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British Trade

Sir David Eccles' announcement that Britain is relaxing restrictions on imports of certain goods from the dollar area is good news. It ought to result in increased sales of Canadian products in the British market. The announcement came only a day or two after Finance Minister Fleming had berated British officials for what he called discrimination against the dollar area. This, however, was a coincidence. The plan must have been worked out before the British delegation left for Montreal.

It now remains for the Canadian Government to reciprocate by deciding not to put any further restriction in the way of British exports to this country and by taking seriously the Prime Minister's pre-election promise to encourage imports from Britain in every way possible. So far, little or nothing has been done in that connection. In fact, the general trend has been in the opposite direction.

Meanwhile, we do not think that Mr. Fleming's suggestion that the pound be made convertible into the dollar is realistic at this time. After all, the British know their own financial problems better than Mr. Fleming knows them; and it was impertinent of him to suggest that there is no longer any excuse for non-convertibility. It would be a fine thing, of course, if British business men could take their pounds to a bank and receive in exchange the equivalent amount of dollars and then proceed to spend them on Canadian goods. But before this can become practical Britain will have to possess much greater dollar reserves; and the only way these extra dollars can be accumulated is by selling more goods in the dollar area, especially in Canada.

Let Mr. Fleming do everything he can within reason to build up that trade; and he will find that the British are just as keen on convertibility as he is.

Wedgeport vs Conception

No one knows for sure what caused the tuna to steer clear of Wedgeport, N.S. during the three-day international tournament. Some experts are of the opinion that the fish have changed their migratory habits and that, for some reason known only to them, Nova Scotia waters are no longer in their itinerary. Others believe that the heavy rains which fell this summer along the Eastern seaboard threw so much fresh water into the sea that its salt content went below that required by tuna.

Only one thing is certain; this year's tournament was a total failure; except of course, in the enjoyment which every fisherman experiences whether he catches anything or not. It was a far cry from the summer of 1949, the best year on record, when in the three day event five teams caught 72 bluefins with a weight of 14 tons. During that summer a total of 1760 were landed, weighing in the vicinity of 450,000 pounds.

Meanwhile, those who have been advocating a change from Wedgeport to Conception Bay, Newfoundland, have added strength to their argument. Quite a number have been landed in the Conception Bay area; three large ones were taken by Newfoundland's tourist director, who can be counted on to publicize his feat very widely. Of course, one good season doesn't mean that from now on there will be plenty of sport to be had in Conception Bay. Perhaps next year the fish will go back to their former haunts. But there is no denying that at the moment the Newfoundland partisans have the advantage.

Hyperbole

The former Liberal Cabinet ministers who were routed in the last general election attributed their respective defeats to varied causes. In one thing, however, they appear to be unanimous. Almost without exception they say, in effect, that getting defeated was the best thing that ever happened to them.

The other day, for instance, former Trade Minister Howe, while in the vicinity of the Queen Elizabeth Hotel in Montreal, was asked if he was on his way to the Common-

wealth Conference. "Thank the Lord, no!" was his reply. This implied that he was glad he was no longer in office; for, of course, if he was he would almost certainly be attending the conference. At about the same time, former Agriculture Minister Gardiner, interviewed at his farm in Saskatchewan, stated that he was "very happy" he was out of politics.

It seems, therefore, that the people and the Conservative party rendered these men a great service by relieving them of all responsibility. It sounds a little childish, for all that. If Mr. Howe and Mr. Gardiner, et al, are so happy about being defeated, why did they stay in office so long and use every means at their disposal to keep themselves and the Liberal Party in power? Why did they not leave voluntarily five or ten years ago, without waiting for an obliging electorate to give them their discharge papers?

Mr. Howe and Mr. Gardiner are honourable men, of course; but we rather fancy that in the instances mentioned they were resorting to something which is sometimes referred to as "sour-grapes" reaction and sometimes as hyperbole.

Lights And Shadows

The recently concluded Victory Bond Conservation campaign revealed some interesting lights and shadows on behaviour in the field of finance.

In one instance, a safety deposit box which had not been opened for ten years was found to contain \$7,000 in convertible bonds. The owner was surprised. For all those years he had been under the impression that the bonds were worth only \$700.

In another case, an elderly lady turned up at a bank with \$20,000 worth of bonds which she kept in a biscuit box in her kitchen. Still another lady told bank officials that she always kept her bonds in a paper bag in the pantry. She thought this was a safer place than a bank vault. Bank officials were amused but not flattered.

