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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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Good News From Sydney

Whatever benefits other sections of the Maritimes is of direct concern to this Province, and this is certainly the case with the optimistic report of Mr. C. M. Anson, Chief of Dosco Steel Corporation, describing the year's production of the Sydney Steel Plant and its future prospects.

So acute is the steel shortage that every ton the Sydney plant can produce, will be sold to a steel-hungry nation. Full employment and the use of all equipment is assured for the year ahead.

Coke production reached new record levels along with the output from the bar mill.

Mr. Harold Gordon, Chief of Dosco Coal Operations, reported that at Sydney Mines a new tunnel from the new washing plant to the shaft bottom, will double the production of coal at Princess Colliery.

The new million dollar washing plant will go into operation early next spring.

Dosco coal production of 3,828,000 tons in 1951 may have been 125,000 tons short of the 1950 total, but Mr. Gordon expressed confidence that production will improve this year.

Unwise Planning

Canada, which had a magnificent record of participation in the two previous world wars, in proportion to her resources, (says The Letter Review), is unquestionably laggard this time.

Prairie Population Trends

Wide population shifts in the Prairie Provinces are revealed in the decennial census returns. The overall figures for the period 1941-51 show a population increase of 115,641, resulting from gains of 140,387 and 42,071 in Alberta and Manitoba respectively, coupled with a drop of 66,817 in Saskatchewan.

If the published figures are examined by census districts, however, a pattern of 21 gains and 30 losses emerges. Of the gains 10 are in Alberta, four in Saskatchewan and seven in Manitoba; of the losses seven in Alberta, 14 in Saskatchewan and nine in Manitoba.

"Examining the overall picture, province by province," says the Winnipeg Free Press, "it develops that the urban population of Manitoba has risen by 20.02 per

cent, the rural population declining by 9.4 per cent in the period. For Alberta the respective percentages are 58.5 and 7.97. For Saskatchewan, the urban gain is 24.9 per cent, the rural loss 23.2 per cent.

"If the 'fringe areas' are treated as urban, 51.54 per cent of Manitobans lived in cities, towns and villages as early as 1941; the figure now is 58.5. In Alberta the towns have also overtaken the countryside; the urban percentage in 1951 being 51.9. Only Saskatchewan remains predominantly rural but even there 44.48 per cent of the people now live within the boundaries of incorporated centres."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Our neighbours to the south have undertaken a double clean-up—of grafters and of narcotic peddlers, and not before time.

A host of friends and well-wishers bid farewell to Rev. G. Carlyle Webster, the hard-working, popular minister of Zion, and hope he will soon return from Toronto fully restored to health.

Mrs. Dr. Leo Frank has lost none of her enthusiasm for educational reform, judging by her letter in Saturday's Forum, making suggestions which many teachers and scholars should profit by.

With the U. S. and Canadian dollars practically at par there is not much advantage gambling in exchange. But we are the gainers in obtaining practically 100 cents on the dollar for all the produce we send across the border.

A map of world earthquake and volcanic areas in the National Geographic shows the Maritimes comfortably out of danger zones, although the St. Lawrence valley is marked as being affected by quakes.

