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QUODDY PROFITEER TIDE EBBS

Maine's reputation for high public spirit got a blow when Quoddy land-owners tried to hold up the federal government for \$4,000 an acre for land not worth one-twentieth that sum, according to Maj. Fleming, engineer in charge.

Thundering that he would take steps to have the government seize the land by right of eminent domain, Maj. Fleming changed the tune of the accused Quoddy gougers.

Ashamed of his greedy neighbors was patriotic dirt farmer George Rice. He went to Fleming and offered him a gift of land that had been in Rice's family for four generations.

And to shame he put the would-be profiteers. Dirt farmer Rice saved the jobs of many men engaged to work on the \$36,000,000 tidal power project. He, we choose to believe, is a real State of Maine. Others must be out-of-staters.

## CROCODILE TEARS FOR ETHIOPIA

Of all people, Japan should be the last to criticize what Mussolini is doing in Abyssinia. What Japan did to China is several steps ahead of what Il Duce has done to the African country.

The Japanese ambassador at Rome took it upon himself to tell Italy that Japan would remain neutral. Quick rebuke came from Tokyo; the man had no right to say what Japan would do.

Tokio newspapers thunder against what Mussolini is doing to the "weak and helpless people of Ethiopia."

How about the weak and helpless people of China?

What is it about? It is about business. Japanese trade with Ethiopia has been on the upgrade. If Mussolini takes over the country, a market is lost, for Mussolini will fix the trade walls.

To the credit of the Japanese let it be said they are a one-way people—their own way. And why not? In a day of international jealousies and trickery a realistic view is needed on all affairs international.

But it is not necessary for the rest of the world to swallow Japan's mock sympathy for Ethiopia. If she wanted the country, she would not hesitate two seconds to step in and take it, as she did Manchuria.

## N. B. AUTOMOBILE FEES

Thirty years ago, New Brunswick collected \$84 from registration fees on motor vehicles. Last year, the amount had increased to \$764,961, but the peak of collections was reached in 1930, when \$878,436 was collected from this source alone.

In addition to registration fees, gasoline taxation came into effect in 1926 in which year, with a tax of three cents per gallon, \$118,573 was collected. The tax was raised to five cents per gallon in 1928 when collections jumped to \$243,325. Further increase to seven cents per gallon was made in 1932.

Last year, with a tax of eight cents per gallon \$854,287 was poured into the provincial treasury by motorists on their purchases of gasoline and, in the space of nine years, \$4,885,017 has been collected from this source alone. Aggregate collections for registration fees (\$9,296,914) and gas tax (\$4,885,017) have amounted to \$14,181,931 since 1905 and 1926 respectively.

## CAN ITALY FINANCE A WAR?

Baltimore Sun: Unfortunately, neither the Government nor the Bank of Italy has in recent years published any intelligible data as to the actual state of Government finances. It is known, however, that the budget has been out of balance for the last ten years at least. The deficit, it is privately estimated, has lately been growing at the rate of \$411,500,000 annually. It is also known that Italy is now going through a currency

crisis. With gold reserves being rapidly depleted and with foreign trade still running heavily against the country, Mussolini has had virtually to confiscate Italian holdings abroad to protect the lira. In the last few days, moreover, he has had to resort to the German device of "blocking" the currency for special purposes.

## \* \* \* SNAPSHOTS \* \* \*

Over on "The Island" they were all "agin' the government."

According to the R. C. M. P., the Dempsey murder of May 28 is "Still under investigation." This must be some investigation. It is taking plenty of time.

Some people who were at the Governor General's reception claim that the small boys from the street were allowed to roam in the galleries and one destroyed a lady's train with his muddy boots. A strange lady was afraid that they might blow up the Governor General. This was just making the place safe for democracy.

The latest form of a low down citizen is the cat thief. This thief has been operating in the lower end of the city recently and has bagged a number of cats with very fine fur. Whether he sells the fur and eats the cat has not yet been found out. "It is still being investigated," as the R. C. M. P. say.

Rumor has it that Mayor A. J. McEvoy has been asked to consider the nomination for the Reconstruction Party. Mac is not doing any talking.

It would be interesting to know if the overhead at the Union Station and annexed establishments is not much heavier than was that of the C. N. R. and C.P.R. stations before the amalgamation. They say that it is.

Who put the misleading sign "Queen Street" on the old C.N.R. station? It is on Brunswick Street near University Avenue, and not within several blocks of Queen Street.

## Many Present At Funeral Rites For Mrs. Hazen

A large number of friends of the late Mrs. Elizabeth N. Hazen, and of the family, were present this afternoon at Christchurch Cathedral to pay their last sorrowing tribute to her memory. The solemn funeral procession left the Hazen home on Brunswick street a short distance away and proceeded to the Cathedral where the impressive service of the Church of England was conducted by Very Rev. Dean J. H. A. Holmes. During the service the choir rendered the special favorite hymns, "The King of Love My Shepherd Is," and "Glory to Thee My God This Night." Following the service the funeral procession reformed and proceeded to Forest Hill cemetery where interment was made in the family plot. The mourners were Sir Douglas Hazen, D. King Hazen, John C. Beckwith, J. Brown Maxwell, Harry A. Gibson, Charles W. B. Maxwell, James Maxwell, Frank Ayers, Dr. Wainwright, Charles Barry Lady Hazen, Mrs. Hugh MacKay, Miss Edith Hazen Allen.

