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British Manufacturers and Empire Competition

Unpleasant though it may be, it is well for Canadian manufacturers to make a note of the tendency in the United Kingdom to take Empire competition seriously. The Empire Committee of the Federation of British Industries have prepared a statement on the question of abnormal competition from Empire manufactured goods, and it has been forwarded by the President of the Federation to His Majesty's Government. The statement says:

"Although separate bi-lateral negotiations have been proceeding between the United Kingdom and certain Dominions during recent months, it is assumed that these are concerned more with the question of detailed amendments to the Ottawa Agreements rather than with the underlying principles enunciated at the Ottawa Conference.

"If economic discussions take place in connection with the Imperial Conference, which it is understood will be held after the Coronation, it is assumed that an opportunity will arise for considering the principles of the Ottawa Agreements in their widest sense in the light of the experience since the Ottawa Conference has held.

"The Federation feels most strongly that His Majesty's Government should take powers to withdraw in the necessary cases the right of unconditional free entry for Empire manufactured goods if abnormally competitive conditions arise, or if the import of such goods tends to undermine in the home market the position of any British industries. In this connection it should be remembered that some Dominions already have similar powers and invoke them against exports from the United Kingdom.

"The Federation does not consider that it will be necessary in many cases to invoke these powers. The Federation would, however, point out that for the last five years His Majesty's Government has been powerless to deal with industrial competition from within the Empire, and submits that it should not remain in this defenceless condition."—Canada's Weekly.

Invisible Treaties

Publication of the terms of the new Japanese-German treaty has produced in diplomatic circles a consternation which is not lessened by the announcement of negotiation for an agreement between the Italian dictatorship and imperial Japan. Despite Japanese insistence that the two agreements are in no way related, it is fully realized that any treaty between Japan and Italy would provide an approach to Italian participation in the Japanese-German agreement.

On its surface, the treaty between Japan and Germany is apparently innocuous, providing for exchange of information and mutual aid against Communist propaganda and agitation. It is directed against the Third International rather than the Russian government, a device copied from the Soviet itself, which insists that Communist activities condemned by other countries are the work of the International, not of the government at Moscow.

But no nation believes that the full scope of the Japanese-German agreement is covered by the clauses of the treaty. It is in the implications of the document that other governments find cause for alarm. Russia sees in it a military threat, an opinion shared by diplomatic observers in Washington, who predict war between Germany and Russia next spring, closely followed by a Russo-Japanese war. France regards the invitation which the treaty extends to other nations to participate in joint action against Communism as an attempt to seduce her allies in Eastern Europe, to win them to the support of Germany. Britain sees the agreement as strengthening the Fascist bloc in Europe, a direct blow at the principle of collective security which Britain has supported and which must preclude any grouping of nations in blocs or factions.

Thus it is not surprising that the European nations look with some concern on the Italo-Japanese negotiations. Italy has taken the view that her attitude toward Communism was sufficiently well known to make it unnecessary for her to participate in the Japanese-German agreement. The proposed Italo-Japanese treaty, however, is expected to provide for mutual recognition of Manchoukou, Japan's puppet state, and Ethiopia, Italy's recent conquest, thus furthering the plans of both nations.

Mixed Farming Revived

Few surveys of economic and business conditions in this country are so exhaustive and yet concise in their reproduction of actual conditions as the annual reports prepared by Mr. F. W. Field, C.M.G., Senior British Trade Commissioner in Canada and Newfoundland. The 1935-36 report, just published, maintains the standard and, while much of the statistical information is confined to the past fiscal year, it presents an accurate guide to commercial trends throughout the Dominion.

To some extent the progress in several lines of industry is far from encouraging, but in the major wealth-producing industries of agriculture, forestry and mining the improvement is marked. To speak of agriculture making progress, in view of the climatic setbacks in both Eastern and Western Canada during the past season, may seem a contradiction of facts, but shortages have further boosted prices, and crop values reflect the benefit. More than this, Mr. Field points to a development in Prairie farming that must be hailed as progress.

It is a "considerable diversion" of Western acreage "to mixed farming." The result is shown in terms of increase in live stock holdings and in the dairying, poultry and meat producing branches. The total value of horses, sheep and swine had risen to \$490,000,000 at the end of 1935. Creamery butter production reached 239,250,000 pounds, an increase of 2½ per cent. over 1934, and, with dairy butter, consumed almost one-half of the total milk supply for the year. Following this improvement to the market, it is shown that butter exports for that year were 7,697,000 pounds, compared with 428,000 pounds in 1934. Imports fell from 2,873,002 pounds in 1934 to 148,541 last year.

