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Business Conditions

In its monthly review of agricultural and industrial conditions, the Canadian Pacific Railway reports that an upward trend in manufacturing activities has been manifest during the past two years. The fact is that the impetus lent to business revival in this country by the Ottawa trade agreements of 1932 continues to be operative despite doubtful tariff moves by the present Ottawa administration.

In spite of the disturbance caused by the presidential election in the United States, American newspapers report a marked confidence in the coming Fall trade. The arrival of buyers in New York is understood to have set a six-year record. Republicans say that this hopeful development is due to the prospects of a Republican victory at the polls next November.

Proved To The Hilt

Newspaper readers were surprised to read in a Patriot editorial recently that a statement made by Hon. Dr. MacMillan at the annual meeting of the West Prince Conservative Association that this Province obtained more than \$1,200,000 from the Bennett Government for various purposes was false and could not be substantiated from any public accounts.

Foes To Potato Bugs

Modern science is continuing its battle against insects in Canada in an effort to save the farmers large sums of money which at the present time meet the cost of insecticides. Among activities being carried out this season by the Dominion Entomological Service is the collection of parasites and predators of the potato bug, or, more correctly, the Colorado Beetle.

Last year, says the Fredericton Gleaner, internal parasites of the potato bug were collected in New Brunswick by R. P. GORHAM, Entomologist in charge of the Garden Insect Division at the Dominion Entomological Laboratory in Fredericton. This year, predators of the potato bug as well as parasites are being collected there and forwarded to the Parasite Laboratory at Belleville.

It has been observed by potato growers during the past few days, says the Gleaner, that while adult potato bugs are about as numerous as usual, there seems to be few larvae on the plants. It is uncertain as yet whether this is due to the activities of predator insects eating the eggs of the potato bug, or to some other cause.

Editorial Notes

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New Brunswick is taking stringent action to protect her potato market. Fines of \$25 were levied against two produce dealers, one doing business in Fredericton and the other in Saint John, when they appeared before Magistrate PALMER on charges of exporting native potatoes without a certificate of inspection.

They're all doing it. An armament programme spread over twelve years and requiring an expenditure of 3,000,000,000 yen (about \$882,000,000) in the first six years, is the main feature of the Jap Government Army proposals just submitted to the Cabinet as part of the national administrative renovation plan.

Canada has passed through its tenth major drought of the last fifty years. A study of Weather Bureau records and graphs show widespread moisture deficiencies and high temperatures for the country as a whole in 1880, 1894, 1901, 1917, 1921, 1924 and 1934. On the other hand the country has experienced twelve abnormally wet years in the last fifty. These fell in 1890, 1898, 1902, 1905, 1909, 1912, 1915, 1919, 1923, 1927, 1928 and 1929.

U. S. A. entered into a game treaty with Mexico supplementing the Migratory Birds Treaty. A bill passed Congress last month and was approved by President Roosevelt. The new law is designed to make effective a convention between the United States and Mexico for protection of migratory birds and animals. Ratification of the law by Mexico is yet to follow, and it will take effect upon proclamation of the exchange of ratifications.

English High Court judges seem still determined to have the use of "English undefined" by lawyers. Following the recent objection of a judge in the High Court to the use by counsel of the expression "peteing out," Mr. Justice SWIFT recently resented the use of "ipso facto."

The Times-Review of Port Erie, Ontario, has issued a handsome Reciprocal Trade Supplement which features optimistically the trade prospects between Canada and the United States, and the harmonious and friendly relations existing along the largest unfortified boundary in the world.

Little David New Zealand is not one bit afraid of big Uncle Goliath Sam, and is retreating in kind for the latter's subsidizing of Pacific shipping. "Subsidies are inevitable if British shipping is to survive in the Pacific," said Minister of Marine W. FRASER, addressing the Otago Harbor Board.

The correspondent of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Buenos Aires reports under date of July 1 that the weather during June was characterized by continuous rains, heavy atmospheric humidity and a lack of sunshine. "Crop conditions," he says, "are almost the reverse of those of a year ago when because of the drought then prevailing seeding operations were held up by the hardness of the ground making ploughing impossible."

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Notes by the Way

The French revolutionists had as much success and as fanatical a devotion to the reform of the world as the Russian Bolshevist. However, after much bloodshed, out of the French Revolution came a more democratic government and a wider liberty for the French people.

Under the claspnet and static and canned speeches of both political conventions one note was clear. One real emotion, narrow but profound, ran through the quadrennial folk festival—a recurrent emotion for America, the strong homesickness of wandering Americans for the large, loose and comfortable pattern which has always otherwherese this country from all other countries.

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These doctors state that these results apply to some extent to human beings. And this is also in line with the opinion of Prof. McCollum, Johns Hopkins University, who tells us that if to the ordinary everyday diet we add some dairy product and raw fruit or vegetable daily there is no need to worry about our daily diet.

