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PAPER MAKING ESTABLISHED IN BELGIUM 14TH CENTURY

Paper making in Belgium has been carried on since the 14th century, the first mills being established in what is known as the province of Brabant. Today, Belgium paper and cardboard mills employ some 16,000 workmen, producing 160,000 metric tons of these products, which include photographic paper, vegetable parchment, cellophane and bituminized paper and board, wrapping paper, writing, drawing and printing papers, including newsprint, offsets, etc., bank paper, cardboard, wallpaper, straw paper and board, cigarette paper, blotting paper, waxed, lace, tarred and tissue paper, according to the Industrial Department of the Canadian National Railways. The consumption of paper and cardboard products in Belgium now amounts to 25 kilograms per capita, as against 27 in Great Britain, 30 for France and 10 in Italy. Domestic production falls short of demand and recourse is had, therefore, to imports. Principal supplying countries are Great Britain, France, Germany, Finland, Norway, Sweden, Holland, the United States. Canada has found it difficult in the past to secure a share of this trade owing to distance from the market and surtaxes.

## WOMAN EXPLORER ON WAY TO BRITISH COLUMBIA WILDS

En route to a little-known section of Northern British Columbia, Mrs. Mary G. Henry, wife of Dr. Norman Henry, of Philadelphia, recently passed through Montreal by the Canadian National Railways bound for Dawson Creek, the end of rail in the Peace River Block. From that point the party will travel by car to Fort St. John, the starting base of their long journey on horseback. In addition to Mrs. Henry and her daughter, the party will consist of a head guide who will make a map of the country, a cook, two horse wranglers and two packers, with thirty horses to carry the outfit.

The expedition will ride along the Peace River, their route taking them over Laurier and Caribou Passes to Deese Lake and finally to Telegraph Creek and Wrangle on the Pacific Coast. For this adventurous trip Mrs. Henry has organized and equipped her own expedition, this being her fourth excursion into the vast northern wilderness and her eleventh trip to the Canadian Rockies.

Mrs. Henry will make collections of dried plants for the Royal Botanical Garden, Edinburgh, Scotland, the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia and will also take home living specimens to augment her own collection of rare plants. She will also visit Mount Mary Henry, named in her honor by the government of British Columbia. She is a director of the American Horticultural Society, contributing editor to the National Horticultural Magazine and also an executive of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, in addition to holding other important positions along that line of interest.

## MR. STEVENS AND LIBERTY

In the manifesto of Mr. Stevens' reconstruction party appears the following:

"What Francis Bacon wrote 300 years ago is true today as it was then, 'It is good not to try experiments except the necessity be urgent, or the utility evident, and well to beware—as the Scripture saith: That we make a stand upon the ancient way, and then look about us and discover what is the straight and right way, and so to walk in it.'

"The 'ancient way' in a British country is the democratic. Canadians must beware lest disappointment with an apparent failure of democracy lead attraction to schemes of rigid state control of life and organization. One need only look at the Old World east of the Rhine to realize that one form of tyranny begets another, and that if our age-worn liberties are lightly sur-

rendered they will be well-nigh irrecoverable."

Just why these two paragraphs were included in the manifesto is not at all clear. Immediately after using them Mr. Stevens' manifesto begins to suggest new forms of state control of the economic and social life of the citizens, new ways of substituting tyranny for liberty.

On all hands, says Mr. Stevens, the demand is heard for a political instrument which will not obstruct but facilitate the necessary modifications of the economic system. This is sheer euphemism. What it must inevitably mean is "schemes of rigid state control of life and organization." This is not the ancient way of British countries nor is it the democratic way Democracy cannot survive unless the individual survives

## SNAPSHOTS

The pepper box tower on the Parliament Building has a freckled look. A little paint would not hurt it. It looks like blazes to tourists who are not used to it.

Most any one can be an editor. All an editor has to do is to sit at his desk six days in the week, four weeks in the month, and twelve months in the year, and "edit" such stuff as this: "Mrs. Jones of Lost Creek let a can-opener slip last week and cut herself in the pantry."

A correspondent writes about certain Fredericton men visiting a "House of Mystery" at Devon. We can't see the connection. Our Fredericton "House of Mystery" is for women only. We do not know what they would do with a man if they caught him butting in there.

However, our House of Mystery will close to the public on September 1. For which The Daily Mail modestly takes credit.

City employees are giving a manicure to the concrete sidewalks.

The public are anxiously awaiting for the City Hall clock to get the 'go' sign.

The average girl would like to think of herself as every man's dream and every woman's insomnia.

