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Day of Mourning

Most people will agree that the Dominion Cabinet did a wise thing in sticking to the original proposition declaring the day of the King's funeral a national day of mourning. The Provincial Government has also issued a special edition of The Royal Gazette declaring Tuesday next a holiday, and the Chief Superintendent of Education has also issued a notice regarding a holiday in the schools.

Such celebrations are not only appropriate but they also educate the rising generation as to the proper fitness of things. Many of the younger generation of today do not take these matters seriously enough. Matters regarding the Empire and the proper regard for our reigning Sovereigns should be given all due consideration and anything that will tend to promote this idea should be guarded. It is to be hoped that every person who can possibly do so will observe the day of mourning as it should be observed.

Exit Laval

Premier Pierre Laval and his coalition Cabinet have resigned. It would be difficult to enumerate the reasons why this most capable of political gymnasts so timidly quit office. They are legion and far-flung, but the Radical Socialists supporting his Government gathered them all, or nearly all, in a revolt that Premier Laval could not vault. Even had he tried he would have had no place to land. He belongs to the Lefts and the Left groups lack the cohesion he would need in reorganizing a Cabinet.

The immediate developments are, of course, problematical for the same reason. It is true that two vital issues—the stability of the French franc and the Abyssinian situation—are left orphans of his fall. It is doubtful that either will suffer greatly. The approach of the national election, forecast for Easter month will prevent his successor in attempting any radical changes in policy. If that successor should be bold enough to try, he is almost certain to meet defeat in the Chamber. Laval faced repeated crisis in the Chamber on both issues, and as frequently carried a majority on his policies.

Apart from any question of domestic or international developments, the resignation of Laval provides a remarkable commentary of the many-party coalition system of government. At least once a month, and as frequently as twice a week, Premier Laval faced defeat in the Chamber. The last occasion he escaped with a narrow majority of twenty in a vote of confidence forced by the Hoare-Laval "peace deal." Yet the revolt of one minority group and the resignation of four of its satellites from his Cabinet compelled the Premier to resign. This same game of politics has overthrown almost every one of the ten Governments France has recognized in the past four years. Too many parties, which make for that constant shifting for power, are the real answer to French instability.

Oil Sanctions—Eden Pushes for Action

The next phase of the oil sanctions begins in two weeks or thereafter, when the special committee reports on its feasibility. There is evidence that either the new French Leftist Cabinet, or British public opinion, or the action of the smaller League powers, might provide the initiative needed to put through the new sanctions, though this is by no means certain.

Mr. Eden's most energetic move was to request immediate study of the issue by the special committee, with a report to be submitted within two weeks or so. This unwillingness to delay plays into the hands of certain of the smaller powers, which yesterday reserved the right through a spokesman to go ahead with the oil sanctions according to Covenant procedure, if the sanctions can be made effective. The trend of opinion will become clearer as the committee gets into its stride.

Still Pecking at Its Shell

Aviation is hard on optimists and pessimists in turn. If its achievement is startling, so are its failures. People still have reason to suspect that the commercial stake in long-distance flying has been driven too far beyond technological progress.

The day two air planes passed serenely in midocean, inaugurating trans-Atlantic service between France and South America, the British Imperial Airways liner City of Khartoum crashed in the Mediterranean, killing twelve of her passengers and crew. The fact that the tragedy occurred under perfect flying conditions increases uncertainty enshrouding the cause.

Not so mysterious was the reason for the disaster which befell a Belgian air liner on the day plans for the opening of regular transatlantic mail and passenger air service between England and the United States were made public. Accumulation of ice coating on the wings—the thing that wrecked the Belgian plane, in which all on board perished—is one of the worst obstacles to transoceanic air service on direct high altitudes.

Safe and unlimited air travel may be inevitable, as many already believe. But that attitude of itself will not hasten the day. Something more than blind optimism is needed to combine the unquestionable advantages of aviation with its many sided safety requirements.

Nor is it altogether unreasonable to justify one's confidence in aviation's possibilities by comparing its present reverses with the tragic beginnings of steam transportation. Aviation faces far more exacting obstacles to begin with in defying the law of gravity, fog, wind, ice, and other forces of nature. Over-water flight presents still another engineering problem in adapting a vehicle to two opposite elements—one that is light enough to fly and staunch enough to land in the sea. What is a mere ripple to any surface ship is a rough sea for the flying boat of today. The successful start of transatlantic air service proves how far this phase of aviation has come. But it is well to realize that aviation has much farther to go.

