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Plenty of "Relief" Advice

Hon. Norman Rogers, Federal Minister of Labor, is receiving abundant advice as to how the National Employment Commission should go about its business. During one sitting of the House no fewer than twenty-three suggestions, and they expressed almost that number of different views. These hints ran all the way from amendment of the British North America Act and taxation of wealth to the investigation of bank clerks' salaries. One plan was a lowering of the tariff; another that the tariff should be raised.

There was expressed approval of a clause in the bill instructing the Commission to study an apprenticeship plan; and associated with this was the prediction that when industry revives this country will face a shortage of trained workers. This prospect should stir industry to co-operation with the Commission in its efforts to do something for youth, now discouraged by lack of opportunity.

The multiplicity of suggestions delayed the third reading of the bill, but provided illuminating evidence that the problem of unemployment is being studied from many angles. The Minister is being liberally advised, and if "in a multitude of counsellors there is safety" he should find himself traveling on solid ground. The Commission to be appointed will have for consideration the outstanding problem confronting this country, a problem demanding study by the best minds.

But it will be a long time until the Commission can present its findings. Meantime, Premier King announces, the relief appropriation bill this year may reach the enormous sum of \$75,000,000. This will be expended on public works, reforestation, highway building and direct relief to the provinces. The gravity of the unemployment situation may be realized by the statement that between 1867 and 1905 the total revenue of the Dominion did not in any year exceed the amount to be expended this year on various forms of relief.

Premier King also announced that the Government has to consider the spending of a further \$25,000,000 on work begun by the previous Administration, such as police and military buildings. The expenditure has aroused considerable criticism. According to the Premier's statement, however, the Government may think that part of these funds might be expended to better advantage in other ways.

In spending these millions the aim should be, so far as possible, to do work of a public nature that is needed and which will be of an enduring type. A reasonable share of the money spent should reach the people who need it most—those who, long unemployed, will be given something to do. It will be recalled that in previous Government expenditures on relief work a pitiful fraction of the appropriations reached the workers. Relief has developed as a complicated business and many abuses have arisen. It must be the first aim of the Government to see that the best possible use is made of the millions to be spent during the year. Sorely harried taxpayers will be keen observers of what is done with their money.

A Cure for Fear

Men and women are always seeking the cure for fear. They want to escape fear, but the more they flee from it in terror, the more terrible it becomes. Fear cannot be overcome by seeking escape from it. The cure for fear lies in these two courses: facing the facts and work. So many folks will do anything but face the facts. They refuse to see anything but the side they want to see. They spend half their lives with their heads stuck in the sand, trying to escape facts. Fear turns and runs only when you look it in the eye. When you have looked it over frankly and honestly and decided what it can do to you at its worst—go to work. Do what you find to do, to the limit, ready to take what comes. You can't stop worry by saying, "I won't worry." It isn't done that way. But you can free yourself by facing the facts and by work.

One More Scrap of Paper

One more treaty has been broken and has become a mere scrap of paper. Turkey apparently became impatient waiting for her answer to have the Lausanne treaty revised and followed the example of Italy, Germany and Austria and adopted a procedure of self-protection in view of this week's developments in the African situation. The Lausanne treaty guaranteed security and freedom of navigation through the Dardanelles to Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan. This Turkey evidently felt unable to further guarantee.

Wheels of Destiny Spin

The white man's civilization is being impressed upon or rather dropped upon, the white-brown-black men, women and children of Ethiopia. The whine and drone of airplane motors, the bursting of aerial bombs, the rattle of musketry and the roar of the artilleries seem to herald the dawn of a new day in the last independent nation of the dark continent.

And what does it all connote?

The two fascist states of Europe are running a temperature. The two dictators, Mussolini and Hitler, are at nervous crises. Germany, in the midst of a domestic juncture, tries to divert public attention from a lack of bread and butter. So Hitler dramatically flouted the Locarno treaty, as he had the Versailles, and so occupies the Rhineland. Then he calls a strong-arm election and by terrorism and thuggery gets a 99 per cent endorsement from the people.

Dictators must keep up the show, particularly if they are unable to make good their economic promises.

Mussolini's diversion offered his people has been the Ethiopian campaign. Armed with every modern weapon, Mussolini's men took six months to advance 115 miles into Ethiopia, the easiest part of the advance.

Now the rains are about to fall, and when the rains fall in Ethiopia, everything bogs down. On March 29, Italian airplanes were sent to bomb the unfortified and demilitarized city of Harar. On April 4, Addis Ababa felt the first rain of Italian bombs.

Only the quick surrender of the Ethiopian government can bring victory to Italian arms. Once the rains come (and the clouds are gathering), military operations, even in the air, are off for months.

