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CHARLOTTETOWN, WEDNESDAY, NOV. 19, 1952 Archbishop McNally

The late Archbishop McNally was one of Prince Edward Island's most distinguished sons, and one of the most outstanding members of the Roman Catholic hierarchy on this continent. It is noted in his obituary that during his years in Calgary he established more than forty parishes, and these activities covered but one period of a long life filled with great achievements. Renowned as a builder, scholar, administrator and spiritual leader, his passing will be sincerely mourned by many thousands of our Canadian citizens.

The Wood Islands Service

The need of a new and more commodious ferry for the Wood Islands-Caribou service has long been realized, and has been advocated not only by the operating company but by our Boards of Trade, Provincial Government and other bodies as well. As indicated in today's news columns, a delegation representing the company is meeting again with the Maritime Commission at Ottawa next week to discuss this important matter, in the hope and expectation of obtaining some concrete action. Since April, 1951, when the proposal for a new boat was placed before the Commission, traffic on the existing ferries has increased tremendously. This year to date shows an increase of 1,700 vehicles over the 1951 figures.

If the company's application is granted at this time, it will require a year and a half to construct a new boat, and in the meantime it is necessary that temporary measures be taken to relieve the traffic congestion which is bound to occur next year under existing conditions. This matter also will doubtless be presented in a strong light at next week's meeting with the Maritime Commission. This body, as emphasized in the report of the Tourgeon Royal Commission on Transportation, has been set up to deal with such matters, and in the words of the report, the determining factor is whether the expense is warranted "by public necessity and convenience". Surely there can be no legitimate argument on this point! Not only from the tourist standpoint, but from that of providing for the steadily increasing truck traffic in farm commodities, the Wood Islands service is essential to our transportation needs, and the long overdue improvements in the service should be pushed forward as speedily as possible.

Canada's Many Customers

The visit to Canada of Britain's Foreign Secretary, Mr. Eden, serves to highlight the importance to both countries of maintaining profitable trade relations. To Britain this question is of paramount concern, and as Mr. Eden points out, she must sell Canada more in order to buy more. In the meantime, statisticians are finding significance in the fact that 1951 was the first year since the war that the combined share of the United Kingdom and the United States in Canada's trade did not increase. This resulted from the much greater exports to Europe, Latin America and Japan, while Europe's share in Canada's imports was also greater. Brazil is now Canada's third market, while Japan is fourth and Belgium is in fifth place. Latin American countries are buying nearly double the commodities from Canada this year that they purchased in 1951. In size the Latin American market is about a third of the United Kingdom market for Canadian goods. We are also building up markets in South Africa, in the new state of Indonesia, and in spite of currency difficulties our markets in Europe are expanding.

Forty-four countries and Crown colonies imported our wheat during the 1951-52 crop year. The U. K. was of course in first place as the major wheat importer, while the U. S. was in second place. Six other countries each took over 10 million bushels. They included (in millions of bushels): India 18.1; Japan 16.5; Germany 15.8; Belgium 15.5; Netherlands 11.9 and

Italy 11.0. The U.K. was also our major flour market. Next in line were the Philippine Islands, buying 4.9 million bushels; followed by Venezuela, 3.1; Italy, 2.6; Trinidad, 2.4; Cuba, 2.1; and Syria, 2.0 million bushels. These are a few of the 72 countries that imported flour from Canada during the last crop year.

Belgium and Luxembourg ranked high in the Canadian total trade picture last year. Domestic exports to them went up by 42 per cent to the total of \$94,500,000 and imports gained 72 per cent to a total of \$39,100,000. Belgium takes from Canada primarily foodstuffs and raw materials. Exports of wheat and other grains increased last year. Imports from that country take in a wide range of goods, chiefly industrial materials and manufactures.

Fifth in the Canadian total trade picture was Australia last year, which showed an improvement of 38 per cent over 1950. A severe foreign exchange shortage in Australia following the decline in wool prices towards the end of 1951 resulted in a sharp curtailment of dollar imports this year.

Brazil was sixth in Canada's total trade picture last year, jumping to \$40,600,000, or 44 per cent above the 1950 level. Our sales to that country showed an even greater gain to reach \$53,700,000 or 3.4 times the 1950 total. Iron and its products, non-ferrous metals and products and agriculture and vegetable products were the main groups in the increased exports. Imports from Brazil are chiefly natural products such as coffee, manila, sisal, rice and vegetable oils.

