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CHAIN STORES

Does the chain store system benefit the producer, the farmer or the wage earner? No less a person than Hon. H. H. Stevens, chairman of the Price Spreads System has created a mild sensation by saying that these stores are not economically sound. Many will be inclined to agree with him. He claims that the system starves the producers, sweats the workman and will leave the country continually in a very bad shape.

The chain store, for instance, approaches the canning factory and says we will give you so much for your pea output—quoting a very low price. The canning factory, in order to get out of the affair with a profit, cuts down the price which he gives the farmer for his peas. The chain store system goes to the clothing producer and say "You will sell us your goods and you will sell them at this price and we are not going to pay you one cent more." They say to the furniture firms: "You get \$125 for that dining room suite. That is quite true. We will give you \$90—take it or leave it." And that goes on right across the board.

What is the net result? In the needle trade, in the boot and shoe trade, in the furniture trade—these are the three most serious cases of injustice—in these industries men and women are living on a basis that is a disgrace to Canada.

Mr. Stevens may have created a sensation and offended the "system" of chain stores, but the thinking public will agree with him.

More will be heard about this system later.

RAILWAYS WISHED UPON US

Our collection of bankrupt railways, wished on the people by divers tricksters in and out of Parliament and embraced within the Canadian National system, was not disturbed nor hardly mentioned during the last session of the House.

Both parties are afraid of it, for so many on both sides are mixed up in it. Even the old guard of the Mackenzie and Mann days are still present in force within the precincts of the House.

There they sit, hugging their paunches, and ascribing the prevailing silence to their own perspicacity in smoothing down the restive by some one or other artifice of the ancient days.

Then there were the little wipers of the round-house squad, whom their leaders use as puppets, and who make a loud noise on receiving the high sign.

The first session of this parliament marked the "open season", but most of the men who went to the House with the mission to right the wrong on the taxpayers have been caught in the meshes of a bureaucracy strongly entrenched.

There is little to hope for in the 1935 session.

The same old process of chloroforming will be relied upon to lull the taxpayers to sleep.

No one party is blameless. They may both be doing their best and making a poor show about it.

Prejudices will be fanned into a glow, whilst figures will be produced to show some signs of improvement, masses of figures to show that we ought to give the elephant one more trial. This process is as old the old Intercolonial Railway, a project, which has done much injury to the business of the Maritime Provinces.

There is no constructive effort, no community co-operation, nor yet personal initiative behind any part of a country, which depends upon public ownership of its utilities.

The I. C. R. has always been a wart on the nose of the three old provinces of Canada. Even that part of Quebec traversed by the Intercolonial has been backward.

THE FREDERICTON GIRL

Frank Risteen used to say that the Fredericton girl was useful as well as ornamental; she was a flower by the dusty way side; she was ice-cream in August and sunshine in December. In short she was the frosting which heaven has spread over the dreary plain cake of earth. A yearly visitor to Fredericton says that they look better than ever this summer. He is a bachelor and The Mail advises him to stop at Fredericton for a wife. He has money. He is here now. He is good-looking. A phone call to The Mail will give you further confidential information. Don't all 'phone at once. No charge.

SNAPSHOTS

What will become of the sturdy citizen who helps to keep the city going if the chain store system predominates. Does the chain system help to build a city? Does it run our Board of Trade, our Rotary Club, our Local Improvement Association, etc.

Hon. H. H. Stevens, in his speech, says chain stores system is economically unsound. Most thinking people will agree with this.

If you leave your money with the Fredericton merchant it stays here. If it goes out of the city to the outside, it does not come back. Why mail it away.

How lovely is the silvery lining of "every cloud" when the moon breaks through.

Old age is characterized by ability to sleep in the daytime; and to sleep less at night.

A man can't spend two hours picking a hat; there are probably only four kinds.

Now they advertise something to cure the bad smell of everything but politics.

In science, you never can rest on your oars; you've got to go on, whatever you discover.

