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This Tells The Story

Striking evidence of the connection between the drop in lamb prices and the 50 per cent reduction in tariff rates on New Zealand lamb imports is given in the weekly Live Stock Market Reports...

The Reports up to Sept. 23 show a gradually strengthening market, with top prices on that date of \$9 at Toronto and \$8.75 at Montreal. On the following week, Sept. 30 (the date of the announcement of the terms of the New Zealand trade treaty) we read: "Lamb prices dropped 50 cents at Toronto, closing at \$8.25 for good lambs..."

Since that time, there has been a slightly firmer tendency, but nothing comparable to the situation prevailing before the New Zealand trade terms were announced. The latest report to hand, Nov. 11, shows lamb markets "variable" with a top price of \$8 at Toronto and \$7.50 at Montreal...

It is important to note that our lamb producers were anticipating an increase at this time, instead of a decrease; and the only reason given for the adverse situation is the uncertainty resulting from the King Government's action in wiping out 50 per cent of the protection enjoyed by our farmers under the old treaty.

Why, we repeat, didn't the King Government leave well enough alone, and renew the agreement with New Zealand on the advantageous terms obtained by their Conservative predecessors?

Cabot And Bristol

What is probably the actual spot in Bristol where John Cabot embarked for his voyage of discovery of the American continent in 1497 is doomed to disappear through a scheme for the reconstruction of the city centre...

The river at present runs right into the heart of Bristol, and from time immemorial the piers and yards of vessels have loomed above the traffic of street and pavement...

A new bridge will now carry an arterial road across the river beyond the gardens, and on the bridgehead will be set the names of Bristol adventurers and Empire builders—names such as those of Thomas Jay, John and Sebastain Cabot, John Guy, Martin Pring, Captain James and William Penn...

The One Sure Faith

Christianity is committed to the spreading of a gospel of love, and stands or falls today on this point. The Rev. Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick asserts: "Christianity is committed to the proclamation of a gospel of love and to reliance on the strategy of love in the winning of the world..."

Voice From Alberta

The invasion of the peoples' rights by the Aberhart Government is still being protested vigorously by the press of Alberta. The following comment by the editor of The Farm and Ranch Review, Calgary, is characteristic:

"Since these 'experts' arrived, government in Alberta has been reduced to the level of comic opera. Or is it tragedy? The province has been projected into a sea of political turmoil. Legislation has been passed obviously beyond provincial jurisdiction, and promptly disallowed, class hatred has been fanned to white heat, families have been split, decency has departed, venom has taken its place, and the whole tone of public life has been swept into the gutter..."

tax, license and control everyone and everything, in the most barefaced autocratic and ruthless manner. The all-wise Superman who is going to be the dictator of Alberta business, with supreme power over everybody, employer and employee, is—the Good Lord save us all—a conceited, half-baked youngster whose sole business experience has been gained as assistant preacher at the Aberhart Bible Institute...

"Then came the outrageous bill to muzzle the press of the province and plainly to impose an impossible tax by stealing costly advertising space, so as to flood the province with Social Credit propaganda, free of charge, and, incidentally, to drive many publications into bankruptcy. In other words, this audacious and mendacious measure, apparently framed by men of colossal ignorance, puts us back in the Middle Ages and on a level with present-day Russia, Italy and Germany..."

"I have edited the Review since the day I founded it, some thirty-odd years ago. I have done my duty honestly, fairly and fearlessly, as I saw things, and as intelligently as I knew how. The 'press-gag' law has not received royal assent up to date. If and when it does, I hereby serve notice on the legislative lunatic asylum in Edmonton, that, law or no law, they will turn the Review into a filthy political propaganda sheet only over my dead body..."

Editorial Notes

Seems all set for a fine week-end of bargain shopping.

Sir W. S. Gilbert of "H.M.S. Pinafore" fame born this date 1836.

All here will join in congratulating Dr. David W. MacKenzie, Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, on the additional distinction conferred upon him by being admitted an honorary member of the Royal Medical Society of London...

The Bennett social legislation, which the Liberals opposed tooth and nail before last election is now considered so urgent and desirable that Prime Minister King is demanding instant approval by the Provincial Governments. Of course, Premier Campbell is as enthusiastic in its favour today as Mr. King himself was opposed to it heretofore.

The number of scallops taken in Tasmanian waters during the 1937 season was more than a million and a quarter greater than the total for the season last year. The total this year for the four months, ended August 31 was 14,186,340 scallops, compared with 12,872,000 for the same period in 1936. The State is widely famed for its production of this rare delicacy.

The Lyons Government of Australia, now that the preferential votes have been all counted, is again in the saddle but with only a slim majority of three in the Senate. Actually their majority is four but out of that a President of Senate must be chosen. One of the surprises of the election was the defeat of Sir George Pearce, Minister of External Affairs who has represented West Australia since the first Commonwealth Parliament in 1901.