In sending Mr. William Phillips, Under Secretary of State, as Ambassador to Italy, President Roosevelt is submitting a trained professional diplomat for a political appointee. Mr. Breckinridge Long has filled his post in Rome adequately. But in view of the exceptional importance of Italy in World affairs these days it is clearly advisable to have an American representative in Rome as a man of long foreign training.

What nice people the Nazi lawyers are. Their latest ruling is that German Jews will be expected to fight for Germany in the next war. "It is expected that they will be given special services" in the event of another outbreak of armed strife. They will not be permitted, however, to perform military service in peace time.

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Reporters seldom appear in the news. Their job is to report it as it is made rather than to make it, so that it is unusual to see instances to the contrary. Twice in the League hall this week, reporters have disturbed the sessions, once when Italian newspapersmen created such a commotion that they were ejected, imprisoned and expelled from Switzerland, and recently when one took his own life during the debates.

That Body of Ours

BY JAMES W. BARTON, M.L.A. TRYING ON SMALL ANIMALS THE FOODS EATEN BY HUMAN BEINGS

As it is the food we eat that builds the body and repairs worn out tissue, it is only natural that nearly everybody is interested in food from the nearest standpoint. That certain foods appear to some and not to others, is a matter of habit and not of health.

Most of us do not want to have to live according to any special diet even if it is prescribed by a qualified food expert. Further, the fact that a certain diet appears to keep guinea pigs or white mice in good health doesn't appeal to us as being any reason that this particular diet would be just as effective if eaten by human beings.

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The Poet's Corner

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Heap cassia, sandal-buds and stripes Of labdanum, and aloë-balls, Smeared with dull hard an Indian From our her hair: such balsam falls Down sea-side mountain pedestals, From tree-tops where tired winds are faint, Spent with the vast and howling main, To treasure half their island gain.

—Robert Browning.

Sir Robert Rait

Sir Robert Sangster Rait, principal of Glasgow University, who died recently, was one of the most distinguished educationists of his day in Scotland, and his work as teacher, writer, and administrator earned for him the widest respect and appreciation.

In October, 1929, Professor Rait, as he then was, was appointed Principal of the University of Glasgow in succession to Sir Donald MacAllister, Bart, K. O. B. who had resigned, and he proved a worthy successor to that eminent scholar.

Born in 1874 at Aberdeen, the eldest son of the late David Rait, the late Principal was educated at Aberdeen University, where he graduated in 1894, and was for a short period assistant to the Professor of Logic. In 1896 he was elected to an Exhibition in Modern History at New College, Oxford, and there he remained for 14 years, building up a reputation for accurate and painstaking research, originality of deduction, and lucid exposition of fact.

In 1900 he became a lecturer, and three years afterwards, a tutor of New College. As a lecturer he was spoken of in high terms by his colleagues, who referred to his orderly and lucid exposition and his power of arresting the attention and arousing the interest of his students.

His place in the field of history was peculiar, writes D.M. in The Glasgow Herald. Spiritually, he was in the tradition of Sir Walter Scott and Andrew Lang; yet in his method he was the pupil of Stubbs. Indeed, it was his ambition to be the Stubbs of Scotland, and this ambition he realised when in 1924 he published his great work upon the Parliaments of Scotland.

Prior to the appearance of this work the study of Constitutional History in Scotland was in an odd position. Some of our great lawyers had undertaken it very well, though they had tended to regard it perhaps as an arcane imperium, and had not troubled much to take the general public into their confidence.

As for the historians, many of them had been mainly interested in the romances which seemed to be the controversy of our country's past, and those who had touched upon "The Constitution" had sometimes stumbled into error in a mistaken attempt to show that Scotland was as good as England. They had assumed, as many historians did some fifty years ago, that "Constitution" meant very much the same thing.

Rait, who freely acknowledged his debt to the present Historiographer-Royal, set things in an entirely new light. He showed that in Scotland—as in England and France, for that matter—Parliament was a derivative of feudalism in origin, and that the supposed anti-feudal "parliamentary" or "conciliar institutions" (which had puzzled our constitutional historians greatly) was an error. His book will be a standard for many years. He had intended to follow it up with a volume upon the General Assembly which seemed one time likely to usurp the functions of Parliament; but though he had made some progress with this work he was compelled to abandon it when, in 1929, he was made Principal of the University.

To the task of his great office he devoted himself with enthusiasm. Nothing was too big for him, nothing too small. His energy was amazing, and it was accompanied—as energy not always is—by a kindness and tolerance which made everything go well, and held the

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(Cambridge Manuals) (1912), and University together in concord during some very difficult years in which the woes of "economic depression" were added to the mental unrest produced by the war. In these hard times it was a great thing for a university to have a principal whom everyone could approach in confidence of a sympathetic hearing.

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WOMEN GYMNASTS TO BERLIN LONDON.—(C.P.)—The Amateur Gymnastic Association is sending a team of eight women to compete in the Olympic Games in Berlin.

SWANSEA IS FAVORED GARDIFF, Wales.—(C.P.)—By a vote of 81 to 80 it was decided at the annual meeting of the Welsh Rugby Union to stage the international fixture with Scotland on Feb. 6 at Swansea.

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