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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest link"

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Trans-Canada Tour

Hon. Harry Hays, federal Minister of Agriculture, has come up with an idea which may prove of some value both to Parliament and to the country. He is planning to take the 60-member House of Commons agriculture committee on a cross-Canada tour in August to acquaint them with farm problems at first hand.

Of course, there will be criticism of this tour; and if it turns out to be just another excuse for junketing, the expenditure in time and money would be unjustified. But Mr. Hays' point is that a lot of farm critics on the Commons committee don't know what they are talking about except when dealing with problems in their own regional areas. He proposes to give them the opportunity of acquiring a broader concept of things.

It is too bad that these gentlemen should have to be re-educated at the taxpayers' expense, or indeed that it should be necessary at all in the case of a committee which, in agricultural matters, is supposed to represent the most knowledgeable part of the House. But granting Mr. Hays' premise, a tour of the kind he proposes could have rewarding results.

Mr. Hays wants to see Quebec farm members of Parliament down in the southern part of Swift Current where they cannot see their hand in front of them for dust. He wants to see the Saskatchewan farm member stand up in Newfoundland where he will be up to his knees in muskeg, and out in B.C. and northern Alberta and Saskatchewan where there are only 90 frost-free days in the year and 100 members have to take a good look at the problems in these areas, "and then we can bring together the sort of program in which every farmer in Canada can believe."

He didn't mention Prince Edward Island, perhaps because we haven't got to contend with the horrendous problems of the areas to which he referred. We are the garden province of Canada, the most beautiful and the most attractive in its agricultural layout. But we have serious farm problems just the same, and it is to be hoped that when the committee visits us in August it will be given every opportunity of looking into them.

Of course, we mustn't fail to extend our traditional hospitality to the pregerinating parliamentarians. But we give them notice in advance that we shall expect them to be more concerned about collecting material for their home work than in gadding around at cocktail parties.

Billion Dollar Potential

The new Department of Industry in the Federal Government is intended to advise, promote and inform private business. The department already has more than 500 employees and, unless times have changed, its staff will increase year by year, and even week by week. It has been contended that this new setup in addition to the Department of Trade Commerce is unnecessary — that the latter department should be doing what the new department is planning to do. Whatever ground there is for this criticism, it is surely time that industry, generally, was being encouraged to do more for itself.

We are reminded of this by a recent speech before the Engineering Institute of Canada by Hon. George H. Mees, former Minister of

Trade and Commerce, who expressed concern at the lack of confidence which Canadian businessmen show in the ability of their product to sell abroad. From his wide experience, Mr. Hees was convinced that there is a very large volume of additional trade waiting for Canadian producers if they will go into the markets of the world and pick it up.

He recalled a survey made during his own years in government that produced a list of more than 2,500 individual Canadian products which were not then being sold abroad, and which Canadian trade commissioners were confident could be sold easily in their territories if their producers would go abroad and sell them. This list, distributed throughout Canadian industry, resulted in many millions of dollars of additional export sales.

That survey was carried out when the value of the Canadian dollar was \$1.02 in terms of United States dollars. In 1961 the dollar was devalued and pegged at 92 1/2 cents, giving a 10 per cent improvement in the competitive position of Canadian exports. If another detailed survey were made today, Mr. Hees was convinced that the list of products unsold in 1961 which could easily be sold in their markets—2,500 at that time—would today be in excess of 10,000 products, with an annual sales volume of more than a billion dollars a year. Businessmen, he insisted, should go abroad and pick up the windfall which the devalued dollar, and Canadian skill at producing acceptable products, has made available to them.

Perhaps this is the kind of crusade we need, launched by businessmen themselves, rather than a new department of government to tell them what to do and spend more of the taxpayers' money.

Red Shield Appeal

Once again, throughout the month of June, the familiar symbol of the Red Shield will be prominently displayed, reminding us that the Salvation Army is staging its annual appeal for funds for the upkeep of the many institutions under its wing. Businessmen often marvel at the modest amount the Army calls for in its million-wide campaign—a mere \$3 million for the maintenance of some 100 institutions, and a mass of other types of work operating from coast to coast—and even down in Bermuda. The old saying, "The Army makes a dollar go farther than any other organization can," is true, and boils down to the fact that its officers serve for a mere living wage because they are dedicated to their work.

A well-known Toronto columnist recently stated that he knew an officer who was drawing a stipend equivalent to that of an average tylist, yet who was carrying responsibilities that would gain for him a princely salary in an "outside" job. Yet where would you find a happier, more contented group of men and women? The work is of its own reward, and there is no satisfaction like that when it comes to a person who has just helped to lend a helping hand to one in desperate straits.