In seventh position in Canada's trade was Japan. Our exports to that country due to its stepped up post-war production rose by 255 per cent over their 1950 level. Imports, on the other hand, totalled only \$12,600,000 or four per cent above the 1950 value. Wheat and other grains and industrial materials made up the bulk of our exports to that Oriental country. Generally the imports of Japanese textiles and products were lower in 1951 than in 1950, while imports of most other items expanded. But the total of these imports was distributed over many commodities, and imports of most were small.

France, the Federation of Malaya, Italy and the Union of South Africa were ranking countries in the Canadian trade picture last year.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Summerside school board is showing a commendable interest in Prince County education in calling a meeting to discuss the matter of a regional high school. Students of the Town already enjoy the advantages to be considered for the Kensington, Summerside, Borden area.

Maritime Central Airways' new scheduled Saturday flight from Moncton to Goose Bay and return brings the important Labrador centre very close to this Province. Both producers and workers stand to gain by the improved transportation service.

The Indian delegation's proposal at the U. N. that prisoners of war in Korea should neither be forcibly repatriated nor held against their will has much to commend it. The question is whether it actually will commend itself to the respective parties and then what disinterested power or powers can be agreed upon to supervise the separation of the willing from the unwilling repatriates.

From time immemorial seamen, particularly in naval ships, carried out their duties more often than not exposed to the elements. It has taken the threat of atomic warfare to usher in the fully decked ship which can be navigated and fought without the crew being exposed. Fourteen Canadian built frigates will soon follow the converted British destroyer H. M. S. Rocket to be operated from 'tween decks.

Ferdinand, Vicomte de Lesseps, French diplomatist and engineer, was born this date 1805. He held diplomatic posts at Tunis, Alexandria and became consul at Cairo where he began his plans for the construction of the Suez Canal. Other appointments followed and in 1854 he received the concession for building the canal. It was completed in 1869. In 1881 he commenced the Panama Canal but failed to bring it to completion.

Canada's difficulties in the matter of choice of military tanks is illustrative of the necessity of standardization of equipment amongst the North Atlantic community. The third change within a year is not too soon if the allowance of two 76-mm. shells per day for the presently used American Shermans cannot be bettered. The British Centurians will offer an advantage in supply while the Commonwealth Brigade uses them but their general adoption, as reported a short time ago would be even more valuable.

How It Looks From Here



The Poet's Corner

Books are not seldom talismans and spells. By which the magic art of shrewder wits Holds an unthinking multitude enthralled. Some to the fascination of a name Surrender judgment, hoodwinked. Some the style Infatuates, and through labyrinth and wilds Of error leads them by a tune entranced. While sloth seduces more, too weak to bear The insupportable fatigue of thought, And swallowing, therefore, without pause or choice, The total grist unsifted, husks and all. —William Cowper (1731-1800).

Important Issue

It is remarkable how quickly the people of the free world have grasped the vital importance of the issue which, temporarily at least, has wrecked the armistice negotiations in Korea. The United Nations armies have captured a large number of Chinese Communist troops. A substantial proportion of these Chinese Communist prisoners-of-war have refused to be sent back to Communist China. They do not want to be repatriated.

This is a fact which is difficult to grasp. It would be completely incredible that a Canadian soldier captured by the enemy, would not wish to be returned home as quickly as possible. These Chinese prisoners-of-war, obviously, fear that they would be murdered or severely punished by their own government if it could lay hands upon them, which is a fairly good indication of the kind of government that exists in China.

But from the viewpoint of the United Nations, the problem is not one of abstract theory but of great practical importance. It is much larger than the fate of these particular prisoners in Korea. If the U. N. forced these prisoners to return to China, it would greatly lessen the chances of capturing prisoners from the Communists in future. Once the Communists had demonstrated that they could recover and punish, with death if they so pleased, all Communist soldiers who were captured — there would in future be no purpose in surrendering.

It is therefore, against our own vital interests as well as all considerations of humanity, to comply with this Communist demand. The point is so obvious that it requires no argument. Two public statements in the past few days are to be commended: Hon. L. B. Pearson, Minister of External Affairs and president of the present U. N. General Assembly, said at New York that: "The voluntary repatriation of prisoners in Korea cannot be betrayed." That is to say, no prisoner should be repatriated against his will.

