this tribunal.

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 On the dark still fire where the night
 Has slunk out of sight—
 Sky-riding moon, full moon of a lover's delight,
 Moon round and pale, moon cold, moon far too bright,
 Consider the fright
 And the plight
 Of the hare and the mouse in your light!
 For the owl has whetted his appetite
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