In one house a Victory Bond was found hanging on a wall. The owner explained that she thought it was a Government certificate commending her for making a cash contribution to the war effort. She had no idea that it was worth anything.

The prize for faith in Canada's future and, incidentally, in his own, goes to a 97 year old man in Winnipeg who offered his bonds for conversion to the 25-year 4 1/2 per cent issue.

These lights and shadows make one wonder whether people are taking advantage of modern banking methods to the extent that is generally supposed. It would be interesting to know how much money and negotiable securities are still hidden away in such imaginative places as socks and cupboards—probably enough to pay the interest on the national debt.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Eric Johnston, who keeps an eye on Hollywood movie production, is said to be disturbed over pictures that have juvenile delinquency as their theme. The sooner he takes remedial action, the better it will be for society generally. Much harm has been done already.

50 years ago and more Little Bay on Newfoundland's Northeast coast was a thriving copper mining centre. As time went on and copper prices declined, mines became less and less profitable; and in due course they were closed. Now, they are being reopened on a larger scale than before; and Little Bay is once more a busy place.

Fishery officials are undoubtedly right in assuming that the great majority of lobster fishermen want the regulations against poaching enforced, and will welcome the announcement that stricter measures are being taken in this regard. Interference with the enforcement officers is, of course, a much graver offense and should be dealt with accordingly.

At long last it has been decided to put the ferry "William Carson" on the North Sydney-Port Aux Basques run. Regular trips to and from the Newfoundland port will begin on Oct. 5, according to C.N.R. officials. The ship has room for 246 passengers and 50 automobiles. It isn't likely, however, that there will be heavy car traffic until the Trans-Canada Highway across is completed a couple of years from now. We understand there is a fairly good road from Port Aux Basques to Corner Brook, a distance of a hundred miles or so.



LET'S FIND SOME COMMON RULES

Whither The Family Farm?

The Country Guide, Winnipeg

Much concern continues as to whether the family farm can survive the pressure of economic forces brought about by increasing mechanization and technological change.

Why do people think the family farm is declining in importance? Certainly some are concerned over the steady decline in farm numbers and the continuous rise in farm size. Between 1941 and 1956 the number of farms in Canada dropped from 733,000 to 575,000, while average farm size increased from 237 to 303 acres in the same period. Others argue that large numbers of our family farms cannot provide a satisfactory standard of living under the existing cost-price squeeze, which tends to expedite this trend.

Still others are alarmed by the potential threat to the family farm arising out of the expansion of contract farming.

THREE QUESTIONS

John M. Brewster, Agricultural Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, addressing the American Farm Economics Conference in Winnipeg last month, stated that the problem of the survival of the family farm as the dominant unit in agriculture hinges on three questions:

- (1) Is advance in farm technology likely to expand the size of efficient farms beyond the ability of the usual family to supply at least half the farm labor requirements?
- (2) Is such advance likely to expand farm investment beyond the ability of families to acquire enough capital to give them major control over farm operations?
- (3) Is technological advance in food processing and distribution likely to wipe out the family farm by creating a market structure

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From The Guardian Files)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(Sept. 20, 1933)

Mr. Robert T. Donald, Malpeque, was admitted to the Bar of Nova Scotia Tuesday morning on motion of Mr. W.C. MacDonald, President of the Nova Scotia Bar Association. Mr. Donald had a brilliant scholastic career at Prince of Wales College and at Dalhousie University, graduating from the latter institution a few years ago with great distinction.

The Summerside A.A. Baseball Club, Intermediate Champions of P.E.I. left yesterday for Newcastle, N.B. where they will meet the Imperials for the New Brunswick-P.E.I. championship. Players and officers include Cliff Montgomery, Jack Schurman, Fred Daley, Fred MacLeod, Reg Phillips, Rev. Mr. Watterworth, H. Bernard, Dr. A.A. McMurdo, Harry Crossman, James Millman, William Morrison, J.W. Kelly, Roy Daley, C. Ward, Robert Dewar.

TEN YEARS AGO

(Sept. 20, 1948)

At a special meeting of the Milk Producers and Vendors Association held last evening at Parkdale, a committee of three producers was appointed to meet with the Milk Board and explore the possibility of an increase in the price of fluid milk. The Committee will consist of Roland MacDonald, Chairman; Guy Rodd and Major MacRae.

