

Comments On British Role In Free-Market Movement

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Britain is likely to become a part of free-market developments in Europe in the opinion of Lord Weeks, British industrialist.

"It is almost impossible for her to keep out of it," he told a press conference in Toronto.

The conference was held by Massey-Harris-Ferguson Ltd., farm machinery manufacturers, to introduce Lord Weeks and the Marquess of Abergavenny, both of whom have been elected directors of Col. W. Eric Phillips, chairman of the company, when asked what he thought of the free-market movement, said:

"I think the broader a trade area, the better you can manoeuvre—so the result should be favourable."

WIDESPREAD EFFECT

It would, however, have "profound effects" on the company. Plants built up within historic tariff barriers probably would face operation changes.

Specific products would be made in plants best suited to their manufacture and distribution. For instance, under a free-trade set-up, there probably would be little point in making the same thing in plants in both France and Germany.

The free-market movement in Europe is a long-range matter whose pace, however, appears to

be quickening.

Representatives of France, West Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg, recently agreed on a formula for gradual removal of tariffs among these countries over a 12-year, or perhaps longer, period. The agreement has yet to be officially signed and to be ratified by the various parliaments.

Britain has approved plans aimed at a similar area among 17 countries—including the six in the present agreement—with the proviso that she be free to continue preferential arrangements for Commonwealth foodstuffs.

PROMINENT BRITONS

In the additions to its board, Massey-Harris-Ferguson gets a British industrialist and a British agriculturalist.

Lord Weeks recently retired as chairman of Vickers Ltd., but is still a director of it and several other large British companies.

The Marquess of Abergavenny is an official of several British agricultural organizations and is himself a farmer. At his family seat at Eridge Castle, Sussex, he controls an agricultural and woodland estate of 6,300 acres, of which he farms 500 acres himself.

The estate includes 1,100 acres which has been a deer park for 1,000 years. Now, however, the marquess is beginning to till it by sections and the deer park will be

cut down to 300 acres.

BRITISH MARKET

The Marquess says there is a big market in Britain for farm machinery.

The large farmer, already mechanized, would continue to offer a steady market, but a new market is being offered by the small farmer of 100 to 150 acres, who must mechanize to make a living.

The tractor and small combine—a combine with about half the cutting width of a Western Canadian combine—should sell well, with perhaps two small farmers joining in a combine purchase.

Massey-Harris-Ferguson, as stated in the annual report, at Oct. 31 held an 18 1/2-per-cent interest in Standard Motors, British automotive company which makes their Ferguson tractors.

Asked whether there might be integration of the two companies, Col. Phillips said:

"Our position in Standard Motors is merely as an investor. There will be no integration. That (the motor-car industry) is not our business."

Lord Weeks first visited Canada in 1911 and has been here every year since 1926. The present is Lord Abergavenny's second visit. Both were already members of the Massey-Harris-Ferguson British operation, which has factories in Manchester and Kilmarnock.

LAUNCHING SCHOOL

Following is report for January, Grade X 1. Jacqueline Christian, 2. Phyllis Gardiner, Grade VIII. 1. Norbert Morrison, Grade VII. 1. Gerry Christian, 2. Velma Fowles, 3. G. de V. I. Norma Jean Gardiner, 2. Eunice Morrison, 3. Margaret Morrison, Grade IV. 1. Vernon Yoston, Grade III. Sr. 1. Bobby Gardiner, 2. Earle Powers, Grade III. Jr. 1. Marjorie Yoston, 2. Pat Morrison, Grade III. C. 1. Audrey Macdonald, Grade II. 1. Donna Gardiner, Grade I. 1. Carol Gardiner, 2. George Powers Jr., K. F. Christian, Teacher.

STRATEGIC SPOT

Malta, the British stronghold in the Mediterranean, has an area of only 94 square miles.

and better production. He did much to develop kennels, nest boxes and pens. Dalton was the business man and a man with unusual sales and promotion ability.

James Tuplin and James Gordon bought their first pair of foxes in 1891 for \$340, and successfully raised a litter the next year. From the best records available it appears that B.I. Rayner started raising foxes about 1896, while his father Silas Rayner, began a little later. The two Rayners, James and Robert Tuplin and James Gordon were closely associated with Oulton and Dalton from the early days and were sometimes referred to as "the family circle." They did a fine job of keeping the fox and refused to sell breeding stock. However, Frank Tuplin bought a pair from his uncle Robert at an early date and developed his ranch to a considerable size. He was the first man to break the family compact and he sold several pairs to J. S. Hinton of the R.T. Holman Co. Ltd., Summerside. That started the others selling.

40 PER CENT

Later, in 1913 Charles Dalton sold his "goodwill, ranch and twenty pairs of proven breeders to the Dalton Fox Company, Ltd. for \$500,000. The company guaranteed the investors a dividend of 40 per cent. The foxes were ratched at the home ranch in Tignish and the rancher was an elderly man who understood foxes and they liked him very much. It was situated in a woody spot quite a distance from the noise and clamor of the outside world. The new company built a ranch at Southport and moved the foxes there in the summer of 1913 and they sold options on pairs for delivery September first for as high as \$13,000. The company easily earned the dividend of 40 per cent.

