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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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Crown Corporations

Canada, like the United Kingdom, has experienced the growth in recent years of numerous satellites of government known as Crown corporations.

In socialist Britain, where the device of the Crown corporation enjoys even wider official popularity than in Canada, a survey of the nationalized industries and other activities carried on under the Crown corporation device has just been completed by a disinterested research organization, the Acton Society Trust.

Results of the investigation reveal that the most serious drawback of the Crown corporation is its unsatisfactory relations with Parliament. Debates concerning the activities of particular public corporations, the study reveals, are much too prone to turn into party dogfights instead of the dispassionate enquiry so essential to successful business operations.

The London Economist, commenting on the study, observes that "a public corporation is subject to some of the abuses of private monopoly, together with others all its own."

Canadian experience with Crown corporations reveals a striking parallel in the sort of problems that are likely to arise. The best solution, of course, is to stop creating Crown corporations.

The Food Problem

The Ottawa Journal notes that despite what the average consumer considers unwarranted high prices for many foods the fact remains there is a growing tendency among primary producers to reduce production.

There is a contradiction here, says the Journal, that has its roots deep in the economic divisions of this country. The natural course would be for farmers to increase their production as the demand grows but this has not taken place in recent years.

If the demand exists, why are farmers not producing more? To say that the farmer finds it uneconomical to sell at present farm price levels and still buy his equipment, other needs and labor on an ever-rising market is to over-simplify the problem.

seldom considers. The degree of service, the elaborate packaging, which so many consumers take for granted today, may all mean that less of the consumers' dollar is getting back to primary producers.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Congratulations are in order for the chosen representatives of the various municipalities who are now in office for a period of two years.

A German, Mr. Eugen Lorz has arrived at Ottawa to assume duty as Chancellor of the new German Consulate-General. This is a means to further trade with Western Germany.

A double tragedy occurred in a Chicago Baptist Church last Sunday when Rev. Howard C. Fulton, the pastor, collapsed and died in the pulpit, and the Church treasurer, Mr. Henry F. Weiler, who rushed to his assistance, collapsed and died in the pastor's office while talking to the doctor.

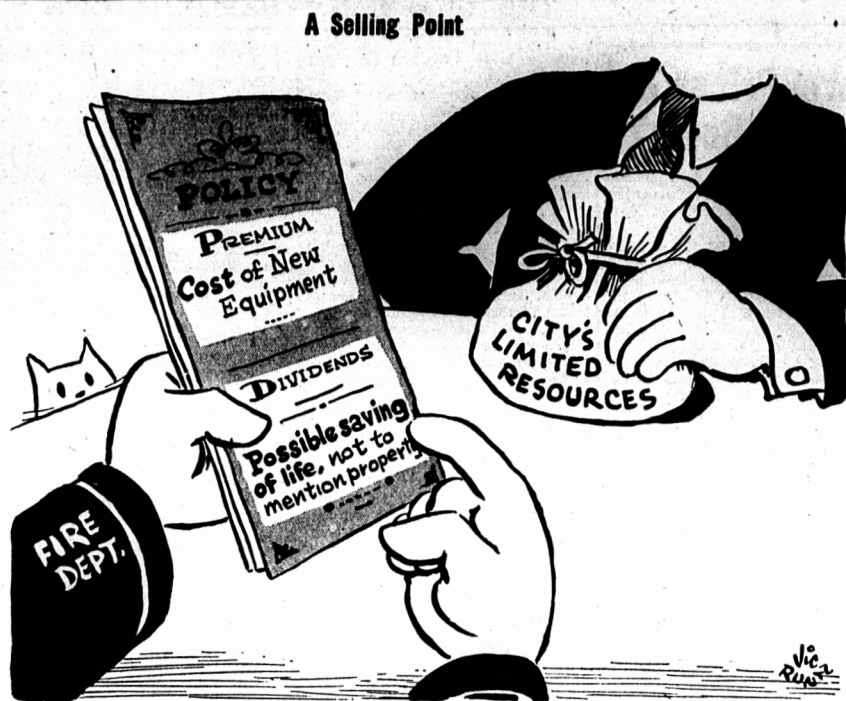
A "Go Slow" policy is being adopted by the Federal Government with reference to Korea. A similar policy, it seems, has been adopted towards Prince Edward Island, both as regards the vacant Senatorship and Queen's County M.P. by-election.