There is a tendency to discount disasters resulting from experimental flight as the price of progress. During 1935, there were more commercial crashes than experimental mishaps. Granting that aeronautical improvements can only be achieved by trial and possible intermittent failure, public carriers should not be subjected to this toll.

Technological exploration should precede commercial exploration. Do the costly setbacks sustained by air transportation within the last few months signify that commercial aviation holds a too-extended position in relation to its essential parallel of mechanical safety? Recent mishaps stress the need for seriously examining this point.

SNAPSHOTS

Some people who cannot lead hate to follow.

Why not all citizens take part in the mourning services to our late King?

A better organization of police service in regard to fires would greatly assist the Salvage Corps. The Salvage Corps cannot be expected to do police duty as well as salvage the goods.

It is understood that License Inspector G. L. Ingram of the Motor Vehicle Branch has been requested to resign and that he had refused to do so. He will probably have to get out anyway. With many people the change will be a popular one. Courtesy and good judgment in this department which has to do with the public is desirable and a change will probably be in the public interest.

BRITISH TRADE FAIR, SINGAPORE

At the fifth annual British Trade Fair, Singapore, which is to be held from May 1 to May 9, there will be a special Canadian section, writes Mr. B. C. Butler, Acting Trade Commissioner in Singapore, in the forthcoming issue of the Commercial Intelligence Journal. Exhibits in this section are to consist of Canadian products currently represented and sold in British Malaya.

Canada's trade with British Malaya has shown a marked increase in the past two years. Imports more than doubled in 1934, totalling \$1,350,000. Malaya's exports to Canada almost trebled in 1934, as compared with 1933, the total value for the latter year being \$3,370,000. The growing importance of Canada as a buyer of Malayan products should favourably influence Canadian sales. Moreover, many of the export firms here are also importers and general merchant houses, and such firms are naturally inclined to give special considerations to Canadian offers when their sales are on the increase.

The proposed Canadian section at this fair should provide a valuable advertising medium. While the large British and European importers are familiar with Canadian goods, the Chinese business men do not yet look upon Canada as a source of supply for many products they are regularly buying from other countries. The population of British Malaya is approximately 4,500,000, of which almost 2,000,000 are Chinese (Singapore 572,000 of which 430,000 are Chinese).

Fredericton Jct. News

FREDERICTON JUNCTION, N. B., Jan. 25.—At the B. Y. P. U. last night the topic for discussion was "The Peace Movement." An address was given by Rev. H. G. Westrup; a paper by Gordon H. Westrup; and an address by H. H. Stuart, Miss Annie Redstone and the chairman, H. C. McCracken, joining in the discussion.

Following officers were chosen: President—H. C. McCracken. Vice-President—Norman Artes. Secretary—Miss Nellie Banks. Treasurer—Miss Violet Graham (re-elected).

Ushers—Gordon Westrup and Norman Artes (re-elected). Group Leaders: Consecration—Miss Annie Redstone; Bible Study—Miss Edith McLaughlin; Missions—Miss Flora Shearer; World Topics—H. C. McCracken.

CHURCH SERVICES

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Rev. George E. Ross, D.D., minister.
11 A.M.—Public worship; Subject:—"Our Great National Sorrow"; 12:15 P.M.—Sunday School and Bible class.
7:00 P.M.—Public Worship; Subject: "The Limitations of Our Life and Service."
"God Save The King".

Gibson Memorial United Church, Devon
Nashwaaksis, 11 A.M.; Kingsley at 3 P.M.; Devon, 6:50 P.M. The pastor will preach at all services. Memorial service in the evening.

St. Paul's United Church
Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Morning subject, "Kingliness." Service broadcast over CFNB. In the evening the male choir will render a service of praise. Sunday school and Bible class at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. George Telford, M.A., B.D., minister.

Wilmot United Church
Memorial services for our late beloved Sovereign, 11 a.m., public worship. Sermon "A King With the Common Touch." 7 p.m., Evening service. Sermon: "A Nation in Tears." Join the whole nation at church tomorrow, 2:30 p.m., Sunday School Brotherhood in Pythian Hall. Speaker Prof. Malcolm McPherson. Subject: "Shakespeare," in series on Great Men. Welcome to all the services.

Believes the New Monarch Will Remain Single

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Those were, in a sense, his most marriageable years, from 21 to 24, and they were taken from his life as effectively as they were from the lives of millions of other young men. There could be no thought of marriage for him then.