Whatever the outcome, both Mussolini and Hitler still have their disturbing domestic economic woes. And neither appears to be getting anywhere along that front.

SNAPSHOTS

Treaties in Europe are like pic crust. They are made to be broken.

"What's the good of having a city council if the Police Commission can hold up our proposals," said an alderman today.

The two railways running into this district have confessed that they are beaten.

Whatever became of the boy who lived on his old man, and never knew when business was bad, anyhow?

One half of the world does not know how the other half lives. In fact during the depression we didn't know how we lived ourselves.

The German election indicates that it is possible to phrase in a statesmanlike way the old question "Where would you rather be or in jail?"

The dog that brought to its owner a purse that contained just what he had lost but which was not his own must be a cross between a retriever and a Scottie.

Statistical Ottawa declares Canadian eat more eggs than any other people in the world. Nearly 400 each per year should keep the hens encouraged. Most people like an egg, and then there are those who "take it on the chin" but that also helps keep up the average consumption.

Forests Will Be Protected From Cigarettes in Woods

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movable, in any defined area, which uses any fuel other than oil or gasoline. Any owner or operator of such property refusing or neglecting to comply with such order shall be liable to a penalty of \$50 for every day or part of day during which the refusal or neglect continues.

Also, a forest ranger, with the approval of a forest service inspector, may at any time during the close season, enter upon any lands within the province for the purpose of burning any slash which may be found thereon, and may require the owner, occupier, person in possession or conducting any operation thereon and his employees to aid in burning such slash. Any such person refusing to aid the forest ranger shall be guilty of an offence and liable to prosecution.

A drastic change in the definition of prima facie evidence of setting a fire is provided by the following new section:

"If any prosecution is brought against any person for setting or kindling a fire on any forest land, the fact that such person at the time such fire is first noticed or is apparently set or kindled is in the vicinity of said fire shall be prima facie evidence that he set or kindled such fire."

For the purpose of controlling and extinguishing any fire, forest service officers may, "in emergencies, demand take and use any trucks, cars and other means of transportation, and any tools, appliances and other equipment suitable for fire fighting, and the compensation for such voluntary or compulsory assistance and for such use or and damage to such means of transportation, and equipment, shall be such as the minister may decide."

County councillors also, acting as fire wardens in cases of fires on granted lands, will be empowered to arrange for meals and transportation for those employed in fighting, such fires and to demand, take and use for such purpose any truck, cars and other means of transportation, tools, appliances and other equipment suitable for fire fighting. Reasonable compensation for such meals and transportation, and for any damage to or loss of any such means of transportation and equipment shall be paid by the secretary treasurer of the county upon proper bills for the same being presented to him by such county councillors or the deputy acting in his stead.

DIED LAST NIGHT

The death occurred last night at his home at Douglas, of Alban Hatch aged 80 years. He was born at Beavertown and resided at Douglas for the past ten years. He was well known and highly respected. He is survived by two sisters, Miss Mary Hatch of Douglas, and Mrs. James Hawkins of Auburn, Maine, and three brothers, Charles Hatch of Southern States, William Hatch of Swan Creek, and George A. Hatch of New Hampshire.

DR. J. C. McMULLEN

Dentist

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C. H. Blakeny Gives Province Good Financial Advice

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be redeemed under present conditions the province today could save about \$954,000 a year, or nearly \$1,000,000 a year in interest charges. He did not propose a repudiation of debts, continued the Moncton member, but merely a provision "to protect the generations to come", to prevent them from being "hog-tied". It was a field which the government might "very well explore", he said, to see if in all government bills authorizing debenture issues there could not be inserted a callable clause.

He had been told by bond houses that such a clause would not affect "very materially" the value of the bonds on the market, Mr. Blakeny stated. He asked that the government consider a provision that every bond issued under the municipal debentures act be made callable. It had been "quite successfully done" in England and had "put old England back on her feet". Australia had a callable clause provision, which had assisted that country "back on its feet".

"Give the generation coming next to us a break that we did not get", he urged.

Mr. Richard sated he considered that it was a question whether it was wise to do so.

Premier A. A. Dysart termed Mr. Blakeny's suggestions "very much in line with modern thought today". He realized the ease with which they might have been able to carry on today had the "suggestions made today been carried out in the past". He pointed out, however, that advisers of the province under all governments were opposed to such action. In spite of that, he considered it a "happy saving suggestion". He did think it sound wisdom "to embark on future borrowings with that in mind".

In consideration of the bill to confer certain powers upon the lieutenant-governor-in-council in respect to insurance, Mr. McNair, in answer to Opposition Leader Squires, stated that he believed personally a superintendent of insurance should be appointed and that possibly he should be an existing government official in order to save expense.