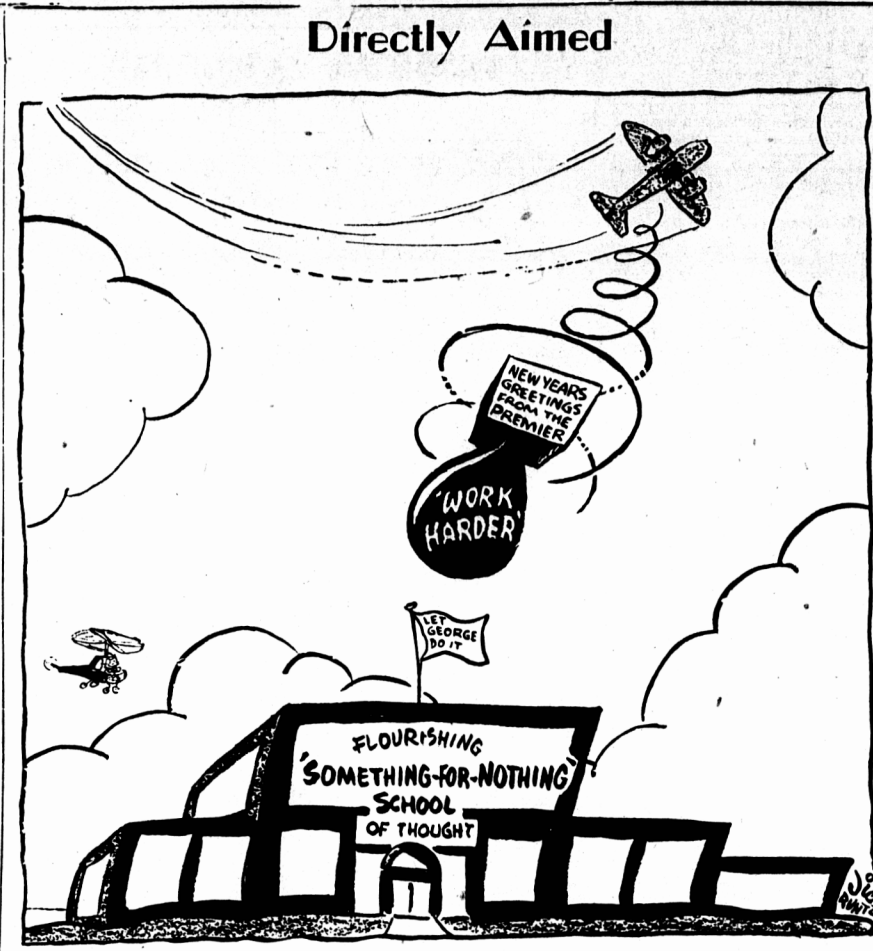
Now Toronto has got to walk to work instead of boarding the much abused and crowded street cars and busses. And they don't like it—would rather have put up with the ills they knew than be pitchforked into the evil-consequences of a strike of some 3,000 transport workers.

Sir Andrew Browne Cunningham of Hyndhope, first baron, British admiral, was born this date 1883. He won distinction in the Gallipoli campaign, 1915, was deputy chief of naval staff 1938-39. His cruiser squadron blockaded Germany and his flagship took King Haakon of Norway to Britain.

If citizens of this Province failed to get correspondence from the mainland last week, it may be because it was burned en route. Investigation is being made into the fire which destroyed an undetermined amount of mail in the CNR's "Scotian" mail car while the train was at Drummondville at 10:30 Thursday night.

Newfoundland to be officially recognized by the Royal Canadian Navy. Rear Admiral E. S. Bidwell, R.C.N., Atlantic Coast flag officer, will fly his flag from the Algerine class minesweeper H.M.C.S. Wallaceburg when he sails from Halifax this week for a three-day visit to Newfoundland.

Dr. John T. Williamson of Montreal, who controls a fabulously rich diamond mine in Tanganyika, has withdrawn from the DeBeers Diamond Combine, and threatens to sell his output in open competition. That would mean the beginning of a drop in the price of diamonds which would practically make them hardly worth handling.



The Poet's Corner

FROM THYRSIS It lrd'k him to be here, he could not rest. He loved each simple joy the country yields, He loved his mates; but yet he could not keep, For that shadow lower'd on the fields, Here with the shepherds and the silly sheep, Some life of men unblest He knew, which made him droop, and fill'd his head. He went; his piping took a troubled sound Of storms that rage outside our happy ground; He could not wait their passing, he is dead!