Here is a regular Chinese puzzle. Germany has allied herself with Japan sworn to oppose Communism at all costs — Japan has invaded China to put an end to Communism there, but is sternly opposed by Baron Von Falkenhansen and his corps of German military experts. Now who is who and what is what in China, and does Japanese warfare and German pro-Communism there by any other name mean the same thing?

The recommendation that Gen. A. D. McRae be asked to resume his position as organizer of the Conservative party was made at a special executive meeting of the Verdun Conservative Association. The meeting, over which Mr. George Allan presided, voted to communicate with Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett to this effect, urging the Conservative party leader to attempt to persuade Gen. McRae to take over the post of organizer he held in the 1930 Dominion elections.

Mr. J. J. Glass, K.C., M.L.A., Ontario intends to ask the Provincial House at its next session to pass legislation to enable "the slandered, libelled or vilified individual of a racial group to take action in the courts to bring the culprits to justice." He believes such legislation would go far toward curbing anti-Semitic propaganda and acts of intimidation. The Provincial member revealed also that the Canadian Jewish Congress was making arrangements to go before the Federal House to ask Parliament to take action against anti-Semitic activities in Canada. He had a tremendous amount of information which at present he was not at liberty to divulge, he said.

If democracy, "the best method of government which the human mind has yet devised," is to be preserved its supporters must not fall into the error of "regarding a majority as something sacred in itself," Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor General of Canada, warned at McMaster University, Hamilton. Addressing students and faculty Lord Tweedsmuir said democracy was threatened on many sides by other creeds which have a common characteristic—"they think of the state as a machine, of men and women as a mass, and crush and blur that most precious thing, the individuality of the citizen..."

NOTES BY THE WAY

What could be more absurd than for Japan to pretend to attack the Hanking Government for being Communist, when Chiang Kai-shek and his group broke away from the old Sun Yat-sen movement precisely because the latter was sympathetic toward Russian Communism and they have been fighting the Communist armies in China ever since—Montreal Star.

The Superior Court of Prussia has decided that the Protestant Evangelical Church, of which the Rev. Martin Niemöller is head, is no longer legally a part of the official German Evangelical Church. The court declares that the official church includes "only those members and groups that recognize the church regime established by Chancellor Adolf Hitler..."

The spirit of optimism goes a long way with all of us. To have confidence in the future of the city of your residence, of your province and of the nation is of vital importance. There is no room for the joy-killers in business or public life. A nation of pessimists cannot succeed in anything. This is the time to look forward to what shall be, with assurance that the future is largely what we make it, and that spirit will soon be reflected in all industry when it dominates our daily life.—Guelph Mercury.

An announcement of unusual interest to Canadians was contained in a news dispatch of the other day to the effect that the richest unimproved fields of Canadian historical material are not found in the Hudson's Bay House in London. There are to be found in these collections records of unpublished accounts of "the Governor and Company of Adventurers of England Trading into Hudson's Bay" reaching back to 1670, when King Charles II granted the charter...

Any householder who has attempted to negotiate the purchase of a rib roast or mess of pork chops for a large family will understand the psychology of the other who broke into a southwest side butcher shop a few nights ago. Passing up the cash register, they concentrated on the refrigerator, stripping it of some \$400 worth of meats. No pickers, these burglars, to fool with paltry cash! They played the game of crime for higher stakes.—Chicago News.

A further source of assistance (for an aerial survey flight in Australia) is available in the shape of a team of four camels. These will be at the base in charge of the well known bushman, Bob Buck. Bob Buck, it will be remembered, found Lasseter's body after his tragic failure to locate a supposed gold reef in 1896. Buck will have available six of the best camels. Trained specially for fast transport, these animals are capable of making 50 miles a day with ease and they would be able to carry any supplies or stores required. The camels would be guided by Pollock daily towards the position required. By this means help is assured in a most positive manner.—Melbourne Angus.

It looks as if the speed-up and stretchout are catching up with goats as well as humans, a government report having pointed out that 2% more Lohair was produced from 2% fewer goats in 1936 than in 1935. In reporting the figures, the editors of Textile World showed commendable restraint in not heading their story, "Mohair from Less Goats."—Business Week.

Evidently sentiment does not extend to all ancient things. For example, a 1,000-acre estate in New Jersey, once owned by Joseph Bonaparte, Napoleon's brother, brought only \$200 recently at a sheriff's sale, while the late John D. Rockefeller's birthplace in New York State, changed hands on payment of a tax arrears bill of \$20.37.—Globe and Mail.

The provinces, and more particularly the Ontario Government, cannot enter into discussion of making over all their sovereign powers, even retained to a central and dominating authority. Nevertheless they have shown willingness to discuss a limited transfer of powers arising out of the passage of time. It must be remembered that they would not have agreed in 1867 to anything but a Federal union and they will not consider anything else now. They will resist Dominion encroachments, a belt reaction to Dominion suggestions designed for the good of all. They are prepared to stand loyally by the Dominion in matters they have conceded to its care and it is not easy to credit that they conceive their interests as superior to those of the Dominion. On the other hand, they will never allow that an interest of the Dominion can be superior to their interests. Each authority is supreme in its own allotted field.—St. John Telegraph Journal.