The Mayor and Aldermen are to be congratulated on putting through the abattoir. Another successful termination of a Daily Mail suggestion. Thank you, gentlemen.

Why are outside newspapers allowed to come to Fredericton and get special pages of advertising from our merchants and also canvass for subscriptions without paying a license fee? Why do our local merchants, who advocate Home Owned Stores, fall for this?

## More Than One Thousand At Big Field Day

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R. I. Hamilton, assistant dominion agricultologist, was present this morning as the program got underway. An interesting fact attending pasture improvement work which has been carried on by the Dominion Experimental Station here for the past 12 years is that agronomists who were in the city recently, expressed the opinion that the pasture development work at the local station was the most advanced on the North American continent. The Experimental Station here was the pioneer in pasture improvement investigations in Canada, and commenced experiments in 1923, gradually extending the work. The results secured have led a number of dairy farmers in various parts of the province to adopt similar methods.

The program of the field day this afternoon will feature several important addresses, among them being one by Hon. A. C. Taylor, Minister of Agriculture, and Dr. W. H. Brittain.

## ON MOTOR TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Allen returned yesterday from a motoring trip to the eastern part of the province. Mr. Allen was travelling in the interest of the Fredericton Board of Trade.

## Considerable Reduction Needed in Governing

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Inured by the vehemence of Mr. Stevens served to sap the morale of the government party; and there is no concealing the fact, especially in view of the astonishing scramble of ministers for safe exits that defeatism is still extant.

People with a grievance were encouraged by Mr. Stevens to believe that a complete remedy would be provided in the legislation to implement the report of his Price Spreads Commission, but when insuperable constitutional obstacles presented themselves the government was obliged to "pull its punch," soften its programme of reform legislation if the resultant laws were not to be successfully challenged in the courts. This had the inevitable effect of disappointing people who were taught to believe they had a grievance, of exasperating a certain section of the Conservative party who were urging that Premier Bennett could still preserve the solidarity of his party by "going the distance" with reform, of elating Liberals with the sight of apparently irreconcilable factionism in the government party. To put it briefly, Mr. Stevens torpedoed the Bennett party and has greatly reduced its chances of return to power, although more by the indirect than the direct method.

## Stevens' Seats

Throwing aside the rather foolish predictions of big winnings in the Province of Quebec it is safe to say that Mr. Stevens' most promising territory lies in Ontario, but one who has in the past few days been travelling in that province and making a rather careful political survey declares that while Mr. Stevens will probably get a considerable popular vote there, he will actually get elected only a small number of his candidates. A large number of disgruntled persons, especially in the industrial areas, will throw their votes to Mr Stevens rather than to the C.C.F. or to the Conservatives but it is estimated that in exceedingly few cases will they throw sufficient to elect the Stevens candidate. Neither the Western nor the Maritime Provinces is likely to take Mr. Stevens seriously, and even in Ontario it is most probable that when Premier Mitchell Hepburn gets under way on behalf of Mr. King and probably makes some personal attacks on Mr. Stevens the latter's reform banner will lose some of its glamor.

## Liberal Chances

This all leads up to the chances of the Liberals. The prospects of that party being returned to power are from present indications exceedingly bright and what is more if even the modest forecasts of persons leaning in that direction are to be taken seriously, Mr. King will be Prime Minister again and with a much more comfortable majority than was his lot between 1921 and 1930. It is held by the Liberals that the tremendous sweep of Liberalism in all the provincial general elections, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, the moral effect of all the victories by their party in the federal by-elections since 1932, the impatience of the people with the expensive brand of State Socialism that is being tried on the country by the Bennett Ministry and the doubtful panaceas being offered by Mr. Stevens and by the C.C.F. leave the electorate no alternative than to elect Liberals. They claim a majority of at least 40 in the new Parliament.

To summarize, it is inconceivable that Mr. Stevens will have more than a small following in the next House, for his seats will be confined almost entirely to Ontario; the demoralization in the government party has seriously reduced the chances of Mr. Bennett being returned; this coming election will show that once more very conclusively that the people refuse to be bothered about the C.C.F. as a federal political factor, the prospects for a return of the Liberals to power are at this time conceded to be very bright. Assuming the Liberals are given a mandate to try and pull the country out of a hole, it is interesting to consider what kind of a programme they will propose and by August Mr. King will over the radio have shown some of his hand. Removal of the restrictions upon foreign and domestic trade will be a big card, and if it is followed through by prompt and effective action every business man in the country will welcome it.

