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

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Misleading Propaganda

Much misleading propaganda is emanating at present from Montreal and Halifax with respect to the margarine ban imposed by proclamation in this Province following the procedure laid down under the Provincial Dairy Industry Act. It is being stated that the Supreme Court has already found the ban to be unconstitutional. What the Court did was to find that the law prohibiting sale and manufacture of margarine is ultra vires so far as the Dominion Parliament was concerned. As all power under the British North America Act is vested either in the Provinces or the Dominion, the obvious meaning of this ruling is that authority in this case rests with the Provinces. Two of the seven judges dissented from the majority finding on the ground that Parliament and not the Provinces had jurisdiction; but none of them ever suggested that the authority lay outside the scope of both Parliament and the Provinces. Such a ruling would be absurd. Yet this is precisely what the margarine propagandists are seeking to show.

Again, there is evidently deliberate deception in the emphasis placed on the fact that Section 121 of the B. N. A. Act provides for free entry of goods from one province to another. This has nothing whatever to do with the Prince Edward Island proclamation, which refers only to sale and manufacture. The suggestion that the Courts will throw out the Prince Edward Island legislation because import restrictions are ultra vires is ridiculous. Whatever decision the courts may reach on the validity of the Island enactment, it will certainly not be based on this irrelevant issue, which seems to be the only one the margarine propagandists can suggest.

It is well for the people of this Province, urban as well as rural, to remember that our whole agricultural economy is dependent on the dairy industry. This is not the case in the industrial Provinces, which have been protected against competition with tariffs of all kinds since Confederation, and have waxed rich and powerful at our expense. There are big interests in these Provinces behind the margarine drive which will stop at nothing to achieve their ends. Our readers should be on their guard against the kind of propaganda which is already flooding Canada from this source. It should be prepared to see the issue, not as it purports to be, an attack upon the Jones Government for preventing the poor man from getting a cheap butter substitute, but as a high-powered drive to establish a new monopoly in this country, a monopoly aimed directly at our most vital farm industry, and controlled by interests in the big Provinces and the United States which care nothing whatever about our welfare, either individually or as a Province.

Registered Seed

Owing to the cessation of demand from Europe this year for registered seed, there is reported to be a considerable surplus of this material available in Canada. As a result, according to an announcement by the Canadian Seed Growers' Association, prices of registered seed of many kinds and varieties have been reduced in this country to levels which hardly meet their cost of production. This, then, is a bargain year for Canadian farmers to purchase registered seed. Our farmers do not need to be reminded that the use of registered seed, because it is guaranteed to be true-to-variety to a high standard of excellence, is the only method of improving the quality and yield of crops. If such seed can be obtained this year at relatively low prices, it will be of decided advantage to our whole agricultural economy.

Berlin Today

A vivid account of present day life in Berlin is given in The World Today, a London review published by the Royal Institute of International Affairs. The first thing which impresses a visitor to Berlin, the article declares, is the almost continuous noise of the air-lift. The German people have been stirred by the power of the Western world as revealed in the organization of the air-lift. They are reported to care very little about exhortations and slogans, whether they come from the Soviet side or from the democracies. They are interested above all in bringing some color and warmth into the monotony of German life today, and in raising their standards above the meagre rations which govern everything. Nonetheless, they are not blind to the dangers of Russian tyranny. The best proof of this is to be found in the fact that only a negligible number of Germans have succumbed to the Soviet bribe, have left the Western sector and crossed into Russian-controlled territory in order to get larger food rations. They prefer a lower ration with the prospect of freedom to the Soviet policy of more food — temporarily — as the prelude to lasting tyranny.

The greatest inconvenience in Berlin is said to be the lack of electricity. A member of the occupying forces has electric current from 7.30 to 9.30 a. m. and from 6 to 11 p. m. Germans in the Western sector have electric current for two hours in every twenty-four and they do not always know in advance when it will be available. "It fairly often happens that the current just goes off; the tailor using an electric iron, the dentist drilling a tooth, the house-

wife cooking, or the servant burning the midnight oil must alike stop work. It will be about once in three months that the current comes on at a time when the user really needs it." Special arrangements, however, are made for industry, hospitals, public buildings, theatres, cinemas, and essential trades. It is on the household that the main burden falls.