This is progress of the first order. It signals a return to a balanced system of farming, which has been the crying need of Canadian agriculture for the past decade or more. That the greatest effort is being made in the West is even more encouraging for the future, particularly in view of the irrigation and water-conservation schemes contemplated for the dried-out areas. The Prairies will always be primarily a grain-producing country, but there is room for great expansion into mixed farming, which will not only boost national income but will lessen the disastrous effects of future crop failures.

SNAPSHOTS

After the bridge has been secured the Telegraph-Journal begins to bestow credit, but does not spread it all over where it belongs. Hon. Mr. Paterson, Saint John, and the "Saint John Citizen" helped us get the bridge. The Telegraph-Journal like some others of our contemporaries did not fall all over itself boasting for the bridge. They kept quiet until others had done the work.

A sign of the times is that the present Christmas trade is better than anytime since 1929.

General Franco seems to have dropped into a permanent job trying to capture Madrid.

"There will be peace in Europe for years to come," says Lord Beaverbrook. When is it going to start?

"A man's ability to love is greatest at 35." Well, by that time he needs more to endure the making-over he'll get.

A scientist says no other age had such torturing noises. Brother, did you ever hear the third grade writing on slates?

From a signatur on a document a professor deduces that Shakespeare was an educated man. It's a startling discovery.

Fable: Once a man started to look up a word in a dictionary or encyclopedia and didn't see something more interesting to read first.

Naturally it was an Irishman or at least a preacher with an Irish name who, speaking of the former King, coined the curious sentence, "Because of one fault we threw him in to the garbage can of our affections."

A new steam engine is expected to develop locomotives of greater speed, but if the inventor thinks that's going to chill the sporting blood of those who race cars to crossings, he's got another thing coming.

Santa Comes

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weeks before Christmas for the benefit of newspaper photographers. Then three weeks before Christmas Day is private for the Dionne family alone, with not even their famous doctor present.

The "quints" think it a grand idea, for Santa has to visit three times, and three times he has to bring presents. But some one else will have to play Santa next year.

"I played him this year," twinkled their rotund Santa-like physician last night. "They were a little bit frightened by the whiskers at first until Marie pulled them down and saw me. Then the game was up!"

The babies' Christmas presents come from all round the world, even India, so there are plenty for all three Christmases and more besides to be given to the Dionne children. Just a month ago five little Japanese kimono arrived from a hospital in Japan, "and my, don't they look cute," described the doctor.

And visitors, including some from Texas, California and equally distant States, still arrive daily—twenty-five to seventy-five a day — to visit the world's most famous babies. And some of them see snow for the first time in their lives.

Overshoes Discovered

Latest tricks of the quints include a "yen" on the part of Marie for Dr. Dafoe's overshoes. She discovered them one day just inside the door; planted both chubby legs inside, and clumped through the nursery, while her sisters toppled over in glee. Since then the overshoes are part of the day's doings.

And Yvonne heavyweight of the crew, also has a new trick. It occurs when the "quints" are using their snow-slide. Bundled almost to immobility, Yvonne comes down the slide, plumps at the bottom, and refuses to move. "Just too much trouble," says her expression. She found out that by howling a nurse came to pick her up. She's tried that trick once too often, though. Now she's left parked at the foot of the slide until one of her sisters plumps down on top of her.

"They've got to learn to look out for themselves," says Dr. Dafoe firmly. "They talk all the time now, too. But it is mostly in French. But they call me Doctaire, now, just as plain as anything," he added, looking very much pleased.

He is in town to visit his son, a first year engineering student at Victoria University, who will leave here Saturday to spend Christmas with his father who will return today.

"And who is postman for all the quints' mail?" asked the reporter.

"Why, nobody but me!" said the doctor. "Three bags go back and forth between the hospital and post office. You bet I'm busy; you bet."

Speaking of grammatical errors, or, to satisfy the purists, errors in grammar, Lord Morley once said: "Neither you nor I am entirely ourselves."

His solecism was picked up by Punch, which inquired: "Then who else am we?"

