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Greek Bearing Gifts

Maritimers usually have a hopeful welcome for proposals to develop industry in this part of the country but the latest proposal is apt to meet with a distinctly cold reception.

The particular something he has in mind is the creation of an economic zone in the Maritimes, establishment of industries here—including a sugar-beet industry—and an agreement with Central Canadian manufacturers not to send their competing products into this market.

What is proposed, in fact, is that Canada should protect Alberta's sugar beet industry at whatever cost to our export market for fish and potatoes and that the Maritimes can have the privilege of growing and refining the sugar they eat.

That kind of "economic zone" has all the earmarks of Robinson Crusoe's desert island. We would give up any chance of exporting the products which we can produce economically and try to produce everything which we consume. It would, indeed result in self-sufficiency but at a level little if at all above mere subsistence.

R. C. M. P. Report

This Province may well be pleased with its police situation as revealed in the annual report of the R. C. M. P. tabled in the House by the Attorney-General. With a total staff on the Island of 44, including four non-members, the Division has kept up training; enforced Federal statutes relating to citizenship, customs and excise, fisheries, income tax, Indians and migratory birds in this Province and the Magdalene Islands; protected certain Federal properties; and, under the direction of the Attorney-General, enforced the Criminal Code and Provincial Statutes.

The number of cases investigated under Provincial statutes was 2252, leading to 1185 convictions. In addition assistance was rendered to other police forces in 75 cases and to the general public in 309 cases.

The blackest picture is that of 22 highway deaths outside of Charlottetown and Summerside, four more than the previous record. It is a satisfaction, however, that out of 522 accidents reported there were 508 prosecutions resulting in 482 convictions. No less than 150 drivers' licenses were cancelled by the Provincial Secretary's Department during the year, about three times the number in previous years.

The number of Temperance Act complaints which turned out to be unfounded, 836, compared with 655 convictions out of a total 1609 investigations, is far out of line with experience in other types of investigation. Islanders, presumably, are prone to complain about the drinking habits of their neighbours when no offence is being committed.

Farm Credit Facilities

There appears to be some disagreement in the Legislature as to the nature of existing farm credit facilities. Reference to this subject appears in the current issue of The Economic Annalist, a publication of the Federal Department of Agriculture, from which the following information is taken:

The Canadian Farm Loan Act was passed by the Federal Government to establish a system of long term mortgage credit for farmers. First mortgage loans may be made up to 60 per cent of the value of the farm land and buildings but the maximum loan is \$10,000. When a second mortgage loan is made under the Act, the aggregate of the loans may not exceed \$12,000 to any one borrower.

A system of intermediate and short term credit for the improvement and development of farms was established by the Federal Government under the Farm Improvement Loans Act. The Act provides that the Minister of Finance will pay to any bank the amount of loss sustained by it as a result of a farm improvement loan, if the loan did not exceed \$3,000. The National Housing Act empowers the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation to enter into contracts with approved lending institutions for the making of joint loans, up to a maximum of \$8,000, to assist in the construction of farm houses.

The Farmer's Creditors Arrangement Act facilitates compromises and arrangements between insolvent farmers and their creditors and simplifies the operation of the Bankruptcy Act with respect to farmers generally. In the field of crop insurance, the Federal Government, under the Prairie Farm Assistance Act makes cash payments to farmers in years of crop failure in the three Prairie Provinces and in the Peace River District of British Columbia. Wheat, oats, barley and rye are the crops eligible for crop failure payments.

Among the provinces, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan have legislation providing for loans to farmers for the improvement and development of their farms. In addition, Ontario has an Act which provides for the incorporation of farm loan associations whose object is to promote individual prosperity and agricultural development by making short term loans to their members for current expenditures. All provinces except British Columbia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland have legislation to assist municipalities in furnishing relief to necessitous farmers in the form of advances of seed grain, fodder, feed grain, etc. Saskatchewan and Alberta have legislation concerning arrangement for the cancellation of municipal debts to the Provincial Government for notes guaranteed for advances of seed grain and relief. The priority of liens on farm property which have been secured for loans of various sorts is established by provincial legislation.

