

Gerald Waring Reporting

OTTAWA — Despite the discussions here between Production Minister Howe and US economic stabilization director Eric Johnston, price and wage controls for Canada seem as far away as ever.

When Johnston flew from Washington to confer with Howe over inflation, the idea grew that maybe this presaged direct Canadian controls similar to those in the US.

This suspicion was given a fillip by the announcement that Johnston's visit would be followed by similar talks between Howe and two other top US officials: prices stabilization director Michael Disalle, and mobilization director Charles E. Wilson.

However, it's all but certain that what this adds up to is not Canadian price and wage controls, but rather (1) closer cooperation between the two countries to beat inflation, and (2) equitable allocation of scarce strategic materials to the defence efforts of both countries.

If Johnston came to Ottawa with the opinion that Canada too should stop under no illusion when he left that the Government would take such action soon.

This was evident when he told newsmen that he and Howe had talked about "mutual problems on prices — means and methods by which the US and Canada can cooperate and work together under our two systems."

The American system is one of fairly elastic direct controls, plus very drastic indirect controls, such as a moderate restriction of consumer credit. The Canadian system is limited so far to indirect controls which are much stiffer than those in the US.

There's been a lot of domestic pressure on the Government to impose direct price controls. Trade unions, farm unions and consumer groups generally all want them.

And every time the cost-of-living goes up — which is nearly every month — the pressure becomes stronger. However, the Government's attitude is that inflation would have to become a lot worse before the cabinet would turn to price and wage controls in peacetime.

Actually, there's probably less reason for price controls on consumer goods right now than there was a few months ago. In both Canada and the US the cost of living seems to be leveling off. For example, the Canadian index went up only two tenths of a point in April and the US consumer price index increased only by half that much in March.

These are hopeful signs, indicating something like equilibrium under present conditions. But conditions may change as our defence program moves into high gear — in which case a new dose of inflation is almost certain. How bad it will be depends largely on the effectiveness of controls here and in the States, and how much we're able to increase our productivity.

At the present time, Howe and Johnston are far more concerned with stabilizing prices to keep down the cost of rearmament, than they are with the effect of rising prices on the consumer.

Defence Minister Claxton pointed up this difficulty weeks ago when he told a New York audience that the cost of defence equipment was so great that "neither we nor our allies can get what we know we need without going on an all-out war economy."

That's the real reason for this marshalling of forces in Ottawa and Washington to hold the price line.

LONDON—(CP)—A girl collapsed in juvenile court here when the judge read a report card to her. It described the girl as "antisocial, mean and having the makings of a bully."

Community Honours Bride And Groom

A lovely shower was held in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Acorn in Pownal Hall. The happy couple, after mingling with their friends, were finally led to the platform which was decorated with flags in honour of the groom's service overseas, by Miss Judy Acorn and Master Gordon Herman. Miss Judy, wearing pink organdy with shoulder length veil, Master Gordon very formal in top hat, wheeling a prettily decorated carriage to the lovely strains of the Wedding March played by Mrs. Nathaniel MacKinnon. Mrs. Harold Acorn, ably supported by Mrs. Clifford Chandler, the groom's best man and lifelong friend, with whom he was overseas, followed the bride and groom.

Mr. Lewis Herman addressed the following: "On this happy occasion we are here to celebrate the marriage of Cyrus Acorn to Ann MacQuarrie and to welcome Mrs. Acorn very heartily. I am sure we wish them all the joys of a happy wedded life. Some of you may not have met Mr. Acorn, so now we will have a mass introduction. Mr. Acorn, meet your friends."

Mr. Acorn then came forward and received a hearty hand clap. "Now to show our appreciation in a more substantial way, we will have the opening of gifts."

The gifts were opened by Mrs. George Lawton and Mrs. Lewis Herman, the postscripts being read by Mrs. Ray Herman, Mr. Eddison Smith, George Lawton and Harold Smith also took part. The groom responded by quite a lengthy speech. "For He's A Jolly Good Fellow" was then sung.

Dancing was then resumed, music being rendered by Mr. Athol Buell, Richard Burbeau, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Drake and Herman Innes.

Mrs. Pearl Herman, Minnie Weatherby and Ruth Judson, with able help, prepared the lunch which was enjoyed by close to a hundred friends.

The party closed by singing "God Save the King."

The happy couple will reside in Toronto.

Brookfield Couple Honored By Relatives

On the evening of June 19th, relatives and their families of Mr. and Mrs. Walter MacLeod gathered at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert MacKinnon of Charlottetown, to honour this couple on the occasion of their fortieth wedding anniversary.

When all the guests had arrived the bride and groom of forty years were escorted to the seat of honor by their granddaughters, Joyce and Gloria MacKinnon. When they were seated, their other granddaughter Ruth MacLeod presented the bride with a bouquet of carnations and chrysanthemums, a gift of their grandchildren.

At this time, their grandson Harvey MacKinnon read an address of congratulations and best wishes, while their son Gordon presented them with a radio on behalf of their Island relatives, and Brian Hathaway presented them with gifts and envelopes of money from their relatives in Bangor, Maine.

Mr. MacLeod fittingly replied. Delicious refreshments were served and the remainder of the evening was spent in games and social entertainment.