Nowhere does the Army stand higher in my esteem than in Prince Edward Island, nowhere is its ability to spend the modest sums it collects to the best advantage. Let's hope, therefore, that its June appeal will receive, here as elsewhere, a generous and sympathetic response.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Work has begun again on the cleaning of St. Paul's Cathedral in London. It is a gargantuan task, involving much stonework which has to be restored as well as cleaned. But once the job has been done it is estimated to last for at least 200 years.

An attractive new booklet, published by the Historical Society of Prince Edward Island and edited by the society's secretary, Mrs. Mary Brehaut, should prove of special interest at this time. It features a number of the Island's historic highlights and is intended to bring home, to the younger generation especially, the manners, morals, and customs of earlier days. Works of numerous Island authors are drawn upon, and the result is both pleasing and informative.

Advertisement for 'California Gold Rush' featuring a cartoon of a man with a shovel and a 'ROCK' label. Text includes 'RESIDENTIAL TIMBER', 'BRITISH COMMENTARY', and 'Trade And Development Proposals'.

RESIDENTIAL TIMBER

BRITISH COMMENTARY

Trade And Development Proposals

Britain and other Western Nations have put forward new proposals for the type of machinery which they consider to be best suited to continue the work of the present United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. The emphasis is on accelerating the economic growth of the developing countries themselves. The Commission would keep under continued review the effectiveness and further evolution of organizational arrangements as may appear feasible. It would also study the problems relating to international commodity trade. It would establish sub-committees as it considered necessary in particular one in commodities. All the expenses of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies would be borne by the United Nations, with the addition of a special account to receipt of contributions from Conference participants who are not members of the United Nations. On all these points, broadly speaking, there is general agreement between the Western and the less-developed countries.

Who Will Follow Nehru?

By Joseph MacSwiney Canadian Press Staff Writer

It seems infinitely sad to recall that Prime Minister Nehru said only a week ago today: 'My lifetime is not ending so very soon.' In his gentle way, Nehru was turning aside questions as to whether he should name a successor during his lifetime to protect the democracy he did so much to achieve in India. Now that Nehru is no more, the Congress in India is faced with the succession in the country of 400,000,000 with its vast diversity of races, religion and economic problems. Nehru's Congress Party holds 353 of the 500 seats in India's House of the People so that it is obvious the new leader must come from the mainstream of that political group.

But the range of political coloring in the Congress is far greater than in political parties as known in the West. Western countries. It embraces radicals like V. K. Krishna Menon and conservative like Morarji Desai, pillar of financial orthodoxy and former finance minister of the government. CONGRESS MAY SPLIT

In fact, some observers have been wondering whether the Congress may split now that the magic and enormous prestige of Nehru is definitely behind it. Out struggle for the Nehru succession would point in that direction. The Nehru tradition of a mixed socialist economy dates that the new leader should favor socialism but not be hostile to a measure of private enterprise. He will be a moderate Hindu.

But the man who can to a considerable degree claim to be Nehru's choice is Lal Bahadur Shastri, 50, a five-foot, bird-like figure who has a different background from the dead prime minister—a brilliant political organizer. He left the cabinet last August to help reconstruct the somewhat flabby Congress Party but was recalled in January as a sort of unofficial deputy premier when Nehru needed help after his stroke.

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Bony Muscles From Bruises In A Seller's Market

Registered nurses are working in a strong sellers' market and Judge N.V. Buchanan, immediate past president of the Canadian Hospital Association probably didn't disturb the Canadian Nurses Association a bit when he warned them not to price themselves out of the market.

For all practical purposes nurses are able to pick the spots where they choose to work. It is not remarkable that the nurses' association would press demands upon the hospitals for improved working conditions and wage levels. Hospital administrators should not go into deep sleep when it is suggested that they are going to do just that.

Miss Electra MacLennan, president of the Canadian Nurses Association at a meeting of the Canadian Hospital Association was supported by Dr. W. W. Wight representing the Canadian Medical Association when she attacked what she called self-effacing martyrdom preventing the nurses from fighting for their rights as employees. Dr. Wight added that society no longer appreciates dedication and devotion to duty from people in the service professions. The good doctor was perhaps not altogether right, but there is appreciation of efficient, devoted and sympathetic nurses by those who are sick, at least what the nurses are seeking is some tangible expression of this. Limitations are placed on nurses' private lives by such things as shift and emergency work. Most others enjoy extra compensation for this. Nurses generally do not.

There is another viewpoint. Nurses who feel that they are appreciated, that devotion is reciprocated by the best possible conditions of work, find it easier to lavish the care and sympathy on their patients which is expected of them. They can hardly be expected to be happy martyrs and watch workers in other fields given benefits denied them because of an oath of devotion to duty.

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