In November the domestic coal ration amounted to 56 pounds in the British zone. During the height of winter the monthly ration for coal and wood will be somewhere between 100 and 200 pounds. The article declares that "a great deal of the Berliners' spare time this winter will be spent in bed, the hasty meals will be consumed at irregular times in extremely cold rooms."

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Federal Government do not intend to part with Mt. Pleasant airport though it will not be active in the meantime.

Regret on all sides will be felt at the serious illness of Senator Robinson, Summerside, on the eve of the opening of Parliament.

Parliament opens next week, and will be preceded by caucuses of the respective parties this week and in the beginning of next. Members will be all en route to Ottawa by the week-end.

What is this in the way of luck? It was agreed that if the score in the final of the Sydney Schools' Rugby League Carnival were a draw, the side which scored first would win. Neither side scored so they tossed. The penny stuck in the turf — on its edge.

Ontario, of course, is in favour of the St. Lawrence Seaway being proceeded with, just as New York State is. The operation of the project would benefit both Toronto and New York at the expense of the Maritime Provinces and the New England States.

A teachers' strike is not unusual though it may be a new experience in Montreal. Here, under the Lea Government, we had one, but since then differences have been ironed out without providing the children additional holidays.

Today the second annual conference of the P.E.I. Agricultural Council opens at Birch Cove. The cooperation between Dominion and Provincial departments of agriculture indicated by the success of the Council augurs well for the industry here.

At a time when standardization is being labouriously achieved in other fields, it seems unfortunate that two American companies, Columbia Records and RCA Victor should produce two new types of recordings each of which requires its own special record player.

Everything comes to him that waits. A search is to be resumed for the legendary continent of Atlantis, supposed to have been sunk under the sea some 8,000 years ago, by a British expedition which will use radar as its fishing rod. What with the atomic bomb from above and radar from below, the sea will soon be giving up its dead, as predicted in Scripture.

The newly formed Military Security Board set up by Britain, the United States and France to continue the work of the now defunct Allied Control Council has the task of watching and preventing any German attempt at rearmament. This is one group the Russians will probably be quite willing to cooperate in, once the present tension is eased.

Unless Dr. Grant or Mr. Lester Douglas attains the vacant senatorship before the coming Federal election they will probably be bypassed. That is if the proposal to provide an age limit of sixty-five for new comers becomes effective. The suggestion in Government circles is that Senators must retire on pensions at seventy-five after ten years service.

A magistrate addressing a service club declared wives are among the best judges of drunkenness. Police, medical and laboratory tests are often inconclusive in borderline cases and intimate knowledge of the individual's idiosyncracies is necessary. That is where the wife comes in, he said. But can a wife testify against her husband?

General Robert Edward Lee, Confederate officer in the American Civil War was born this date 1807. In the campaign of 1862 he proved himself to be a great leader and a consummate soldier; he commanded the North Virginia army, winning in 1863, a seven days' battle; he next defeated the Federalists under Pope; invaded Maryland, winning the battle of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville; defeated at Gettysburg, and later opposed Grant in 1864, but was ultimately defeated. "Duty then is the sublimest word in our language. Do your duty in all things. You cannot do more. You should never wish to do less."

Before Confederation our chief market for produce was the Eastern States. As an inducement to enter Confederation, the Intercolonial railway was promised us to carry our produce to the central provinces of Quebec and Ontario where we were promised a ready market. The Intercolonial was never intended to be a paying proposition but a means to an end in rounding out Canada as a Dominion. Bit-by-bit this facility has been denied us by steadily increasing rates regardless of pre-Confederation understandings, driving us back to our natural market, north and south. Premier Jones predicts that before long our only salvation will be increasing use of auto trucks to offset the Federal Government's boost of rates and express-ge towards consumer markets.

The Poet's Corner

POET'S POEM

Before the Stars were set in space, Or the red Sun in the sky, There was appointed time and place And a reason why.

Before the mirror Moon was made Polished, and cut, and hung, The keystone of my life was laid, And my song sung.

Before the spinning Earth was cool! It was decreed that I Should now be wise, and now be fool. Speak truth, or serve the lie.