Complaints that turnip shipments to points in the United States are being delayed because of an acute shortage of "reefer" cars, were made by Island shippers yesterday. It was explained that U.S. buyers specify refrigerator cars in order that turnips may be delivered in the best possible condition.

MAXIMS

An optimist is a person who sees a green light everywhere, while the pessimist sees only red stop light.... But the truly wise person is color-blind.

that takes over managerial control to a point where farmers are essentially supervising landlords or piece workers on a contract basis?

HOLDING ITS OWN

Drawing from his own experience and investigations, Dr. Brewster concluded that the family farm is holding its own handsomely in relation to the first two questions. In support of this contention he made the following points. In spite of the marked decline in farm numbers and the increase in farm size in the United States, calculations show that larger-than-family farms accounted for less of the total output in 1954 than they did 10 years earlier.

Research investigations at Michigan State University have satisfied economists that it is virtually impossible at present to design any form of dairy organization that would enable larger-than-family farms to drive out the most efficient family farms. The highest degree of mechanization and specialization is found on the wheat farms of the Prairies, and it is well recognized that no economies of scale are achieved through expanding such farms beyond the point where a family can do most of the work. Capital requirements of efficient farms have not expanded sufficiently to prevent increases in the number of owner-operated farms in the U.S. during the 1945-54 period.

THE THIRD QUESTION

In commenting on the third question, Dr. Brewster conceded that while contractual arrangements for farm output contained the possibility of farmers bargaining away their managerial prerogatives, he believed the threat of such arrangements to the family farm has been unduly exaggerated. He argued that contractual arrangements need not reduce the farmer's managerial

power.

This had been the experience of the fruit, vegetable and sugar beet growers who had been operating under contracts for years. Moreover, he believed that since producing hogs and feeding cattle were much more complicated activities than hatching chicks or raising broilers, it would be much more difficult to take these enterprises out of the hands of well-run family farms than it had been in the case of poultry production.

It would seem that the greatest threat to the survival of the family farm is either the inability or unwillingness of farm people to keep in step with mechanical and technological innovations. Wise government policies on research, education, credit, marketing and other matters can do much to facilitate adjustments which farmers need to make. However, governments cannot make decisions for individual farm families.



TWILIGHT AT BLACK POINT.

An orange August moon presides above Long Island Sound. The salt-sweet moving air Makes lip smart, nostril tingle, and dull care Decant. The night is apposite for love. Now through the phantom trees comes curlew's mild Complaint—this genius loel — and repeats. O Man, why, mured in recon-dite retreats, Bar out the benefit of this soothing wild? The stars of sky and Sound are coming out For one glad pair of eyes: form left to right First Fisher's Island light — a blood-red beam, The surge of sea, then Montauk's bright redoubt; And westward down the channel, strangely white, Imagination sees Manhattan gleam. JOHN F. DAVIDSON In the New York Times.

The Age Old Story

The Lord of Peace Himself give you peace always by all means.

NOTICE NATIONAL HOUSING ACT

A representative of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, which administers the National Housing Act for the Federal Government will be in Charlottetown at the Motel Charlottetown the afternoon of September 24th.

Those interested in discussing the possibilities of a mortgage loan are invited to meet the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation representative at that time.

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Breakfast Sets The Day Right

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

IF YOU have read a newspaper, listened to the radio or watched television, you have been advised fast tempo strenuous demands of modern life demand quick and lasting food energy. Then you have been urged to eat this or that brand of foodstuff.

FOOD ENERGY NEEDED

At least part of this is good advice for you do need quick and lasting food energy, particularly at breakfast.

Just what is quick and lasting energy. It means you get a prompt "life" because of a quick rise in the blood sugar and that this lasts because the blood sugar remains up and falls gradually during the late morning hours.

At a national food conference, held in Washington early this year, it was reported that only about one-half of the population eats adequate breakfasts. Some persons don't eat any breakfast at all.

DECREASES EFFICIENCY

Omitting breakfast, it has been proved, significantly decreases your physical and mental efficiency in the late morning hours.