## OUR MAIL BAG

WANTED: A SHIRETOWN

Editor, Daily Mail,  
 Sir:—

The arrangement of our municipal government in this and other British provinces and countries calls for a municipal centre or county town where all county buildings and business shall be centred. A central town or village with a view to public convenience for sessions of the county court, the county council meetings and other county functions has generally been the principle followed in selecting our county towns. In almost every one of our fifteen counties the site of our Shiretowns have been wisely chosen and in some instances, where time has materially altered conditions there have been changes and adjustments made to meet the convenience of the public.

One outstanding example of this willingness to meet changing conditions in the public interest was the shifting of the county seat of Kings County some years ago from old Kingston to Hampton far removed from the original site. When the river was the highway as in the pioneer days, Kingston was quite central, but when railways changed the routes of travel it was isolated and a more central location was chosen at considerable, but justified expense.

A less radical though a equally commendable adjustment was made in more recent years when the old county buildings at Upper Woodstock were abandoned and new ones provided in the town of Woodstock some miles away. Woodstock then became the Shiretown in fact rather than by courtesy as previously. When the county was created in the early days Upper Woodstock seemed to suggest the nucleus of the future town, but failing to develop progressive citizens moved the county centre where the real town developed.

These cases have been cited in order to call attention to one glaring exception to this general principle and sign of progress. This exception is our adjoining sister county of Sunbury. Has Sunbury any shiretown in a real or official sense? It would seem not, but I ask for information.

## DOW SETTLEMENT

DOW SETT., August 6—A large number from here attended the open air service at Meductic Sunday afternoon. Pastor D. S. Calkin presided, with Rev. H. D. Worden assisting. Dr. Harold Camp of Oakland, Calif., preached an enlightening sermon on the "Unhidden Christ." Over 500 attended the service.

It was announced that on Thursday evening at 8 p.m. Mayor W. G. Clark of Fredericton would give an address on the Baptist World Congress, as it met in Berlin last year.

The roll call was well attended last Friday evening. The pastor presided. H. C. Upton helped in the service. Rev. A. S. Carpenter gave the message. The church was well decorated with flowers.

We are expecting great blessings on the coming Sunday afternoon when Rev. A. K. Herman of Moncton will preach at an open air service at Johnson Settlement. Rev. Dr. Herman is one of the outstanding preachers in the Maritimes and is pastor of the second largest church. On Sunday evening Dr. Herman will preach the roll call sermon at Marne Baptist church, Canterbury.

## GIVEN LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Fred I. Haviland, city clerk and treasurer is to be given a month's leave of absence from his duties as the result of a resolution passed by the city council last evening. In making the motion, Ald. Warren Maxwell pointed out that Mr. Haviland has not been improving as rapidly as could be hoped and that he be given at least a month in which to further recuperate before again taking over his duties. The city clerk has been more or less inconveniently been doing his duties by the aid of crutches and cane for the past few weeks.

## Less Government

No more government by ukase is the demand of business which is not much concerned about who does the governing so long as there is a considerable reduction in the amount of governing. Quality rather than quantity government is what the man who sells and the man who buys wants more than anything else at this time.

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It is true there is an ancient court house with a basement gaol and a gaoler's residence where the county business is transacted. But these buildings are located in a open field on a rural section of the county under the general name of Burton. The location is most inconvenient for all concerned and by no flight of fancy can it be called a shire-town. It is true that the pretty village of Oromocto, some miles away, is sometimes spoken of as the Shiretown, but this I presume is a mere title of courtesy without the support of facts.

It was, of course, quite natural, when all the facts are considered, that the Sunbury court house should be located on the high knoll by the river side where it still remains. Sunbury is our oldest county having existed many years prior to the existence of the province itself. In those remote days the centre of population for the whole country was located in Maugeville and Sheffield on the east bank of the river. Had it not been for the annual freshets there is no doubt the Sunbury court house would have been located in either Maugeville or Sheffield. The farmers could by considerable effort rescue their cattle in a time of freshet, but it might not be so easy to care for a number of prisoners in a basement gaol when the land was submerged. So it was quite natural that they should choose the high knoll across the river for their county buildings. This was in the days when the river was the only highway both in winter and summer.

But conditions have now after a century and a half entirely changed, and Burton is no longer central, slightly or convenient. It is certainly time our oldest and most historic county had a worthy and central Shiretown with modern buildings and equipment. Oromocto would be very suitable but for two rather serious objections, namely, its annual isolation by the Spring freshet and the wretched

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Failing this, Sunbury's second centre of population, Fredericton Junction offers an ideal location for a county-town. It is fairly central as to population and its transportation and mail facilities are of the best. But whether, Fredericton Junction or Oromocto let us have a real shiretown for our municipal headquarters which at present does not exist.

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