A few days earlier Mr. Adlai Stevenson, the Democratic candidate for President put it this way. "We have asserted, and we shall maintain, that whenever Communist soldiers choose freedom after falling into our hands they are free."

The Age-Old Story

For, brethren, ye have been called into liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this:

Ancient Seeds

(Globe And Mail) After one year of germination and growth, a lotus seed which had lain under eighteen feet of earth cover for two thousand years produced a healthy bloom. Dr. Chiro Ohga, Japan's lotus expert, says it was quite a flower, "but no different from the lotuses of today." What may be more important for today is the fact that the ancient seed produced a flower which is no different from its ancestral blooms of two thousand years ago. There is something greatly reassuring in that. We have some idea of how many kinds of seeds have reproduced themselves through all the generations of two millennia. But here is one which lay dormant beneath the seeds of an actor, have we lost a valuable seed in the field of dramatic performance through not knowing how mime and movement were governed by the speech of his actors?

SCENIC ISLANDS

The Jesuit missionary Poncet in 1653 was probably the first white man to see the Thousand Islands of the St. Lawrence. Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

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Old Charlottetown

(And F. E. I.) PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS "It gives us pleasure to note the extensive public improvements, both in a general and particular point of view, which have been made here in the course of the summer. We might notice the new Colonial Building now in the course of completion, bespeaking the efficacy of the workmanship while at the same time it betrays an absence of taste in the eligibility of its site and the beauty and symmetry of design which one might expect from the high pretensions of the worthies engaged in the direction and superintendence of the structure of this public undertaking. Among the other noble mansions now being built, we must not pass by the new Catholic Chapel, which bids fair, when finished, to reflect much credit on the projectors. To add to the commercial convenience of the western section of the Town, a lengthy and substantial wharf has recently been erected at the foot of Pownall Street. This wharf, from the great facility of approach and the safety of loading and unloading it possesses, has as many, if not more advantages than the Queen's Wharf, to commend it to a general preference." —The Palladium, Oct. 15, 1844.

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Notes By The Way

A valiant hunter whose bullet just stunned a deer, who then was dragged by the animal for 20 minutes until he succeeded in killing it with a knife, brags of his exploit and it gets into the newspapers. He would run as much risk in shooting a cow in the back pasture.—Ottawa Journal.

A mournful editorial bewails the fact that the "old-fashioned family doctor has disappeared." If he was the old duffer who didn't believe in germs and recommended a bag of asafoetida hung around the waist to ward off cholera, we are better off without him.—Peterborough Examiner.

Something new and alarming in the way of automobile misbehaviour is reported from Boston. There a motorist has received damages from one of the big auto companies because he was run over by his own car! Can it be that automobiles have been corrupted by their own association with human beings?—Edmonton Journal.

British scientists have plans for an atom-powered ship that will cruise for two-and-a-half years without refueling." And, dang it, just yesterday we had the Heney Boys put 200 gallons in our oil tank! Instead we should have shopped around for a split atom to put in our furnace, and the heck with oil dealers.—Ottawa Citizen.

We regret to learn that square dancing is on the wane in Great Britain. Those who enjoyed it in Britain complain that stage professional dancers have killed it through burlesquing it as a hill-billy stamp and romp. They say the only hope now lies in the possibility of Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh restoring the vogue. We hope square dancing will be revived in Britain, and that here in Canada it will be continued in full force. Square dancing is a mirror of physical fitness, stamina, and a certain gusto of the spirit which is fundamental of a virile, creative race.—London Free Press.

The hard truth remains that judgment, however delayed, is inevitable. Every person and every group of persons, no matter how large, must face the inescapable fate of being judged according to their work. The excuse, or the organized defences, may become elaborate and powerful. But nothing can prevail against the ultimate demands of reality. This may be a hard law, but it is also a fair

A farmer in Minnesota was clearing trees along a road near his farm. In one of the trees he noticed a robin's nest. He decided to leave the tree standing. The other day the farmer was driving his tractor along the same road, suddenly the tractor overturned and pinned the farmer from the waist down. Later he was found by his daughter. She got help and the tractor was removed. The farmer was found to be only slightly injured. The tractor had tipped against a tree which prevented it from rolling completely over—the same tree that the farmer had spared because of the robin's nest. Some will call this lucky coincidence. Others will recall the verse about One who marks the sparrow's fall.—Winnipeg Tribune.

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