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MARITIMES' OIL SHALES

Considerable interest has been aroused in the Maritime Provinces relative to the announcement from England on the results of recent experiments in extracting fuel oil and gasoline from oil shales. In Nova Scotia there are deposits in Pictou and Antigonish counties extending over an area of some 12,000 acres, one estimate placing the amount of torbanite available at 2,000 million tons. In New Brunswick there are extensive deposits of oil shale in Albert and Westmorland counties, in one area alone estimated at 30 million tons and in another at from 145 to 150 million tons. Oil shale also occurs in Quebec, Ontario and in the Prairie Provinces, according to the Natural Resources Department of the Canadian National Railways.

AN HISTORIC CRAFT

The "Pelican" is an honored name among ships. A "Pelican," afterwards re-named the "Golden Hind," was one of the famous trio with which Sir Francis Drake set out in his voyage round the world. There have been other Pelicans. One lies at the bottom of Sydney, N. S., harbor, which during her sea career travelled the Labrador and Hudson Bay trails under the ownership of the Hudson Bay Company and is mentioned in Dillon Wallace's book, "The Long Labrador Trail." While crossing the Atlantic during the World War with a load of furs for the Old Country she was pursued by an enemy submarine and staggered all over the ocean in the tactics which were adopted to escape the menace of the torpedo, otherwise known as "zig-zagging." Now the pelican is a bird not to be trifled with, especially when angry. This "Pelican" got so thoroughly indignant that she turned on her pursuer and sank him with gun fire. A suggestion has been made that the old "Pelican" be raised from the depths of Sydney harbor and put on exhibition during the celebrations in connection with the 150th anniversary of the founding of the city and Cape Breton Old Home Week—July 29-August 4th, this year.

WHEAT FOR IRISH FREE STATE

A substantial demand is anticipated from the Irish Free State for Canadian hard wheat for blending purposes as a result of the placing of new regulations into effect with regard to the use of domestic wheat. Principal imports from Canada into the Irish Free State during the past year were wheat, flour, timber and newsprint. Wheat from Canada showed a substantial increase last year as compared with 1933.

CANADA INCREASES SALES TO AUSTRALIA

Canada increased her sales to Australia last year 26 per cent over 1932-1933 and Australia increased her sales to Canada ten per cent. This increased trade reflected in cargoes of Canadian National Steamships' freighters in the Canada-Australia-New Zealand service. Canada is Australia's sixth best customer and showed a greater percentage of improvement in her position than any other country trading with Australia.

EGYPTIANS AS MEAT EATERS

The Egyptian is not much of a meat eater, his meal consisting mostly of corn or millet bread with beans, onions or other vegetables. Being Moslems, they are prohibited from eating pork. The land of the Pharaohs has a population of 15,000,000, chiefly employed in agriculture. The European population numbers about 250,000. Meat eating is confined mostly to the centres where there is a fairly large European population, such as Cairo, Alexandria and Port Said. Fairly large quantities of edible tallow and other animal and vegetable oils and fats are used by the native population for cooking purposes.

SNAPSHOTS

It is related by Dr. VanWart that when two local fat men's baseball teams played a match in 1902 in aid of the Victoria Public Hospital that one of the fat men was overcome by heat and had to be taken to the Hospital.

These were the old days when there was more community spirit and lots of fun combined.

It might be a good idea for people in an audience not to laugh when a public man happens to make a slight mistake in an address or uses the wrong word as the best will sometimes do.

This shows bad manners and is not done in polite society doncher know.

If people wish to talk and laugh they should stay at home and not disturb gatherings where other people wish to hear what is going on.

There are some good looking nurses at the Victoria Public Hospital. All most worth while being sick boys.

Marriage has settled down to normal when neither party notices the other's complaining.

It's easy to tell a married man. He's the one panting three jumps behind a charge account.

There is one unfailing sign that people have their debts paid. They begin to pay the doctor, too.

If you think of retiring, observe the hog. He also lies around until it is time to eat again.

Thomas Harrison, Caretaker of Bridge, Died Suddenly

Thomas Harrison, well known and respected resident, of Devon, who had been caretaker of the Fredericton-Devon highway bridge for the past four years, died suddenly last night at his home shortly before midnight. Death was due to a heart attack, the deceased expiring suddenly after he had gone to bed, being in his usual health when he returned home for the night. The late Mr. Harrison was 67 years of age and had resided in Devon for a period of forty-six years. He was employed at the McFarlane-Neill Mfg. Co. for thirty-four years, and was an employee of the C. P. R. for twelve years. He was well known as the caretaker on the highway bridge and by his many fine personal habits made hundreds of friends. The late Mr. Harrison was a member of the Canadian Independent Order of Foresters. Surviving are his wife, two sons, Marvin T. and Albert F., both at home; two brothers, Edward, of North Devon, and Winthrop, of Plaster Rock; also two grandchildren.

The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at the late home, with service at two o'clock, Rev. Mr. Linton officiating, and interment will be made in Sunnybank cemetery.

Community Concert Assoc. Report Good Progress Made

As a result of the first report meeting of the workers on the Community Concert Association, the success of the annual membership campaign is assured. Not only do the members of the executive committee expect to equal last season's record, but a goodly increase is expected. Through this no-profit and no-loss plan Fredericton is having the opportunity of hearing great music presented by great performers in person. The success of the past two years should be sufficient proof that those who join the organization are amply repayed. The campaign this year closes Saturday night, and after that time no members will be accepted for another year. Only those holding membership cards are admitted to the performances. Everyone is invited to join and may do so by applying directly to the campaign headquarters in Van Dine's Shoe Store. At least three outstanding concerts are guaranteed, and as many more as the final number of memberships will permit.

