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## WE WANT A HARBOR BRIDGE

### Saint John Will Never Be Great Port Without This Connecting Link

United Action Necessary If We Are To Progress---A Harbor Bridge Is the Greatest Present Transportation Need.

A bridge across the harbor of Saint John is an absolute necessity if this is ever to become a great port. The bridge has been needed for years and even the present Prime Minister of Canada, Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett, when conducting the campaign which put him into office, promised that the bridge would be constructed.

The need of the bridge was made more apparent than ever during the winter just closing. Freights coming to Saint John over the Canadian National Railways had to be taken to West Saint John over the rails of the Canadian Pacific Railway to be shipped overseas. This added expense is creating a difficulty that only a harbor bridge will eliminate.

It is so bad that even shipments of potatoes coming to West Saint John from Carleton County over the Valley Railway, must be brought into the Island Yard on the eastern side of the harbor and then taken back to West Saint John. This is in accordance with the agreement for operating rights of the Valley Railway between Westfield and Saint John. Cars of goods handled on the Valley Road cannot be dropped.

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### Around the Maritimes

The C.N.R. is reported to have sent ten extra locomotives to the Truro area to clear the congestion of traffic that has accumulated following an unexpected increase in freight shipments.

John Brown, 52, of Bath, N.B., is dead, and Edward Scott, Esdraelon, N.B., his would-be rescuer, is in hospital following the former's fall into a "hot pond" at the mill of Fleming and Gibson, at Juniper, N.B., last week.

The crew of the Halifax fishing schooner G. E. Levy narrowly escaped death last week when their vessel was dismantled in a storm. They were rescued by the White Star liner Westernland, after another ship had passed by without noticing their difficulty.

The number of men employed at the Sydney steel plant will be materially increased next month, due to an order from the Canadian Pacific Railway for about 4,000 tons of rails. Plant officials state that steel production during the last month had increased to a large extent, and

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### Gossip From Far and Near

IT IS expected that Mayor Brittain, when he arrives home this week, will make some definite announcements in regard to several recent missions.

NOW is the time for the provincial government to set the stage for placing unemployed men on abandoned or new farms. Some action was shown in this regard last year and it is expected that the scheme will be continued this year.

IN THE civic campaign Lt.-Col. A. E. Massie and A. I. Garson has announced themselves as candidates for commissioners, as opposed to the present commissioners, K. D. Spear and R. W. Wigmore. To date no opposition has come out against Mayor Brittain.

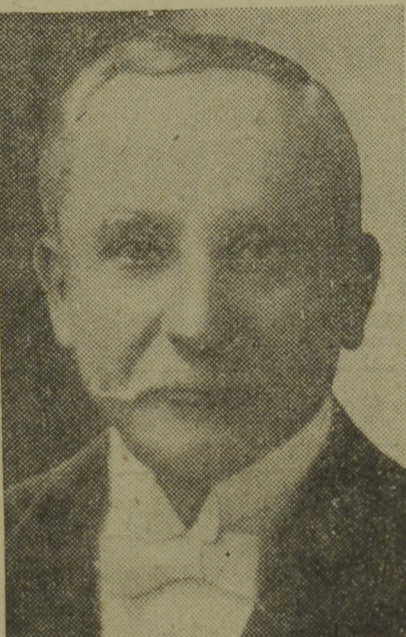
THE federal budget is not likely to be introduced into the Commons until after Easter. Banking legislation has taken so much time that consideration of the budget has been delayed.

THE St. Lawrence Deep Waterways plan was defeated in the United States Senate on Wednesday. This is said to indicate that nothing further will be done in connection with this project for at least another year.

NOW as we approach the time for another civic election we likely will be told what we may expect in the future, if certain men are elected. What would be extremely interesting is a review of the last two years showing progress in the administration of civic affairs. Doubtless many important announcements will be made before election day.

THE Quebec Legislature is considering among other things the fixing of prices for milk. The Dairy Commission would have power to fix maximum and minimum prices.

### Claims Cancer Cure



Another hope for victims of cancer is held in the new discovery by DR. J. E. HETT, of Kitchener and Toronto of a serum which he believes will effect a cure of the dread disease. So convinced is Dr. Hett that he has asked Dr. J. M. Robb, Provincial Minister of Health, to make an investigation into his claims. The serum which has been under observation by Dr. Hett and Dr. George R. Philp of Toronto is now claimed to have cured or greatly eased many patients.

### Canada's Revenue Compared With The Expenditure

Drastic Action Necessary To Set Country on an Even Keel Financially.