Studies made at the College of Medicine of the University of Iowa indicated that a basic cereal and milk breakfast, providing about 20 mg. of mixed plant and

NOTES BY THE WAY

Nature provided sleep for man so that he can take frequent vacations from himself and avoid being bored to death.—Woodstock Sentinel-Review

Arab Unity is more an ideal than a reality. Syria is not happy as No 2 section of the United Arab Republic. Iraq has given no indication it will join the UAR—and give Nasser control of its oil revenues. Iraq wants Jordan. So does Syria. So does Egypt. It looks now as if Arab rivalry will see to it that Jordan, which must be evacuated soon by the British, will belong to no one country. It may be given special status, made a neutral zone, by the Arabs.—Montreal Gazette

adequate protein and calories, or about 25 per cent of the day's need.

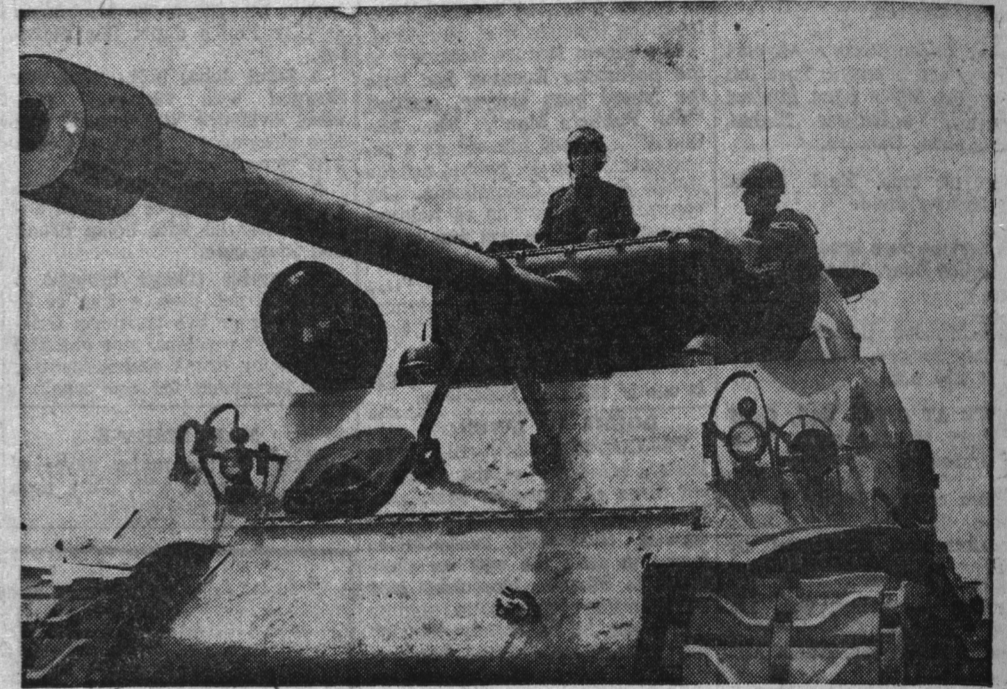
QUESTION AND ANSWER

T.L.T.: What causes my tongue constantly to burn? Is there any cure for this?

Answer: Burning of the tongue is usually due to infection. An examination of the mouth and nose should be made to determine what disorders are present, then treatment given.

At odd feature of Mideast oil is that it causes friction.—Kitchen-Waterloo Record

The demerit marks system for drivers which Ontario starts in November has the sound purpose of protecting good drivers from bad. It is a constant reminder to all, both good and bad, that driving is a privilege which must be earned or else it can and will be taken away when, or even before, the demerit count reaches 12. Best of all in its favor is that it works—in such places as Winnipeg where it has been applied in concert with a program of education.—Globe and Mail



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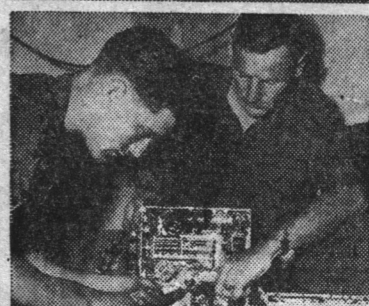
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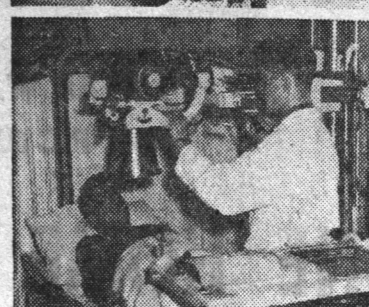
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