A Thousand Refugees Daily

An unanswerable indictment of the new order which the Russians are seeking to create in Europe is the steady flow of refugees from the Soviet zone of Germany into West Berlin, and so into Western Germany. A year ago this migration was little more than a trickle, some 100 to 150 a day. Today the refugees are coming across at the rate of over 1,000 a day; on the peak day recently there were 2,000. For the unfortunate people themselves, this is a tragedy. For the West German Government, with ten million refugees from the East already on its hands, it is a major problem. But it is also a significant portent. Conditions in the Soviet zone under a Communist Government are such that hundreds of thousands of Germans are giving up their homes, their jobs, everything they possess, in order to escape. As pointed out in a United Kingdom Information Office release, this fact is more eloquent than any propaganda. And there is no stream of refugees from the West into the Soviet zone.

There can be no doubt that the exodus would be greater still if the difficulties and risks were not so great. All preparations have to be made in secret, and it is only in Berlin itself that the border can be crossed without risking death.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow, 3rd Sunday in Lent.

The Island judiciary has been signally recognized in appointments to the War Claims Commission, two out of the three Commissioners, including the Chief Commissioner, being from this Province.

The first really practical suggestion for a Provincial Museum comes from the Summerside Board of Trade which advocates the former Summerside Post Office building, now owned by the Town, be used for the purpose.

The annual Red Cross appeal is being launched in Charlottetown on Monday, when the special names committee gets under way. An objective of \$15,000 in the city was set before heavy demands on the Canadian Red Cross Society were made by European floods. Canvassers are particularly anxious to considerably surpass the original objective.

The Premier has indicated that Grade XI will soon be available for Island students generally, rather than for the comparatively few who can take it today. The change will mean, apparently, that except for normal training, students will be able to go directly into what is now Third Year Prince of Wales College or their Freshman year.

Sir Edwin Henry Landseer, English animal painter, was born this date 1802. He commenced sketching horses and cows from life at the age of six and became an associate of the Royal Academy at the earliest possible age, 24, and was soon a full member. His early work is spirited but later becomes almost sentimental. "Dignity and Impudence" and "The Monarch of the Glen" are very well known, the latter showing Landseer's capacity for the dramatic.

Gone Are The Days



Old Charlottetown (And P. E. I.)

NEW BEDEQUE ROAD

"Writs having been issued out of the Supreme Court commanding the Sheriff to summon a jury for the purpose of faithfully appraising the damages or advantages, as the case might be, which would accrue to the proprietors of Townships Nos. 22, 31 and 65, in consequence of the new line of Bedeque which is intended to be run through those Lots, a jury was sworn in on Thursday for that purpose. The jury assembled soon after breakfast, at Mr. Moorside's, Near Popular Island Bridge, where they were sworn in. They then proceeded to view the ground, accompanied by a land surveyor, the deputy Sheriff, and one of the Road Commissioners.

"Their route lay through unbroken woods for nearly seven miles, which with the aid of guides and compasses they contrived to traverse with some difficulty, sometimes on horseback, and more frequently leading their horses, and arrived at Johnson's on the Princetown Road late in the evening. After partaking of some refreshment, they returned to Moorside's, where they were addressed by the Solicitor General on the part of the Crown, and by Mr. Forgan and Mr. Lewellin, the former on behalf of the Earl of Selkirk, the proprietor of Lot 31, and the latter as representative of Mr. Sullivan, the proprietor of Lot 22.

"At half-past three a.m. on Friday, they gave a verdict of \$200 against Lot 31; \$50 against Lot 22; and £20 against Lot 65, in consideration of the advantages which the proprietors of these Townships would respectively derive from the road in question. Against this verdict it is the intention of the parties interested to appeal to the Supreme Court.