Another thing you can take out and raise a little money on in hard times is character.

Radicals are people who exasperate everybody who wants to carry on business according to the rules.

\$6,350,000 SILVER SHIPMENT FOR UNITED STATES

Southampton, England, August 17—The S. S. Washington will take abroad tonight the largest consignment of silver ever shipped to the United States. It consists of 12,000 bars valued at approximately \$6,350,000. The silver weighs 400 tons.

MILKMAN GETS A DIVORCE ON COFFEE GROUNDS

Los Angeles, Aug. 17—It's no joke. C. H. Record has a divorce decree today, granted on coffee grounds.

"I drink about two quarts of milk during the day," Record, who is a milkman told Judge J. Joseph Sproul. "But Lillian, my wife, insists that I must drink it for breakfast. I want coffee in the morning."

"You can have your coffee now," said the court, granting the divorce.

THE BIGGEST FAIR IN THE EAST 10 FREE ACTS SAINT JOHN EXHIBITION 1934 LABOR DAY WEEK SEP 1-8 EDUCATION AGRICULTURE AMUSEMENT FUN & THRILLS

MANY ENROLL FOR COURSES AT ST. JOSEPH'S

Boarding Students Limited To 150 At Coming Term—Work of Re-building Going Ahead Rapidly.

St. Joseph's N. B., Aug. 16—St. Joseph's is the scene of much activity with the contractors pushing the work on the new University buildings to completion in order to be ready for the resumption of studies at this noted seat of learning on October 2nd. Rising on the site of the institution which was razed in the disastrous fire of October last is a most modern set of buildings and when completed will be a veritable monument to the initiative and perseverance of the Holy cross Fathers in furthering the cause of higher education in the Maritime Provinces.

In the new structure there will be accommodation for 150 boarding students taking the Arts and Academic courses and according to reports the enrollment to date has been particularly gratifying, so much so that intending students should send in their applications before many days elapse in order to make sure of being accepted at the commencement of the term on October 2nd. Whenever the accommodation is fully taken up and this is expected shortly, the University will necessarily have to set over applications until the beginning of the January term. Grammar school students will be admitted to the rolls after August 16th.

Two Women Face Chair For Murder

(continued from page 1) twice like that (illustrating) with a mallet.

"He turned to get out of my way and she hit him and he fell, and I drove towards him. I had the car in low. Mrs. Coo stepped aside. It ran him down."

At that point, residents in the vicinity, attracted by the headlights of the car, drove up to find out what was happening. Mrs. Cliff walked down the lane to meet them, she said, and gave Mrs. Coo time to cover the crumpled body with a quilt.

They then drove away, Mrs. Cliff said, and threw the body into a high-way ditch near Mrs. Coo's roadhouse, where it was discovered by motorists at midnight.

Mrs. Coo was arrested when police found that she was the beneficiary of the dead man's insurance—and insurance out of all proportion to his station in life.

Authorities have met with poor success in attempting to drag from Mrs. Coo details of her past life. Somewhere in the background of her sketchy career she dropped a husband. She said that he had died in Calgary, Alta., "several years ago."

MILLIONAIRES' HOMES GUARDED IN CALIFORNIA

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 17—The homes of five millionaires, including E. L. Doheney, are guarded as a precaution against possible reprisal from the author or authors of a \$60,000 extortion plot.

Although inclined to believe the plot was authored by a crank, investigators were without definite clues to the source of threatening letters demanding \$60,000 from the oil millionaire, from Alexander Pantages, theatrical magnate; Jack Doyle, sports promoter and oil magnate; William Gettle, recent kidnap victim, and Orna Monnette, banker.

Federal agents are co-operating with police in an effort to trace the note.

TO VISIT SON

Mrs. Joseph Petrić, city, left this afternoon for Chicago, Illinois, where she will visit her son, Richard, who is engaged in the teaching profession there. "Dick" is a graduate of the University of New Brunswick and a member of several of the Red and Black's great rugby teams.

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