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Some weeks ago the transportation committee of the Fredericton Board of Trade requested the C.N.R. to provide truck transportation of less than carload freight between the South Devon station and the Union station at Fredericton. Today Mr. Phillips, chairman of the transportation committee of the Board of Trade is in receipt of a letter from M. F. Tompkins, traffic manager of the C.N.R., in which he states that this request has been granted by the railway and will become effective at once.

In the letter, Mr. Tompkins states that he has wired the C.N.R. agent here that the railway will transfer less carload freight between Fredericton freight shed and South Devon freight shed and vice versa when destined to or originating at points on the Nashwaak sub-division including Newcastle, without cost to either the shipper or the receiver.

Scotland Yard

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cramped conditions which they found there.

Perhaps the most telling appeal made for better working conditions was that of Lord Trenchard before he retired from the post of commissioner. He declared that the staff in the fingerprint department was crowded together "like warehouse clerks in a Christmas rush;" that criminal records which had to be consulted frequently were piled up to the ceiling in a passage; that senior officers whose work is largely confidential, sit three or four together in one room, and that interviews go on in corners because there are not enough waiting rooms.

It was in 1901 that Scotland Yard adopted the fingerprint system, and today it has more than 500,000 sets of fingerprints in its cabinets. At the present time several of the departments of "The Yard" are located outside the headquarters building, and the crime laboratory and the "Black Museum" are at Hendon, some six or eight miles away. It is at Hendon, too, that the Police College is situated.

It was during Lord Trenchard's regime that great strides were made in the use of wireless in crime detection, and that the crime laboratory and police college were founded.

"God-Sent"

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liberal, individualistic and materialistic ideas, contrary to what they thought correct Japanese spirit.

The bombings, the official statement said, were intended to be a signal for a general uprising in which residences of cabinet members and party leaders, headquarters of all political parties and the Japan Industrial Bank were to be burned.

Cabinet members and political leaders who escaped were to be assassinated, the announcement said.

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400 extra, in Hamilton 200 extra, London 175, Windsor 125 and in other Ontario towns and cities a proportionate increase.

Montreal will require only 1,000 additional postal workers because down in Quebec the French are like the Scots, they celebrate the New Year, and their festive season is staggered, while in Ontario the rush comes chiefly at Christmas.

Canadian mail for the United Kingdom and other overseas countries already is on the move and most of it will be despatched this week.

Plum pudding and other gifts are on the way to the far North by dog teams, airplanes and other conveyances. Airplanes will be used in other sections of Canada, including the north shore of the St. Lawrence below Quebec City.

There will be two deliveries of mail on Christmas Day. In fact there will be morning and afternoon deliveries in the residential section of all towns and cities which have carrier service every day of the year but Sunday.

This important service, has been widely commended by business men and householders. The letter carriers work 44 hours a week and more men are being taken on in order that the carriers may get sufficient rest from their labors.

House of Commons

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the non-intervention committee had not reached its expectations. He said if all countries were permitted to ship arms to Spain that a European war would be the immediate result. If on the other hand all the powers of Europe would co-operate in non-intervention it would be a simple matter to control. Without co-operation the control of this situation was beyond human power and Sir Anthony suggested further means of non-intervention.

The Foreign Minister also referred to the four thousand civilians who are to be transferred from Madrid during the Christmas season and he said that this was a humanitarian work and should be taken up by the League Council at Geneva.

Communist

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Marshal Chang Hsueh-jiang's British adviser, James Elder.

At the same time, a spokesman declared a messenger was bringing an autographed letter from the imprisoned military overlord which would "dispel doubts as to the general's safety."

He also cited a telegram, purportedly from W. H. Donald, Chiang's Australian-born adviser, saying he "had returned to Sian-Fu and was remaining in the same room with the generalissimo."

His movements were strictly controlled by Nanking authorities. Guards were posted around the entrances of the private residence and no outsiders permitted to talk with him.

Would Condemn Chang to Death
The Yuan (council) approved a motion condemning Marshal Chang to public execution as a result of the

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"He (Chang) has shaken the nation to its foundations," the Yuan declared in a statement. "So enormous is his crime it cannot be expiated should he die 10,000 deaths."

The nation's highest authorities announced the rebellious Marshal had released General Chiang Ting-Wen, trusted lieutenant and fellow captive of the dictator, to convey a personal message to Minister of War Ho Ying-Chin, commanding the punitive expedition against Sian-Fu.