(Continued next week)

EASTERN GUARDIAN

SHUR-GAIN Amateur Cavalcade, Murray River Hall, Wednesday, March 6, 8 p.m.

ENTERTAINS CLUB — Miss Ada MacGregor, Montague, was hostess to the members of Acme Past Noble Grand's Club on Tuesday, Feb. 26th, and a delightful social evening was enjoyed. The program committee was convened by Mrs. Nell Hooley, Vickerson and Mrs. Nell Hooley. A brief business period was conducted by the president, Mrs. Leroy White. The members were happy to have Mrs. J.M. Fraser present following her recent illness. The program featured valentine contests and games. Lunch was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Ethan Stewart and Mrs. Mary Hemphill.

PERSONALS

Miss Margaret Matheson, student at Prince of Wales College, was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. E.H. Stewart, Montague.

Kenneth MacDonald, student at Mount Allison University, spent the week-end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Colin MacDonald, Kilmuir.

Mrs. Walter Beer, Montague, was a recent visitor to Charlottetown where she was the guest of Miss Marjorie Cox.

Mrs. Ray VanKersterine, Ryanis, Mont., who is visiting relatives in Charlottetown and Millville, was a Sunday guest of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. John White, Montague.

TIMELY NOTES ON FUR TOPICS

40 YEARS AFTER

The Black Fox Magazine and Modern Mink Breeder celebrated its 40th anniversary with its January issue. It was started in January, 1917, and at that time silver fox farming had attained very considerable proportions in this province and the pelts were mostly marketed through the Fur Sales Board which was connected with the Silver Black Fox Breeders' Association of P.E.I., of which the ranchers were members. The headquarters in Charlottetown were in the office of the President, E.R. Brow, and W. Chester S. McLure was manager. The pelts were graded by Mr. McLure and shipped to parties in New York and other places and Mr. McLure went there and made the sales and secured excellent prices for the consignees.

When the writer arrived back in December, 1918, we noticed a great many very fine silvers waiting for shipment and Mr. McLure was buying from others than the rancher members. The following

year we bought quite a number of foxes, had them pelted and sold them to Mr. McLure and received prices as high as \$500. We have no idea of the total figures received for the consignments of 1919-20 but they must have run into hundreds of thousands of dollars. The result was that hundreds of people went into fox farming and in a few years everywhere around the country one could see pens with foxes running about.

LIVE STOCK SOLD

Pelting was succeeded by live stock selling which continued to be very strong until the big depressions of 1929 and 1932 when sales were completely shut off. But to go back to the Black Fox Magazine, we find that the lead article is, from the Black Fox to the Pearl Mink. Forty Years of Fur Farming, and it is written by Albert Leonard who has been associated with the industry for thirty years and who is manager of the Special Industries Division of the Ralston Purina Company, which has been manufacturing fox and mink foods for almost thirty years. These are excerpts from his article.

RUSSIAN MARKET

"The motivation that touched off the romantic new industry of raising fur was an over-supply of Russian rubles and an under-supply of silver fox pelts. The wealthy nobility of Russia were able to supply their women with all the ermine and sable they wanted but the men with an abundance of rubles would flatter their egos by bidding high on the scarce and beautiful silver foxes which came from America. The earliest authentic record of young foxes being raised from pelts kept in activity came from Tignish, P.E.I. where Benjamin Haywood raised several litters about 1877. Most of these were destroyed by their parents while young. Haywood thought it was because the parents were not kept in seclusion and quiet. Long before this trappers and even Indians caught young foxes out of season and kept them until their fur was prime. It is interesting to note that Benjamin Haywood and Charles Dalton, later Sir Charles, were both from Tignish, Prince Edward Island, and were neighbors.

DALTON AND OULTON

One can speculate that Dalton may have been influenced by Haywood to make his start in fox farming ten years later. Charles Dalton and his partner Robert Oulton are given more credit than anyone else for putting the fox raising industry on a commercial basis. Each started experimenting with foxes independently of the other around 1887. Dalton may have been the first by a year or two. Dalton and Oulton joined interests about 1895 and this was a very fortunate partnership. Oulton was the animal man, a good breeder, a good feeder, and a man who seemed to know and understand animals. He did much to improve the strain by selecting animals for the best

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Teachers District Workshop Is Held At Montague School

A meeting of the Teacher's district workshop was held in Montague High School on Thursday evening, February 28th. An attendance of approximately forty teachers included those from Montague and district, and the representatives from Millville and Murray River workshops which were held in January.

The president, Cecil LeLachur, called the meeting to order. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Mr. LeLachur reported that he had been with the committee which met with Hon. Kier Clark, Minister of Education, and discussed with him the resolutions of concern to the department.

It was also reported that a delegation waited on the Premier and his executive on Feb. 8th, to ask that a royal commission be set up to study the educational problems on the Island.