Communists expect to survive in power in East Germany for at least 14 years. Communist President Wilhelm Pieck of East Germany has promised to become "godfather" of every sixth child born to any East German mother.

Victor Marie Hugo, French novelist, born this date 1802. A son of General Hugo, he travelled with him through Spain and Italy during the Napoleonic campaigns. He returned to Paris for education, and subsequently entered politics.

It is going to be all-business when General Dwight D. Eisenhower goes to Ottawa today on the final leg of his tour of North Atlantic Pact Capitals. There will be no frills, no receptions, no state dinners.

Six years ago, on January 26, 1945, the 10th Infantry Brigade of the 4th Canadian Armoured Division launched at Kapelscheveer, in Holland, an attack which was to produce some of the bitterest fighting encountered by the Division in the Second World War.



The Poet's Corner

ON GROWING OLD Be with me, Beauty, for the fire is dying; My dog and I are old, too old for roving.

Old Charlottetown

"The salmon, lobster and oyster trade of this Colony is assuming larger proportions year by year. Messrs. Wilson and Waddell put up 11,500 cans of lobsters last year, most of which found a ready sale in England."

British Festivals

Queen Victoria's great-grandson, King George VI, will open the Festival of Britain on May 1, 100 years after she performed the ceremonies that launched the Great Exhibition.

The Public Forum

Japanese Emigration

A Reply to Mr. Vernon Crockett, M.A.

Sir,—It must surely appear somewhat amazing to your readers to read Mr. Vernon Crockett's letter in the Forum of Jan. 2nd in which he discusses the problem of making the Pacific world safe for democracy, especially as he boldly proposes that to this end Canada should be speedily and fully re-armed.

Readers of the Forum must remember too, that for several years during the war a persistent clamor was kept up, especially in British Columbia, for the complete banishment of these citizens from Canada, and that in fact an Order in Council was passed which provided for their ultimate banishment, and that this Order in Council was held over their heads like the sword of Damocles until the expiration of several years after the war.

Let it be remembered too, that all this occurred notwithstanding the fact that the then Prime Minister of Canada, W. L. Mackenzie King, while defending in the House of Commons the dispossessing and expelling of the Japanese as a war-time measure, felt obliged nevertheless to admit that not a single act of disloyalty could be charged against these citizens; and even their bitterest antagonists in British Columbia, as well as the more friendly police there, admitted that the Japanese Canadians were among the most industrious and law-abiding citizens in that Province.

But in justice to Mr. Crockett's letter, it is only fair to note that he makes no pretence to Christian charity in his magnificent plan for making the Pacific safe for democracy. No one can easily accuse him of either moral cant or light-flown idealism in his letter.

Now, I presume every intelligent reader of the Forum knows full well that for upwards of three centuries the Anglo-Saxon race, including the great American branch of it, has claimed the right to invade peacefully every continent and island worth exploring, and to trade peacefully with the natives in these continents or islands, and to settle peacefully among them, and any serious attempt on the part of the natives to drive out the peaceful emigrants was considered a cause for justifiable war.

Notes By The Way

A glance through the files of the Tribune shows that the Prime Minister has been our leading optimist in recent interviews and speeches. On December 30 the main headline on page one read: "No World War, Says St. Laurent."

Most Canadians will read Madge Macbeth's lively little pamphlet, "Canada's Library of Parliament", with the feeling that they are discovering a unique national treasure. For the Library is that and more.

For many generations the Chinese were queues. The only modern ada and Australia vast unoccupied spaces are still to be found. Canada, of course, on account of its climatic conditions, is not congenial to the Japanese, and perhaps no great emigration of them is either to be feared or hoped for here, even if a liberal policy of immigration was here in practice towards this race.

The Age-Old Story

O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Robert Burns, peasant poet of Scotland? yet he concluded his great poem, "A Man's A Man For A' That", with the lines: "For a' that, and a' that, It's coming yet for a' that, That man to man the world o'er Shall brothers be for a' that."

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