The Big Shots

(Winnipeg Free Press) Any insurance company which undertook the unlikely risk of insuring Communist leaders would have to revise its mortality tables in the light of recent experiences. The accident rate continues to rise. The case of Rudolf Slansky, vice premier of Czechoslovakia and former boss of the local Communist party, who has lately been purged, is one of many. It is calculated that 150,000 persons have been arrested in Russia's satellite countries since the current purge began in 1948. About half a million "unreliable" persons have been deported from their homes to other places, in Russia or elsewhere, in which they can be more conveniently watched.

The purges have reduced the Communist Party membership in the satellite belt by about 2,500,000 persons. Since the Party is a very exclusive club, seldom containing more than a small fraction of the population, this is a drastic house-cleaning. Before that process got under way only about 8,000,000 persons could claim Party membership in eastern Europe. More than a quarter of the elite seem to have lost their standing, which usually means personal ruin.

The list of major figures in the satellite countries who have felt the axe of Moscow reads like a Communist Who's Who. Among them are Laszlo Rajk, deputy chief of the Hungarian Communist Party and foreign minister, who was convicted in September, 1949, of plotting "an anti-Soviet movement" to help Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia and who was hanged; General Marian Spychalski, vice minister of defence in Poland, who was accused in November, 1949, of failing to inform the Party of foreign spy-ing and who still awaits trial; Wladyslaw Gomulka, deputy premier of Poland, accused at the same time of "nationalist-rightist deviation" who expelled from the Party's central committee, also awaits trial; Traicho Kostov, deputy premier of Bulgaria, convicted of conspiracy to "tear Bulgaria away from the Soviet Union and annex it to Yugoslavia," who was hanged in December, 1949; Vladimir Clementis, foreign minister of Czechoslovakia, who was arrested in February, 1951, on charges of carrying out "continuous subversive activity" and awaits trial.

All these were important men in the Communist hierarchy of eastern Europe, all trusted servants of the Kremlin and big-shots of the world revolution. But for one reason or another the Kremlin could not trust them. They "deviated" or got soft or worst crime of all—began to put their own people above the convenience of Russia's attempt to use the satellites as milch cows. In his higher echelons Communism operates precisely on the gangster principles perfected by such figures as the late Al Capone in Chicago. The big-shot is in constant danger and the bigger he is the quicker and more painful his fall is certain to be. Or as was said of France in the 18th century,

New Chemical Discovered

(By Howard W. Blakeslee Associated Press Science Editor) Worn-out land is changed into structurally virgin soil by a new chemical discovery announced to the American Association for the Advancement of Science. It is a yellow, synthetic powder, which literally changes the soil itself. It is not a fertilizer, but crops grow from 20 to 100 per cent higher yields. It makes better baseball diamonds, stops erosion, and promises cheaper road-building.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.) RAILROAD BENEFITS From an address by the Hon. James C. Pope, leader of the Government, at a public meeting in Summerside, Jan. 18, 1951, called to take into consideration "the advisability of asking the Government of this Island to enter upon the immediate construction of a Railroad."

No country, in his (Mr. Pope's) opinion, required a Railroad more than P. E. Island. It was more thickly populated than any part of British America, and its agricultural productions were continually on the increase especially since the employment of mussel mud and lime as fertilizers. But while the traffic on our roads was becoming greater, our highways were rendered less capable of sustaining such constant use.

The Age-Old Story

And Saul's servants said unto him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubleth thee. Let our lord now command thy servants, which are before thee, to seek out a man, who is a cunning player on an harp; and it shall come to pass, when the evil spirit from God is upon thee, that he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well. And Saul said unto his servants, Provide me now a man that can play well, and bring him to me. Then answered one of the servants, and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Both-lehemite, that is cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in matters, and a comely person. Wherefore Saul sent messengers unto Jesse, and said, Send me David thy son, which is with the sheep. . . . And David came to Saul, and stood before him; and he loved him greatly; and he became his armour-bearer. . . . And it came to pass, when the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand; so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him. . . . the revolution, after its first careless rapture, always proceeds to eat its young.