OUR MAIL BAG

A PROTEST

Editor, Daily Mail.

At a regular meeting of the executive of the York and Sunbury Historical Society held last evening, the matter of ignoring New Brunswick in the Dominion-wide band hook-up was discussed. It will be recalled that this coast-to-coast rendering of patriotic music by selected bands in different cities, from Halifax to Vancouver, New Brunswick was entirely ignored on both occasions. No reason for the conspicuous omission was given, and to make the offence still more offensive the announcer said at the close "You have listened to this performance rendered by bands in the chief centres from Halifax to Vancouver!" So Saint John, Moncton, Fredericton and all New Brunswick is out of the picture and off the map once more.

Surely, Mr. Editor, this old Loyalist province has bands capable of tuning in with credit for this Jubilee occasion or any other. Who is responsible for this apparently studied slight? It is a pity to have had this dead fly to spoil the ointment, so to speak on so historic an occasion.

The York and Sunbury Historical after discussing this matter entered a formal protest and requested the undersigned to lay it before the public for other appropriate action.

F. A. WIGHTMAN.

WHERE WILL MOSES BE?

Editor, Mail.

Dear Sir:

Your correspondent of the 7th inst. on the political situation made a very weak attempt to answer the gentleman from Portobello, who raised a point in his letter. That seems to be agitating the opposition party very considerably, and no wonder for they are on the horns of a dilemma that makes their position most uncomfortable.

The wide spread dissatisfaction among many of them with their present leader has been quite articulate and is well-known.

"Rumor has it" (to quote the Hon. gentleman himself) that at their proposed convention on the 15th inst. a new leader will be chosen and our genial friend will be requested once more to shed his mantle of office. If he does he will at least have had the satisfaction of having his salary restored to that of the highest paid opposition leader in the provincial field. Again "Rumor has it" that he did not refuse to accept the restoration and \$200.00 that otherwise might have been saved to the Province went into his pocket.

Therefore to the ordinary onlooker the Hon. gentleman's protests against salary restorations seem to savour of about \$200. worth of hypocrisy.

But as to the opposition's dilemma which horn shall the party take? Will the old "War Horse" who has been a bit weak at the hurdles in the past again be put over the course, or will a hitherto unrevealed "dark horse" be trotted out for the race? Will the old "laissez faire" wing remain in control or will the "ginger group" muster the most influence?

I have not heard how the betting is going but I am rather inclined to put my dollar on "laissez faire" even though when he comes to the election hurdle I know he cannot get over with those famous eight planks on his back. Of course "Ginger" might make a better get-away and he might be better able to raise the wind, but I fear when he came to the North Shore water jump his leap would fall far short, and that would handicap him sadly on the Saint John Valley stretch.

However, we shall see what we shall see and when the shouting and the tumult are over the net result will be the same so far as winning the election race is concerned.

Your correspondent who uses the cognomen "Veritas" in the opinion of some of your readers, judging from his illogical production, did not spell his nom de plume, quite correctly; the sound is somewhat similar, to his appropriate signature but he left out some of the letters for "Veritable Ass" would be more in keeping with what goes before.

He is whistling vainly to keep up his courage. He has but little regard for facts; he has forgotten the record of his party before 1908, and between

Prime Minister Speaks On Empire Trade

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not as great as might be hoped it was to be remembered that British goods were manufactured products which suffered most in the depression.

Canada was now an industrial as well as an agricultural country and because of economic nationalism the world over had been forced to develop more balanced internal economy than before. Also because of debts due in the United Kingdom and elsewhere the Dominion had to export more than it imported.

1917 and 1925. When Rumor had it, Road Supervisors not only padded pay rolls but forged accounts to the number of thirty in a single instance, when bridges were built that fell down before they could be inspected and when in the construction of a railway, provincial funds went into certain pockets to the extent of over \$154,000.00 beyond the cost of construction, as determined by a Royal Commission. He has forgotten the incapacity of his party in ordinary business transactions, such as the purchase of the Queen Hotel and the building of mud dams at Musquash that would not stand the spring rains as well as the annual losses they entailed on the province in their contract to supply electricity to Saint John and Newcastle, to say nothing of their continuous yearly deficits from 1917 to 1925.

Save the country, forsooth! The Liberal party in New Brunswick has a history, that brings a feeling of mistrust in its capacity to govern and the time of expiration has not yet elapsed for the men who are coming forward as its champions are too closely allied with its many misdeeds to inspire confidence.

INDEPENDENT.

Poklok, N. B.

Reserve Friday, May 10th, for the Children's Operetta in Fraser Memorial Hall. A good show.

DIED.

ENO—At Moncton, May 8, 1935, Mrs. Mary Eno, widow of George Eno, formerly of Marysville.

The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon with service at the United Church at Marysville at 3.30 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Manuel will officiate and interment will be made in the United Church cemetery.

HARRISON—At Devon, May 9, 1935, Thomas Harrison, aged 67 years.

The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at the late home, with service at two o'clock, Rev. Mr. Linton officiating. Interment will be made in Sunnybank cemetery.

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