After the war, matrimonial prospects were once more actively discussed.

Practically all the eligible princesses of Europe were discussed publicly as candidates for the royal favor; Princesses Cecilie of Greece, Eudoxia of Bulgaria, Juliana of Holland; the Swedish princesses, Astrid, Ingrid, and Martha; the Italian princesses, Yolanda, Giovanna, and Mafalda; Princess Ileana of Rumania, Ingrid, especially, was known to be a favorite of Queen Mary, and was several times her guest.

But there was never any real reason to believe that Edward had set his heart on any of them. In many cases, religious or political factors interposed strong bars, and those "in the know" dismissed the "candidates" with a shrug long before the public discussion subsided. Nearly all of the princesses later married.

Several of the rumors reached a point where official denials were issued from the court.

More highly regarded in court circles were the repeated rumors of the prince's engagement to English girls of noble blood. Lady Rachel Cavendish, Lady May Cambridge, Lady Ann Wellesley, Lady Eileen Butler, Lady Furness and the Countess Carrick were among those mentioned in recurrent rumors.

While the prince was on a hunting trip to Africa, Lady Ann fell ill, and daily reports from her bedside were radioed to him.

That lent strength to this report, but as usual nothing came of it. Lady Ann has since married.

There have been other London society women, of high position, but not of noble blood, with whom the prince has been friendly for many years, but none of these friendships has given rise to any serious talk of a royal marriage.

Just Another Dance
The prince has been especially fortunate, too, in his family associations, and his devotion to his sister, Mary, the only girl in the Royal Family, and to little Princess Elizabeth, daughter of the Duke of York, is noteworthy.

The answer, among those who knew the prince well, is simply that he has been too busy to become interested in and court a bride. Having missed this experience due to preoccupation with the war during the years when he was most likely to be drawn to it, he launched into the period of post-war gaiety and latter-day seriousness without ever having had time for marriage.

What seldom occurs to the sentimental is this—Edward may simply prefer the bachelor life. In this, as well as in other matters, he has been increasingly "his own man" for the last five years.—Telegraph Journal.

Grief Stricken Citizens Pay Silent Respect to King

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of the Thames as far as the Tate Art Gallery, more than a mile distant.

They waited patiently, although it was obvious that thousands of them had no chance of entering the hall before closing time. The line included nuns, farmers, men of the Army and Navy in uniform, old women in hats and long veils hardly seen here since the days of Queen Victoria.

By 10 p.m. Monday, when the lying in state will end, officials said, at least 1,000,000,000 of the King's subjects will have paid the final act of tribute.

The line four abreast marched into the great hall past the coffin. Women who fainted were treated at a nearby hospital.

Already the crowned heads of Empire are arriving for the funeral. King Haakon of Norway and Queen Maud, who is the late King's sister, headed the list.

Boris of Bulgaria is en route and Leopold of the Belgians and Carol of Rumania are expected Monday. Prince Axel of Denmark is already in London, to be joined later by Crown Princess Ingrid, who is a grand daughter of the Duke of Connaught.

King Edward, before visiting the bier tonight, dealt with a mass of official documents and state papers awaiting his attention.

He disclosed that his mother would be designated as "The Queen Mother," ending speculation as to her proper title. By the King's special command the prayers in the order of service for all churches in England will read in part:

"We commend, O Lord, to Thy Fatherly goodness, Mary the Queen Mother, and all members of the Royal Family."

LONDON, Jan. 25.—Some little discussion has arisen here, concerning the absence hitherto of the Arch-

OUR MAIL BAG

To the Editor of the Daily Mail.

Dear Sir:
I have been asked about the work of the York and Sunbury Historical Society and would like to write a few lines regarding its accomplishments during the Society's four years of existence.

"The Society has several correlative lines of endeavor, namely, to commemorate persons and events of importance to our historical past, to do research work along historical lines in this central region of New Brunswick, to study and impart our local history along educational lines, and to gather, care for, and exhibit articles of historical value.

In commemoration of our past heroes, the Society was responsible for placing, with imposing ceremonies a glacial boulder on Waterloo Row in honor of the city's founders, for erecting an impressive white stone cross at Elmcroft over the graves of Fredericton's first citizens who perished from exposure, and last July the Society arranged the military and governmental ceremonies for the unveiling of the granite block which the Monument Board of Canada erected to the memory of our 104th Regiment of the Line.