It was his own view, the attorney-general said that there was a large field to be controlled and developed and that a superintendent would "serve a very good purpose". A superintendent of insurance might develop a department of insurance, he thought.

In reply to a query from Mr. Squires whether the insurance companies doing business in the province might be assessed to provide the salary for such a superintendent, Mr. McNair stated that it was the insurance companies whom it would be sought to control and he did not think a superintendent of insurance should be made to feel that he was an appointee of the insurance companies. He would be opposed to such a move, he stated.

Although the subject had not been reached by the government, continued the attorney-general, he was hopeful that next year they might have reached the point where they could present legislation to deal with the matter. For if it was to be dealt with, he felt that the Legislature should do so and not have it determined by order-in-council. It might be that if a superintendent were appointed, he might investigate and build up a department.

The bill under discussion will merely vest in the governor-in-council for another year the power to regulate the business of insurance in the province.

The seven government bills read a third time and passed were:

To amend the Public Utilities Act.
To amend an act to incorporate the New Brunswick Museum.

To provide for a payment to Mrs. Maude Loudoun, widow of W. A. Loudoun, late comptroller-general.

To provide for a gratuity in the case of the late George Bidlake, clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

To amend the Schools Act.
To amend the Elections Act.

To cancel a grant of land to J. Melvin Hudson.

DIED

CUMMINGS:—Died suddenly today, April 18, 1936, Thomas Cummings, at the age of 67 years.

The funeral will take on Monday afternoon with service from the home on Waterloo Row at 2:30 o'clock and will be conducted by Rev. George Telford, assisted by Ven. Archdeacon A. F. Bate. Interment will be made in the cemetery at Forest Hill.

DELONG:—Passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Allen, 225 King Street on Friday, April 17th, Mrs. Caroline Matilda Delong, aged 88.

The funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon with service at the home at 2:30 o'clock to be conducted by Major Kimmins and Rev. John Linton. Interment will be made in the Rural Cemetery Extension.

Our Mail Bag

RESURGEMUS

Fredericton, N. B.,
April 15th, 1936.

The Editor,
Daily Mail,

Dear Mr. Editor,
I have been reading your excellent newspaper ever since I came to Fredericton and enjoy it very much. It is "different" from any other newspaper and perhaps that is the reason. From something that was said in your columns recently I was caused to think of the following verses:

I am forwarding them to you in print in your valuable columns if you think them worthy of such.
Thanking you, yours very sincerely,
NORMAL STUDENT 1936.

The following is a cry of we young people of today to you who have gone before, and there are those to whom we say especially, if the cap fits . . .

RESURGEMUS

We are the child of circumstance,
Controlled by destiny.
We are the victims of blind chance,
Facing reality.

What is there that we can believe?
We young folks of today.
You've left us here. None to relieve
No one to show the way.

Yours was the age when men were good,

And yours the age of reason,
Your hopes and aims were understood,
Not thought of as high treason.

You who believed in the dawn of peace,
Steered straight into a war,
The worst the world will ever see,
Or ever saw before.

'Twas a war, you said, to end such wars,
To crush things military,
Millions of you were slain, because
You planned democracy.

You gave us scientific aid—
Combined with capitalism,
With thoughtless words, you have displayed
Colossal optimism.

You've chained the lightning, ruled the soil,
You knew the universe,
You say that man no more must toil,
What could you do that's worse?

And now that things go wrong, it's we
You always give the blame;
It's we the scapegoats have to be,
While you get all the fame.

We've done our best, we'll do our best
To make this old world run;
So if things go wrong, let's make a jest
And take it all in fun.

Don't laugh at us, don't show your scorn,
You've learnt, and so must we;
The world is sad, distressed, forlorn,
It must much happier be.

It's up to us to make her thus,
And we will surely do it;
It's up to you to make no fuss,
Or you will surely rue it.

The heritage we leave to those,
Who come when we are gone,
Must be for them to keep—not lose,
To us you have left none.

NORMAL STUDENT, 1936.

The following appreciative communication has been received by the Editor of The Daily Mail.

Queen St. Apts., Fredericton,
April 16, 1936.

Mr. J. L. Neville,
The Daily Mail, Fredericton.

Dear Sir:—

At the monthly meeting of the Victor Hatheway Chapter I.O.O.E. on April 8th I was instructed to convey to you the appreciation of the Chapter members for the generous space allowed for writeups of our meetings each month.

Our Chapter was awarded a trophy for the best newspaper clippings of news of meetings for the past year, and we realize that had it not been for the co-operation of The Daily Mail we could not have won it.

Thanking you on behalf of our Press Committee and Chapter members.

Yours sincerely,
RENA M. GORDON,
Secretary, Victor Hatheway Chapter, I.O.O.E.

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