Drastic curtailment of expenditures is necessary to bridge the gap between income and expenditures, if the country is to get back on a firm foundation. This is the opinion expressed in a memo prepared by A. H. Wetmore and presented to the council of the Saint John Board of Trade at a recent meeting. The memo is as follows:

The Citizen's Research Institute of Canada has lately issued a bulletin giving revenue and expenditures of the Dominion for the year ending March 31, 1933. I believe that council will be interested in a few facts and deductions from that pamphlet.

Under the heading "Revenue from Taxation," a total is shown of \$254,318,801 making a per capita tax of \$24.20 as against \$26.51 for 1931-32 and \$38.17 for 1922-23. Roughly, the above amount was made up of Customs and Excise 108 millions, Sales Tax, Cheques, etc., 82 1-5 millions, Income Tax 62 millions, Banks and Insurance Companies 2 1-5 millions.

The cost of collection of those items for last year was 3.86 per cent., compared with a low point of 2.49 per cent., a high level of 7.09 per cent., and an average of 3.88 per cent., since Confederation.

Under "Other Revenues," and their cost, we find the Post Office Department credited with \$30,-

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### What Is the Matter with New Brunswick?

(The opinions expressed in these articles may or may not coincide with those of the management of "The Maritime Broadcaster." They are produced here with the idea of stimulating thought on the part of readers.—Editor.)

### YOUR VIEWS

CURING OUR ILLS

Editor, The Maritime Broadcaster.

Sir:— Though a constant reader of "The Broadcaster" I have never before sought expression through its columns. I am writing today for the purpose of expressing my appreciation of the fine spirit revealed and the wholesome atmosphere created by your editorials and contributed articles. This I think is particularly true of the series of articles being published from the pen of John Maybee Farmer on "What Is Wrong With New Brunswick."

This gentleman, while a stranger to me, nevertheless expresses my views on many of the subjects discussed; and it may be truly said whatever may be wrong with this fair province she is extremely fortunate in having sons deeply interested in discovering her ills, prescribing needed remedies and ably championing her cause in a time of great social and economic need. More power to your elbow, Mr. Farmer.

Considered from the standpoint of natural endowments one can truly say there is nothing wrong with this fair province. On the other hand, her advantages are many. An authority recently said, "She has good soil, good climate and good people." These are all great assets but do not tell the full story of our advantages. But, again, when we consider our slow growth, small population, abandoned farms and stagnant towns we must admit that there IS something wrong. What it is may not be easy to define or a simple task to prescribe the proper remedy. That a remedy can be found there can be no doubt and that it must soon be discovered is quite apparent. Perhaps Mr. John Maybee Farmer is putting us on the right track.

Without desiring for a moment to "butt in," may I attempt a brief diagnosis and suggest a remedy? To my mind one of our worst symptoms is the backward state of our agriculture, both as to the volume of products and the general methods followed. This is abundantly evident from the fact that we bring into the province some ten million dollars worth of farm products for home consumption which could be easily produced by our own farmers. Even eggs, poultry and pork products in large quantities are purchased outside while we have idle farms

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### Patriotic Politicians and Patriotic People Are Our Great Need.

"Let our object be our country, our whole country, and nothing but our country."

—DANIEL WEBSTER.

If all of us in New Brunswick would bend our efforts for the good of this province what a wonderful country we would have. If all our public men and all our private citizens would sink all their selfish ambitions and apply themselves to solving the problems of this fair province what a wonderful place it would be. Under such ideal conditions the whole world would take us as a shining example.

But there will be many who will say this cannot be done. It will be said that no one is so patriotic as to forego chances of personal gain for the benefit of the country.

Still, there have been such.

Men, stirred by the spirit of patriotism, have given their lives on the field of battle in order that those who remained alive might have a more abundant life. New Brunswickers, in order to

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### THE NEWS On Review

Gross revenues of the Canadian National Railways for the week ending March 7, were \$3,007,471, compared with \$2,416,746 in the corresponding period of 1933, an increase of \$660,725.

During the year 1933 Canada produced more asbestos, coal, copper, feldspar, lead, nickel, petroleum, salt and zinc than in the year before but less cement, clay products, gold, gypsum, lime, natural gas and silver.

A new commercial treaty between France and Spain had the approval of the Spanish congress, but it drew fire from Socialists who charged that France had brought unfair pressure for its rapid passage.

Acting on instructions from President Roosevelt, Major-General Benjamin D. Foulois, chief of air corps, last week temporarily suspended all United States army air mail flight pending the draft of a new, curtailed schedule to insure the fliers' safety.

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