"It may be said that hitherto the proprietors of townships have contributed nothing towards the formation of roads, notwithstanding the benefits which, in a pecuniary point of view, they have derived from them, and that therefore they should now be made to pay well for having escaped so long. This argument might do very well, were the question under a bill into the Legislature having consideration the introduction of such an object in view; but juries are not to set themselves up as redressers of past grievances; they may, in common with their fellow citizens, regret that such a beneficial act was not sooner past, but they must not, by their verdict, punish one proprietor because others escaped scot free, before the act was in existence. Such, we understand, are the grounds on which the parties rest their case, and some of the arguments which will be urged in support of their appeal."

—Royal Gazette, Sept. 25, 1832.

The Age-Old Story

And he entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into his own city. And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed; and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee. And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth. And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy), Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house. And he arose, and departed to his house. But when the multitudes saw it they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.

Legal Name "Canada"

(The author of the following letter to the Ottawa Journal is Mr. Arthur Beauchesne, for many years clerk of the House of Commons, the outstanding authority in this country on Parliamentary procedure, and a recognized authority on Canada's constitution.)

The question of calling our country "Canada" instead of "Dominion of Canada" was settled 86 years ago. The preamble of the BNA Act says that the four original provinces have expressed their desire to be federally united into one Dominion under the Crown; and the designation of this new constitutional entity is dealt with in sections 3 and 4.

Section 3 reads: "It shall be lawful for the Queen to declare by proclamation that on and after a day therein appointed the provinces shall form and be one Dominion under the name of Canada; and on and after that day those provinces shall form and be one Dominion under that name accordingly."

This explicit provision is emphasized by section 4 which says: "Unless it is otherwise expressed or implied, the name Canada shall be taken to mean Canada as constituted under this Act."

Wherever reference is made to the Ottawa Government or Parliament throughout the whole BNA Act the designation of "Canada" only is used without any mention of "Dominion." Here are two striking examples:

Section 17: "There shall be one Parliament for Canada consisting of the Queen, one Upper House styled the Senate, and the House of Commons."

Section 132: "The Parliament and Government of Canada shall have all the powers necessary or proper for performing the obligations of Canada or of any province thereof as part of the British Empire, towards foreign countries arising under treaties between the Empire and such foreign countries."

Is not this a notice to the world that our country's name is "Canada"? Canadians who, for sentimental or other reasons, are loath to giving up our status as a

Dominion need not be afraid that the omission of that word in our name under the provisions of the BNA Act makes any material alteration in our constitution.

It is only after all a question of name. If we refer to Great Britain without calling her the United Kingdom, or to the United States or France without calling them republics, we do not in the least thereby prevent those great countries from being what they really are.

The Statute of Westminster uses the word "Dominion" as a general term in order to include other British countries which have never been given the name of Dominion, such as the Commonwealth of Australia, the Union of South Africa, the Irish Free State. Section 7 of that statute which deals with our country in particular describes it as "Canada" without using the word "Dominion." It provides for the application of the statute to "Canada," it mentions the "provinces of Canada" and the "Parliament of Canada."

This legal designation is confirmed by the Act respecting the Royal Style and Titles which reads as follows:

"The Assent of the Parliament of Canada is hereby given to the issue by Her Majesty of Her Royal Proclamation under the Great Seal of Canada establishing for Canada the following Royal Style and Titles, namely, Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom, Canada and Her other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith."

Our designation in this new law is in conformity with the BNA Act, which merged the Canadian colonies into a Dominion under the name of "Canada." It is obvious that the legislators who passed the BNA Act did not want the word "Dominion" to form part of its name "unless it is otherwise expressed or implied." Under this quoted phrase our country may be called the "Canadian Federation," the "Union of Canada," or the "Dominion of Canada" which can be and has been accepted in the past, but the legal name of our Dominion is "Canada."