The Society has done its part in all local celebrations, and on Feb. 22 last, commemorated the Capital's 150th birthday by a party for our 2,000 school children, arranging for the usual treats, music, an immense birthday cake and bon-fire. On May 6th last a float giving historical data was placed in the jubilee parade and in an earlier parade the Society won a prize with its old stage coach. It has also taken a booth at the annual Fredericton exhibition.

Along lines of research, a picnic has been held every summer in a historical spot, but the most important work done was the bringing to Fredericton of Dr. Winerburg Dominion Archaeologist, who spent some two weeks in investigating and making a detailed report of the old Indian burial-ground above Government House and who prepared one of the skeletons for our museum. During the past summer the old central graveyard was plotted with the purpose of copying the important inscriptions and some day marking nameless graves of such men as Col. Edward Winslow author of "Winslow Papers," and of that of Lieut. Dugald Campbell who laid out Fredericton.

The value of the Society as an educational factor is shown by the fact that 1,150 Normal School students have heard lectures given by our curator in the museum, flocks of school children have visited the museum with their teachers and without, and during the past summer 250 visitors entered their names in the Visitors' Book, though as a rule the curator forget there is such a book. On two Saturday mornings last summer the Curator voluntarily showed lantern slides dealing with local history to the school children of Fredericton and Devon. The Society has collected and had prepared 107 slides of local historical subjects. An interesting and instructive accomplishment was the showing to the public of the characteristic customs and traits of our local Indians by arranging for an exhibition of their native figurative dances. One Indian girl sang and recited Indian legends in English, Micmac, and Maliseet, and wrote for us the long sought for story of the last Mohawk raid. Thirty-three papers dealing with various local historical subjects have been written by members of the Society, read at the public meetings and put on file.

The museum itself has outgrown its rooms with some 2,000 exhibits for which 16 large handsome display cases have been bought. Among the articles exhibited are the Eastern collection of the Earl of Ashburnham, the Earle M. Young Russian collection, the Bourque Acadian collection, L. A. Wilmet relics, Alva Good's collection of military badges, F. A. Good's collection of 50 varieties of guns and the latter's collection of pistols, of medals and of clocks. There are Indian relics, relics from the wars beginning with Villebon in 1696, many tunics and

bishop of York from the ceremonies attending King George's funeral.

The fact is the primate of the northern ecclesiastical provinces has no official status in connection with either the Sovereign's obsequies or coronation.

At Edward VII's coronation the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Temple MacLagan, was invited to crown Alexandra solely to save the aged Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Temple, excessive fatigue.

The proposal at King George's coronation that Dr. Lang, then Archbishop of York and now of Canterbury, should crown Queen Mary was disallowed, but he was invited to preach the sermon.

On Tuesday the Archbishop of York will participate to a small extent in the ceremonies at Windsor but will not preach a sermon.

The Archbishop of Canterbury's title is primate of all England; the Archbishop of York is merely primate of England.

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swords from the Revolutionary war, relics from the war of 1812, from the Arcostock war, the civil war, the Riel Rebellion, the Spanish-American War, the Boer War, the Great War, and there are relics of the British regiments once stationed here. There are also many examples of early arts and crafts. We have from the old Government House the pre-Confederation Flag, and the Prince of Wales bed. Among our pictures is a painting handed down in the Winslow Family of Governor Carleton's Mansion House. We have about 400 books, of which 270 are Canadiana. There are early pamphlets, old diaries, manuscript books, documents, etc.

The crying need of the Society at present is more room for the museum. Mr. Wightman had an ideal conception if it could be arranged, i.e., the erection of a fire-proof building on the Brunswick Street flat of our old central graveyard, a building that would arch over the street entrance having a museum on one side and a community house for the use of our 20 or more city organizations. It would be a fitting monument to the most historical burial ground in New Brunswick. If all our citizens would work together, along with the county people of Sunbury and York the dream might become a reality. The citizens of Fredericton are more or less a changing population but the county people are all descendants of early pioneers from New England or the British Isles or of the thousands of war veterans from the Revolutionary War, and they have shown their pride in their old traditions by sending many exhibits to the local museum. The people of this central New

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(The above letter is of interest. There are also other things needed to the Historical Society besides those enumerated by Mrs. Maxwell).

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Schools Will Be Closed January 28

The Public Schools of New Brunswick will be closed Tuesday, January twenty-eighth, as the day has been proclaimed a public holiday to be observed as a day of general mourning.

Fredericton, January 24th, 1936

A. S. McFARLANE, Chief Superintendent of Education.