At a late hour the guests departed wishing Mr. and Mrs. MacLeod many more years of happy wedded life. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hathaway and sons Brian and Bruce of Bangor, Maine, made the trip to the Island especially for this occasion. Mrs. Hathaway was the former Eleanor MacLeod, daughter of the late Roderick Alexander MacLeod, formerly of Brookfield.

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Dr. H. C. Meyers, a graduate from a Chicago medical college, turned criminal and poisoned seven persons before the long arm of the law finally caught up with him. Why did this clever young medico turn to murdering people? Because he wanted to get rich quick. First, he saw to it that his victims were heavily insured. Then he put them out of the way by using poison.

He was first brought to trial in December, 1903. It was wrecked by a dramatic incident. As counsel were delivering their concluding speeches, one of the jurors suddenly went insane and had to be placed in a mental institution and a new trial was ordered.

In the 2nd trial, which lasted several weeks, the Judge observed that the evidence was plain, and that the crime was one of the most atrocious of which he had ever heard. So he instructed the jury in plain language to bring in a verdict of murder in the first degree.

The jury retired and spent many hours in arriving at a decision, because one man would agree to nothing more severe than murder in the 2nd degree. Finally, his colleagues yielded through sheer exhaustion.

So Dr. Meyers, twice tried for murder, escaped with a life sentence.

To find the age of a tree, count the number of rings across the stump after the tree has been felled.

AUGUSTINE COVE W. L.

The June meeting of the Augustine Cove Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Lester MacWilliams. Meeting opened by singing the "Institute Ode", followed by "Creed" in unison. Roll call was responded to by twenty-three members and ten visitors. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Correspondence was read and discussed.

It was decided to hold a social in the school the last week in June, each member taking lunch. It was moved and accepted to give five dollars to the teachers for prizes at school closing. Mrs. Eldon Dawson and Mrs. Wendall MacFadyen were appointed as delegates to the executive meeting for next year.

Reports of the committees were then heard and new ones appointed. Sick and program committee, Mrs. Fred Leard, Mrs. Kenneth Cameron; lunch committee, Mrs. Joseph Wadman, Mrs. Fred Leard, Mrs. Kenneth Cameron, Mrs. Donald MacDonald.

Mrs. Harry MacFarlane kindly invited members to her home for the next meeting.

Meeting closed with "God Save the King", after which a dainty lunch was served by the hostess assisted by the committee in charge. Collection \$4.00.

ed. Each ring corresponds to one year.

The following item reached me from a resident of Brockley Point. Who stole the porker? Nobody. It turned out that the missing piglet — a mere youngster, aged two months — was found in a field some distance from the farm with its dome stuck fast in a can. Chuckling to himself, its owner carried the pig home, consulted his wife. She advised the use of a can opener. "Good idea," agreed her husband. A bit of team work did the trick, and the snooty porker was released from the can.

At the age of 12, John Law was stumping the professors of Edinburgh with his knowledge of mathematics.

At 20, he was known all over Europe as a notorious gambler.

At 26 he killed a man in a duel, was arrested, tried for murder, and sentenced to be hanged. But two days before the execution was to take place, he broke prison and fled to France. Here he became a swindler of the first order, guaranteeing to pay dividends of 120 per cent in his wild projects.

But the bubble burst and John Law was forced to flee from France, leaving all his treasure behind. Nine years later, Law, the man who had commanded millions, died in Venice friendless and flat broke.

The brilliant novelist, Alexander Dumas, turned out one thousand two hundred volumes! That is twice as much writing as the entire output of Bernard Shaw, Winston Churchill, H. G. Wells, R. L. Stevenson, Rudyard Kipling, and Pearl Buck.

Blessed with the physique of a prize fighter Dumas raced all over Europe, and boasted that he was the father of 500 children. But this master mind — the writer of that immortal novel "The Three Musketeers" — squandered a fortune of over \$3,000,000 and died at a ripe old age in loneliness, poverty and neglect.

The principal insects which are capable of inflicting painful or poisonous bites or stings are fleas, bedbugs, bees, wasps, mosquitoes, spiders, the scorpion, the jigger tick and the midget fly. By the way there's nothing better than hot vinegar for reducing the swollen parts and easing the pain.

King's Evil, while common to all countries, is more common in England than anywhere else. 24 per cent of the inhabitants suffer from this constitutional disorder, strange but true.

It used to be a widely held notion that the Kings could cure the ailment by merely touching the affected part with their fingers.

The swallow feeds and rests while in flight.

If the devil catches a man idle, he will find him a job, supply the tools, and before long pay him wages. The old adage: "The early bird catches the worm" is fully borne out by the following:

When Dr. Adam Clarke was a young man he saw a copy of Erasmus' Greek Testament advertised,

usually large litter at one birth. It is also a prolific family of kittens yet some years ago, when Wesley Gann was living at Cornwall, his cat gave birth to 12 kittens, and some weeks later, his dog had 12 pups, believe it or not!

Lorne MacPhail, Cornwall, has an old charcoal smoothing iron with the name of the maker and date of manufacture still readable. This ancient gadget was found between the walls of his home when he had the building remodeled last summer.

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