Strange to learn that Doan ("Gloomy") Inge has written a limerick and equally strange to find it a good one. "There was an old man of Kharoum who kept two black sheep in his room. 'They remind me,' he said to his friends who are dead. 'But he would never tell us of whom.'"—Toronto Star.

Four young transients who declared in Regina Police Court that they preferred jail to jobs on farms were sentenced to two weeks' hard labor and taken off the relief rolls. As they were healthy fellows the punishment seems fitting. Why should the farmer have to work and pay taxes to keep men who wish to live at his and others' expense.—Ex.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

PROTECTING OUR GAME; APPEAL TO SPORTSMEN

Sir,—In the early days the founders of our Island gave little heed, or none at all, to the preservation of wild life. Even if they thought of that duty, undoubtedly, they felt that the game they had no time for such sentimental side issues. They were coping with troubles of many kinds, and it is not to be wondered at that previous to the year 1906 the enforcement of game laws was generally considered to be the duty of the police officers and constables, none of whom ever troubled themselves in the matter, while conservation of the insectivorous, weed-seed eating and vermin-destroying birds was totally neglected.

In the Legislative Assembly of 1906 a new Game Act, which included the protection of useful birds, was passed, and the Prince Edward Island Fish and Game Protection Association was incorporated and its members being made of the fish and game guardians without pay to enforce its provisions. We have an excellent protective law, which would accomplish much good properly enforced, but bitter experience has proved that laws are of little use in accomplishing needed reforms, unless they are supported by intelligent, sympathetic public opinion, and this is what the Fish and Game Association have been, and are striving to cultivate in behalf of the birds. In the constant struggle going on between the insect hosts and the vegetable kingdom, it is essential that the farmer should carefully husband all the forces which will assist him to subdue the antagonists who threaten to destroy his crops, and the best allies he can possibly have are the birds, which Nature has especially provided and equipped for that purpose.

The preservation of animal and plant life, and of the general beauty of Nature is one of the foremost duties of the men and women of today. It is an imperative duty, because it must be performed at once, for otherwise it will be too late.

We no longer destroy great numbers of our game birds, and regarded as of priceless value, but we have yet to attain the state of civilization where the destruction of a glorious work of Nature whether it be a forest or a species of mammal, fish or bird, is regarded with equal abhorrence. In order that the people may understand and judge the question of extermination of our wild life, it is necessary to recall the near past. It is not necessary, however, to go far into the details of history, for the early days, the books which tell the story of the development of this country, and takes due note of the wild life features of the tale, will witness hesitation that when the people received the land, it was empty and the magnificent supply of valuable wild creatures, the pioneers and early settlers were too busy even to take due note of that fact, or to comment upon it, save in very fragmentary ways. Nevertheless the wild life abundance of the early days served, down to a period that it touched the lives of people now living. Any man over fifty-five or sixty years of age, who when a boy had a taste for hunting and fishing, will remember the flocks of wild birds that he saw, and which made upon his mind many indelible impressions. Abundance is the word with which to describe the original fish and game that stocked our country.

The tendency to kill and capture wild game of all kinds by wholesale methods is as old as the human race. The days of the club, the bow and arrow, and the flint and gun were contemporaneous with the days of great abundance of game. In the early days shot guns were few and shot was scarce and dear; the poor man rarely had a gun or ammunition. Instead of attempting to live on birds he hunted for the staple food products that the soil of his own farm could produce.

With the advent of the pump-action gun, and the invention of the limited number for sport and for the table; but the old birds has been swept away by an era of destruction. The advent of breech loaders, automatics and pump-guns has rendered game scarce. The sportsman of today must no longer expect or demand the same generous hunting and fishing privileges that was right fifty years ago when game was fifty times as plentiful as it is now, and there were only one killer to fifty now in the field.

A true sportsman is incapable of taking an unfair advantage of any wild creature; the best hunter and angler is the man who finds the most game, kills the least and leaves the most. No sportsman can be a good citizen and also be a slaughterer of fish and game, beyond the limit of true sportsmanship.

The use of automatic and pump-guns is justly regarded as a relic of barbarism and anyone who uses them places himself beyond the pale of decent sportsmanship. The savages desire to kill all that the law allows often is manifested in the man in whom we naturally expect to find a very different spirit.

If a majority of the sportsmen of this province feel that so long as there is any game alive they must be allowed to slaughter it, then assuredly we soon shall have a gameless Island. I am now going to ask both the sportsmen and the people who do not kill wild things to awake and do their plain duty in protecting and preserving the fish and game, which belong partly to us but chiefly to those who come after us, can they be aroused before it's too late, preserve to future sportsmen en-

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