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Notes By The Way

Bayonets were first used in a local or regional "delicacies" have for tourists. Yet according to The Sydney Post-Recorder, the experience of restaurant operators in the Maritimes is that tourists are the ones who ask for beef and peas, only the native Cape Bretoners for the scallops, lobster, Atlantic salmon and sword fish on the menu. It seems that where food is concerned, familiarity does not breed contempt. —Ottawa Citizen.

One theory is that Russia has all the equipment and information for making an atomic bomb but may not have actually put one together. Those who are still trying to fit Tab A into Slot B on the assemble-it-yourself Christmas present will understand how these things are. —Winnipeg Tribune.

A Windsor man suggests that the name Canada be placed in our motor license plates because many persons in the U.S. do not know where Ontario is. Well, our primary schools qualify pupils to identify 48 states, so maybe the U.S. people can manage somehow to recognize the names of 10 provinces alongside. —Toronto Telegram.

William R. Townsend, a Confederate veteran of Louisiana, was wont to prescribe three table-spoons of whiskey a day and a pipe full of tobacco every 30 minutes as a recipe for long life. But where did it get him? He died last Sunday at the age of 106. Who is there to argue that without the whiskey and the tobacco, he couldn't have reached the ripe old age of 115 or 120? —Fort William Times-Journal.

One of three English brothers who last fall harvested a record yield of 131 1/2 bushels per acre of wheat on their 220-acre farm will spend three months this spring in United States. J. M. Turrell will visit the farm of Mr. Robert J. French near Boise City, Okla. Mr. French asked the British farmer to come to United States after reading of the heavy wheat yield the Englishman obtained. —World Farm News.

Canadian Labour leaders who appeal to their fellow workers to present a "united" political front, meaning thereby support for the C. C. F., are not likely to meet with much success, if we judge from the past. Because a man is a member of an organized labour group it does not follow that he is a Socialist too. And a high degree of political independence is a traditional element in Canada's organized labour movement. —Ottawa Journal.

Several Canadians who served as stretcher bearers in the first and second world wars will wish that the new telescopic aluminum stretcher had been invented in their time. The new stretchers are not any lighter than the old time canvas affair which old time stretcher bearers manipulated, but it can be telescoped to a length of less than three feet. This would have been a boon in getting around the trenches of the old days. —Fort William Times-Journal.

Canadian restaurateurs are frequently accused of failing to exploit the full attraction that local or regional "delicacies" have for tourists. Yet according to The Sydney Post-Recorder, the experience of restaurant operators in the Maritimes is that tourists are the ones who ask for beef and peas, only the native Cape Bretoners for the scallops, lobster, Atlantic salmon and sword fish on the menu. It seems that where food is concerned, familiarity does not breed contempt. —Ottawa Citizen.

Not many in this country seem to remember J. Maynard Keynes, the British economist who thought governments ought to save in boom times to pay off debts contracted in bad times. Writing of him in the January issue of Harper's Bertrand Russell says: "If his theories had been adopted by financial authorities throughout the world the great Depression would not have occurred. There are still many... who regard depressions as acts of God. I think Keynes proved that the responsibility for these occurrences does not rest with Providence. —Vancouver Province.

Recently two Winnipeg centenarians congratulated each other on their hundredth birthdays. As with most men and women who live to a great age, the two men had different recipes for attaining a long life. But they had this in common. Both of them worked long after the accepted, and frequently compulsory, retirement age of 65 that applies in public service and much of industry today. One of the centenarians operated his farm until he was 85. The other one was still doing manual labor at 75. —Winnipeg Tribune.

FROM THE BROOK'S SONG

I come from haunts of cool and fern, I make a sudden rally. And sparkle out among the fern, To bicker down a valley. By thirty hills I hurry down, Or slip between the ridges, And by twenty thorns, a little town And half a hundred bridges. Till last by Philip's farm I flow To join the brimming river, For men may come and men may go, But I go on for ever.

I chatter over stony ways, In little sharps and trebles, I bubble into eddying bays, I tinkle on the pebbles, With many a curve my banks I fret By many a field and fallow, And many a fairy foreland set With willow-weed and mallow.

—Lord Tennyson

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