From Mr. LeLachur's report arose a discussion of several of the resolutions which were presented to Hon. Kier Clark. Teachers favor the resolution stating that their salaries be paid in ten equal monthly payments, with the balance being paid in the eleventh month.

With regard to a resolution concerning the setting of grade ten examinations, teachers expressed their desire to have the exams set by a board composed of persons actively engaged in teaching,

who would have a thorough knowledge of the course of studies prescribed for grade ten in the Island schools.

It was announced that the spring convention in Charlottetown will be held on April 23rd, 24th and 25th. This year it is planned to have extensive refresher courses in reading, psychology, history and science. A letter from Miss E. Bowness to the local president, asked him to urge the teachers to submit their application forms for these courses early to ensure their being able to attend the sessions of their choice.

Teachers obtained copies of the Montague High School mid-term examinations and also of outline maps, and of a specially prepared teacher's leaflet.

Primary, intermediate and senior discussion groups, into which the teachers were divided, proved very successful.

At the close of the meeting the next meeting be held in Montague High School on Thursday, April 4th. Lunch committee for the next meeting will be Mrs. S. MacEachern, Mrs. Z. Boudreau, Mrs. A. Gillis, Miss J. MacKenzie, Miss A. Keenan, and Mrs. B. MacKinnon.

Mr. LeLachur extended a vote of thanks to the lunch committee and to the staff of the Montague High School.



ENTERS CLINIC

Senator J.P. McIntyre who has left Ottawa for treatment at the Lahey Clinic in Boston, Mass.

Senate Hears Source of Movie Scandal Stories

By GENE HANDSAKER
LOS ANGELES (AP) — A private detective who said he once was Anita Ekberg's boy friend told a state Senate committee Thursday how he supplied Confidential Magazine with secret data and photos of the bosomy Swedish actress.

Fred Otash, 35-year-old private investigator, gave details of how the so-called scandal magazine gets its stories—but only after he was threatened with a contempt citation.

The committee is holding hear-

ings to determine if investigators have violated the law by selling their secrets to magazines.

The movie colony has been in dignant over stories appearing in scandal magazines. Millions of dollars in suits have been filed. The current hearings are said to be attributable in part to studio pressure on the state legislature to do something about the articles.

Otash, retained by Hollywood Research, Inc., west coast arm of Confidential, said he "used to go with Anita for about seven or eight months in 1954."

PHOTOGRAPHED ANITA

Senator Edwin Regan, a Dem-

ate problems of unemployment, emigration, the high cost of living and falling export markets.

ECONOMIC QUESTION

There is, too, a growing revulsion in the republic against the continuing violence along the border and a feeling that such action can only widen the gulf between North and South.

Yet there is an undercurrent of admiration among republicans of all shades of political belief for the Sinn Feiners' unrelenting attitude to partition.

"I think these border raids are a bad thing, but you must admit they're brave lads," is a typical comment.

What troubles thoughtful republicans more than the raids is Sinn Fein's declared policy of severing all British economic links if they take power. Ireland's currency is supported by the sterling area and Britain is the main market for her agricultural products, the backbone of the economy.

"The Lord protect us, we'd starve to death if we lost the British market," said a sturdy Wicklow farmer. "And then what would be the use of our fine republic."

FORESEE REVIVAL

A dominant force in Irish politics until its ranks were split by the civil war of 1922, Sinn Fein is looking to the election to act as a springboard for future revival.

Apart from prestige, it matters little to Sinn Fein if one or all of its 19 candidates are elected for that will give effective leadership in tackling the grave and immedi-

Sinn Fein Looks To Irish Election For Revival Chance

By KEN METHERAL
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DUBLIN (CP) — The election showpiece in the dingy, L-shaped office two floors up at 31 Wicklow Street in Dublin is a tattered newspaper whose headline declares in bold, black type: "We have failed the revolution."

The office is the tradition headquarters of Sinn Fein, which has entered 19 candidates in the March 5 Irish general election. It is the rallying point for those Irishmen who believe that only by militant methods can the border be abolished between the 26 counties of the republic and the six counties of British-aligned Ulster.

It is the party generally accepted as the political arm of the Irish Republican Army, whose commando-type forces have been blamed for the recent outbreak of terrorism in Northern Ireland.

public's House of Commons.

The party claims the composition of the Dail is unconstitutional since it has no representation from Northern Ireland. To Sinn Feiners, the Dail is a "partition" assembly and to enter it would mean admitting the fact of partition.

FORWARD LOOK

"We are really working toward the next general election when we hope to contest every one of the 147 seats," says party Secretary Michael Traynor.

"Providing we gain a majority, we will be prepared to assume governmental control over the 26 counties but at the same time we would proclaim our right to govern all Ireland and would invite members of the Northern Ireland Parliament to take seats in an all-Ireland Parliament."

Sinn Fein's we-won't-play attitude will probably cost the support of some voters dissatisfied with the performance of the two main parties—Fine Gael and Fianna Fail—which have followed each other in and out of office at less than three-year intervals since 1948.

What many Irish voters appear to be searching for is some party that will give effective leadership in tackling the grave and immedi-

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