Before great fishes swam the sea, Or lizards roamed the land, The mind of God had fashioned And my heart lay in His hand.

Before the first wild man struck fire And cried aloud at the flame, A magic melody was sung, Was given with my name.

And though I never learn the way, Or know the reason why, Yet I must try my lyre to play, Always, until I die.

—John Wheatley, in the New York Times

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

PIONEER TIMES

The harness used in the days of the early settlers, especially by the poorer classes, was rough and cheap. For horse collars they used rushes, plaited and sewed together with thongs. The britches were sometimes made of straw. These required watching, as the cattle would often eat the harness of those days and considerable difficulty was experienced in keeping the fires lit. At night the coals were covered with ashes and, if the fires went out, in the morning one had to sally forth, going perhaps half a mile in search of a fire-brand, or light tinder with flint and steel. Sometimes in mid-day they could light a fire by holding eye-glasses over a piece of punk.

The farm implements were rough and simple; the ploughs had wooden mould boards and the harrows wooden teeth. The household utensils were nearly all made by hand. The Indians making the churns, tubs and baskets. I have a clear remembrance of my mother's first rolling-pin, made by a Mr. Jones of Lot 49, my great-grandfather.

From Mr. Albion Reminiscences, 1900, by the late Mr. Robert Jenkins.

Provinces Score In Freight Rate Controversy

(Winnipeg Free Press) The 21 per cent. freight rates case is over and the 45 per cent. case has begun. This latter fight is not the one which appears in the official records but it is an accurate one none the less.

With this view the Board apparently agreed. At any rate, it decided, very quickly, that there should be no interim increase and that by the terms of the order-in-council it should proceed at once to review the accounting formula along with the railways' application for a 25 per cent. increase.

In October the Western and Maritime Provinces appealed directly to the Cabinet against the accounting principles adopted last March by the Transport Board in granting a 21 per cent. general increase in rates. The Cabinet gave judgment in an order-in-council referring these principles—the "formula," as it has come to be called — back to the board for further consideration.

All of which gives counsel for the seven provinces some pleasure. They have insisted that the railways have actually been granted an interim increase already, through the Board's decision of March 30 last. That interim increase amounted to 21 per cent. Now the railways, following an undoubted sharp increase in their operating costs during 1948, must show cause for a permanent increase. This application means an increase of 45 per cent. over the rates which prevailed prior to the March 30 order.

THAT HIS VOICE BE HEARD IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE DAY --



SHOULD AVAIL HIMSELF OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN PUBLIC SPEAKING. (DEPUTY MINISTER W. R. SHAW.)

Humiliation Of The Senate

(Ottawa Journal)

An Ottawa despatch to the Montreal Gazette states that "vague stirrings of official interest in Senate reform... are being shoved into the background by more practical considerations until after the next election." The despatch adds: "The 15 Senate seats now vacant—one has been unoccupied since June, 1948—will be filled by the day that Canada again goes to the polls. It was learned authoritatively today."

After 50 years of talk about abolishing the Senate or reforming the Senate, this is what we have come to: A Senate which rampant party politics has humiliated into impotence, into a position where it is little more than a gramophone of the House of Commons. Not merely is the Senate today politically opposed, with 65 Liberals and 18 Conservatives; no longer there, in leadership, is there evidence of independence. A few of its Liberal members, aided by a pitifully small and rapidly vanishing group of Conservatives, still try to give it a "second look" atmosphere.

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Canada's Life - Blood: Trade

V. HARD FACTS VS. IDLE DREAMS By E. L. R. Williamson, M.B.E.

The previous article outlined the world-wide break-down in the exchange of goods and services, which is the cause of "dollar shortages" and of our other international financial problems. Many persons highly placed in the political, financial, and the business world have expressed hope that the world might soon return to non-discriminatory, relatively free, world-trade. "Hope springs eternal in the human heart" and rightly so; but hope must be founded upon reasonable prospects of fulfillment. What foundation is there for these hopes?

2. Contrary to a wide-spread impression, this return to "normalcy" is not being delayed by the necessity of awaiting the recovery of production in Great Britain and Western Europe. In the case of the United Kingdom, the British people remain on a low standard of living, and they are rigorously denying themselves a great deal of what they enjoyed before the last war; but insofar as British exports are concerned, the United Kingdom's customers are receiving a greater volume and variety of goods than ever before. The physical volume of British exports in 1948 was 38% greater than in 1938; note that the increase is in terms of volume, not money value which in these days of inflation would represent a far higher percentage.