LONG RECORD

NANAIMO, B.C. — (CP) — Residents of nearby Galiano Island for 40 years, Captain and Mrs. W. H. Gilmour recently celebrated the 66th anniversary of their wedding. Married in England, Capt. Gilmour, who served on a minesweeper in the First World War, is 87 and his wife 82.

For Men's Clothing That Fits

J.P. MacPherson & Son 157 Queen St.

Notes By The Way

There are three generally common times for the opening of Christmas presents. For your information, we list them: (1) Christmas Day. (2) Christmas Eve. (3) Upon receipt. Those falling under category (1) are, of course playing fair with all concerned. They probably have been brought up to believe that people who open gifts on any day but Christmas are inferior types.

Many Calgarians have celebrated Christmas pumping out their cellars. It's a cold, miserable, often heart-breaking job. But it is getting to be a regular dismal occurrence in Calgary in December and it is something, which unlike Christmas, we should be forced to do without from now on. — Calgary Herald.

The fashion crazes of 1951 go to strange lengths. In the friendly chemist's where I regularly get my toothpaste and odds and ends, I have become used to being served by a pretty blonde girl in her early 20's. The other morning an unfamiliar, grey-haired woman was behind the counter; she greeted me to my bewilderment, as an old acquaintance. Enlightenment only came when the chemist himself intervened: "Seemed to think she was Anna Neagle playing Queen Victoria." There was a blush on what I now saw was still a youthful cheek. "Given her the afternoon off, I have to go and get 'put back' again. Blondes are good for trade; besides, I like 'em." As I left, a youthful voice was protesting "But I've told you, silver-grey hair is the color this autumn." What would James Laver say about that? In an aging British population, do only the old deserve to be called the fair?—London News Statesman.

The weather and condition of a highway can make a big difference in the distance required to stop a car travelling 20 miles an hour. On dry concrete it will slide one and a quarter times its length and on wet concrete one and a half lengths. A car with chains on rear wheels will slide two and one-third times its length on packed snow when travelling 20 miles an hour, but without chains it will slide twice as far. Many drivers think chains are useless on glare ice but tests have revealed they help in stopping a skid. With chains a car will slide five times its length, but without chains it will skid eleven car lengths. With Winter coming on motorists ought to remember what can happen on packed snow and ice and regulate their driving accordingly.—Toronto Telegram.

One particularly fascinating story is retold by pioneers of the Porcupine district. Back around the time of World War I a snow-storm hit the newly-founded communities and blocked railroad lines for a week. In fact, food supplies were nearly gone when the first post-storm train finally pulled in something like 160 hours late. During this same storm (they claim) the snow was so deep in drifts that along the streets it stretched from the tops of two-storey buildings on one side across to the lower floors of buildings on the opposite side. Shopkeepers burrowed block-long snow tunnels to get into their stores. According to the authorities all this change is due to a shrinkage of the polar caps. The gradual warming cycle of the earth is reaching its peak now they claim, and causing a world-

wide outburst of freakish weather. Around here it means that Northern Ontario winters are becoming less severe each year. Either that, or the oldtimers' stories are improving with age.—North Bay Nugget.

That old saying "it is better to be safe than sorry" should be memorized and adhered to by motorists and pedestrians during these bitterly cold winter days when icy streets and sidewalks, as well as poor visibility, make the outdoors a hazardous place to be unless you happen to be in the middle of the prairie. Motorists for instance, should only drive when it is absolutely necessary to do so, and when they do they should be twice as careful as usual. Especially risky are intersections. They should be approached and travelled through with extreme caution. And the other driver should always have the right of way. That is, if you want to play safe. Pedestrians, also run many risks. Not only do they have to be aware of skidding cars and careless motorists, but they have to watch for icy spots on sidewalks and crossings. Remember, it is better to be safe than sorry. You can't be too careful.—Lethbridge Herald.

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