## RETURNING TO OTTAWA

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fellows, of Ottawa, are leaving for home by auto today where Mr. Fellows is engaged with the Forest Products Division of the Dominion government. Mrs. Fellows before her marriage was Miss Kit Woods, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Woods, at whose home they have been visiting. Mr. and Mrs. Fellows are graduates of the University of New Brunswick. Many old friends were glad to welcome them home. They are returning to Ottawa by the Mountain route.

## DIED

ESTABROOKS—At Fredericton, July 23, 1935, Mrs. H. W. Estabrooks.

Funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon with service at 2:30 o'clock at the home, and will be conducted by Rev. G. W. Guilou. Interment will be made in the Rural cemetery.

## Ottawa Hears Some Things about Dom. Politics and Parties

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nowhere. But they said that during the present emergency no party government—by the very nature of its organization—could possibly do the job, but among the elected representatives there were enough men of brains and integrity to solve the national problems under a National Government.

### Able Leaders

"We also believe that there are many able and experienced men, outside of Parliament, who would never serve under party domination; but they would be proud and glad, even at a sacrifice, to give their services to Canada, if under a National Government," Mr. Nares declared. "The League was only started in 1912 when 40 Conservatives and Tornado about four months ago and in two Socialists were chosen; and in Montreal in May. It is gaining momentum daily. Organizers are now at work throughout Canada and we confidently expect to have 100,000 members by August 1 and many times that number before the elections. The League has received commendation and encouragement from citizens in all walks of life. We are receiving great encouragement from that section of the press which believes our ideas are sound and is free to express an unbiased opinion.

"The League will function in a democratic way. Groups in each community will elect representatives to Provincial Councils, which, in turn will send representatives to a Dominion Council at Ottawa. The Dominion Council will formulate policies and put them into action for the League as the situation develops."

In conclusion, Mr. Nares said that they must work fast, for the movement must spread rapidly. After debating the matter with many people he declared he could find nothing wrong with the basic idea, no one was able to give any argument against it that seemed to be valid nor had anyone been able to suggest a better alternative. By joining the League, by insisting that Canada must stand before party, they would be furnishing the driving force necessary for the solution of their problems and not only be helping themselves and helping to solve the problem of unemployment, but also helping to restore Canada to her rightful position in the eyes of the world.

### COUSIN LIVES HERE

The R.C.M.P. investigating the disappearance of Silas Mawhinney, 58-year-old Macs Bay Fisheries Inspector, who has been missing from his home for almost a week, report no further clues on the man's whereabouts today. It is believed that the man has been drowned in the Bay of Fundy waters. Herbert J. Mawhinney of this city is a cousin of the missing man.

### TAX DISCOUNT PERIOD

Tomorrow is the final day for payment of city taxes in order to come in under the five per cent discount, it was learned today from the city hall. City Treasurer F. I. Haviland and his staff are busily engaged this week in receipt of tax payments by those citizens who are anxious to secure the discount.

### TO OCCUPY PULPIT

Rev. Dr. George E. Ross will return from Youghal Beach on Saturday and will conduct services in Saint Andrew's Presbyterian Church morning and evening next Sunday.

## Conservatives Wiped Out, Liberals Secure All Thirty Seats

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That government was defeated in the general elections of 1931 but Mr. Lea retained his seat and led the Liberal opposition.

Students of Canadian political history were thumbing record books to-night, searching vainly for a parallel to the Prince Edward Island election which resulted in the Liberals capturing every seat. If preliminary tabulations are correct, there will be no opposition in the Legislature, believed by the Liberals.

The closest to a clean sweep they could find was in Nova Scotia in 1905 Canada, if under a National Government, when 36 Liberals and two Conservatives were elected; in British Columbia New Brunswick in 1912 when Conservatives under J. K. Flemming captured all but two of the 48 seats.

### Cabinets Wiped Out

There have been landslides before where a governing party has been wiped out, in fact the Prince Edward Island election was the fourth recent one where a Conservative government was annihilated, the Island voters following the lead of British Columbia, Saskatchewan and New Brunswick. In British Columbia one minister was returned as a Unionist.

But in Saskatchewan five Farmer-Provincial Councils, which, in turn will send representatives to a Dominion Council at Ottawa. The Dominion Council will formulate policies and put them into action for the League as the situation develops."

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### Opposition Problem

Although the P. E. I. Liberals had been confident of victory, closing of the Legislature's doors to the Conservatives was as much a surprise to them as to anyone else, and the problem of what to do about an opposition found no solution in their ranks tonight.

There appeared to be no precedent for such a situation in Canada.

Premier-elect Lea frankly said he was puzzled about how he would carry on under British parliamentary procedure in the next Legislature, except to designate one of his members as a makeshift opposition voice. Just what Liberal member would have to be the "dummy" Conservative official opposition, Mr. Lea was not prepared to state.

### No Deposits Lost

Although all Conservatives were defeated, none lost his deposit. It is a rare thing for candidates in Prince Edward Island to lose their deposits and it would mean a loss of only \$10. That is the fee put up by each candidate whether candidate for either Assemblyman or Councillor, before the battle of ballots.

Prophetic cabinet makers were active tonight. Premier-elect Lea, it was expected, would not take over his former portfolio of agriculture, but would likely step into the office of minister of education and secretary-treasurer.

As there were no doctors in the opposition forces, the department of public health would probably be admin-

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