3. The other countries of Western Europe have not accomplished as much as has the United Kingdom, but with the exception of Germany—which is a special case—nearly all countries are producing for export at levels equal to, or above, those of pre-war levels. Indeed, as Sir Stafford Cripps the Chancellor of the Exchequer has warned, the problem very quickly will be one of finding markets for the goods which they have available. In other words, we can not expect the world to find its way out of the present trade crisis through any substantial increase of exports from Europe to the "dollar countries."

4. The one thing which a war-ravaged and impoverished Britain and Europe can not restore, is the vast investment in the New World. The profits and interest, accruing to Britain and others on this investment, enabled the countries of the New World to ship goods to Britain without the slightest intention of abandoning the effort, even though it may result in far higher prices and a reduced standard of living for their peoples. The Chilean attempt to create a steel industry is but one of many such projects. This industrialization of the former primary producers, can have only the most serious consequences for the highly industrialized nations such as Canada, where farmers and other primary-producers need food to feed their people, and the raw materials to keep their industries going.

5. The trade talks in Havana last year made it quite clear that none of the nations, recently embarked upon a programme of industrialization, have the slightest intention of abandoning the effort, even though it may result in far higher prices and a reduced standard of living for their peoples. The Chilean attempt to create a steel industry is but one of many such projects. This industrialization of the former primary producers, can have only the most serious consequences for the highly industrialized nations such as Canada, where farmers and other primary-producers need food to feed their people, and the raw materials to keep their industries going.

6. As regards the "terms of trade"—that is the amount of one sort of goods which must be exchanged to obtain another sort of goods—we must expect a permanent shift in favour of the food and raw-material producers. There may be some minor movements to the contrary in countries such as Canada, where farmers and other primary-producers already have achieved a relatively high standard of living, but never again will the labour of Asia and Africa be available on so favourable terms as it was in the past.

7. Finally, there is no possibility that America can play Great Britain's previous role in world trade; it would not be in her own interest to do so. America cannot drop the formidable tariff barriers behind which her great wealth, her farmers and factory workers to the free competition of the rest of the world. Should she attempt such action, she would irreparably damage her own economy, and greatly reduce the American standard of living. America cannot play the British role because she is in a fundamentally different position; nowhere is the realization of this more clearly expressed than in the Marshall Plan. The Marshall Plan was made necessary by the fact that after the World Wars America could not adopt the free trade policies with which Great Britain rebuilt the world which had been ravished by the Napoleonic wars.

8. The evidence, therefore, is conclusive that the trade of the world as a whole, cannot be rebuilt upon the pre-war foundations. Canada must seek a new pattern for her vital external trade. The various possibilities of this will be examined in subsequent articles.

9. One historian says that the late Timothy Eaton had a fetish that customers must come first in his mind and he was always anxious to have the goods they wanted, at the price they could pay, and he was willing to serve them at any reasonable hour they wished to be served, except Sunday but including Saturday night. There's an alleged modern idea, born in the mind of some lazy merchants, that the customer will be ready with cash in hand when the merchant gets good and ready to unlock the door. There are others, of course, who recollect that Mr. Eaton, with his idea that a merchant owed a duty to the public, was one of the most spectacularly successful merchants in this or any other country.

10. One merchant refused to go along with the others. He kept his store open, though business fell off, because people weren't going to that town just to shop at one store, and not a very big store either. The same merchant owns two other stores, each in a town not far away as time is reckoned in these days of paved roads and decent cars. And this merchant, who like all good merchants has a keen ear for the music of the cash register at work, reports that his sales in the two Saturday-night towns went up nicely week by week and have stayed up, while in the town where the merchants went modern, Saturday sales dropped way down. And have stayed down. The town, where of a Saturday parking space used to be as scarce as a buggy, became as quiet as a Sunday in Ferguson.

11. Advertising fell off in the local newspaper. Bank managers became a little less smiling. And the merchants among themselves began to wonder who the heck had the idea in the first place. They're all running old-fashioned.

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