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Netherlands Trade With Canada

The Netherlands' trade with Canada during the period January to June, 1936, has been characterized by a marked increase in imports from Canada, writes Mr. J. C. Macgillivray, Canadian Trade Commissioner in Rotterdam, in the forthcoming issue of the Commercial Intelligence Journal. In comparison with the first six months of 1935, the volume rose from 69,831 metric tons to 132,047 tons (one metric ton equals 2,205 pounds), while the value similarly increased from fl. 3,898,000 to fl. 7,098,000 (one florin equals 67 cents Canadian).

In exports to Canada an increase has also been noted, although it is smaller, particularly as regards value. The comparative figures representing volume were 11,457 tons and 19,182 tons, while the values were fl.1,837,000 and fl. 2,113,000 respectively.

The increase in imports is almost entirely due to much greater purchases of Canadian wheat, which during the six-months period amounted to 114,888 tons (fl. 5,684,000) and exceeded total imports for the whole year 1935. A number of other products have, however, helped in this movement.

Old Principle Assailed

Before the Canadian Bar Association, gathered at Halifax, N.S., it was suggested that the old principle that "the King can do no wrong" be repudiated, and the Crown be made "liable for any wrongful act done, or any neglect or default committed, by an officer of the Crown in the same manner and to the same extent as that in and to which a principal, being a private person, is liable for any wrongful act done."

The subject, of course, is not one that can be disposed of in a few words, and legal practitioners probably will see more clearly than laymen the point at issue.

Obviously, any change along the line suggested should be a matter of deep and earnest consideration, and the way should not be made easy for malicious or frivolous proceedings against Crown officials.

So far, it would seem that the present position of affairs has been generally satisfactory.

It is a rare thing to hear of an officer of the Crown committing "wrongful acts" or "neglect or default." Under British law, should he do so, he soon ceases to be an officer of the Crown, and is as liable to legal proceedings as is the private citizen. It is not necessary to quote instances.

Moreover, if the Crown's immunity is to be removed there would appear to be no limit to which legal proceeding could be dragged out. "The King can do no wrong" is the British equivalent of the ancient Roman dictum, "There is no appeal above Caesar." Make the Crown legally as fallible as the private citizen, and who is to be given the deciding word in a dispute?

At present the final court of appeal for Britishers is the Privy Council, the members of which, presumably, are officers of the Crown. It is proposed that a dissatisfied appellant should be allowed to bring action against the Judges of the Privy Council if he feels that, by rendering a decision adverse to him, they have committed a wrongful act? And before whom would the proceedings lie?

Doubtless many legal reforms are needed, but cancellation of the Crown's present immunity from ordinary judicial process does not, to the lay mind, appear to be one of the most pressing.

"The Brogue" Victorious

Among other surprises, the Quebec general election provided material for those of "lesser breeds" who delight in poking fun at the Scots. In a predominantly Jewish constituency in Montreal Irish Tom Coonan, Union Nationale candidate, defeated Scottish Hon. E. Stuart McDougall. This, it names mean anything, the brogue beat the burr.

But there was more to it than that. The Scot, naturally enough, was Provincial Treasurer, custodian of the people's funds. All over the world Scots have been entrusted with money, because they may be trusted. Long ago in Canada Hon. Alexander Mackenzie, Premier, won for himself the appellation, "Watchdog of the Treasury," and said it was almost necessary to sit with a rifle on the money chest so that public funds might be guarded. Therefore, with the advantage of this racial reputation, the Montreal Scot should have been sure of election.

But Tom Coonan thought otherwise, and declared during the campaign that he wanted to be "the mouthpiece of the Jewish people at Quebec." Mr. Coonan may have the "sootherin' tongue" of his race; anyway the Jewish electors decided they wanted an Irish rather than a Scottish mouthpiece at the Capital—a mouthpiece with a brogue rather than a burred tongue in it. This is just another of the little humiliations the Scot is being subjected to in these iconoclastic times. Anyway, in this particular contest in Quebec, "Shiver'd was fair Scotland's spear And broken was her shield."

"Wars Are Illegal"

A Toronto paper observes editorially that "The pacifist speaker who declared that wars are illegal, might easily have hit upon a statement more likely to shock and scandalize the public." The Star does not know to whom this reference applies nor in what connection he made the remark that is credited to him. Probably he had no desire to shock or scandalize anyone. He made a statement, however, that may be deserving of more than passing notice.

War has not always been illegal. Some may say it never was illegal, but that would not be a correct statement. The world was such a hideous experience for the human race, the nations agreed that it should be made a crime against civilization, and fifty of them solemnly renounced the right to engage in war as instrument of national policy. This they did, not under the Covenant, which merely restricted and delayed war, but under the Pact of Paris, otherwise known as the Briand-Kellogg treaty.

Only once in the world's history have the nations banned war and made its prosecution, except in self-defense, or on behalf of world society, an illegality. The undeclared wars in Manchuria and Ethiopia have not erased the signatures appended to the anti-war pact which remains an integral part of international law, disobeyed though it may be in some quarters as are nearly all laws, human and divine.

National laws are obeyed readily by the generality of people, and the community has a way of dealing with those who violate them. Not until civilization finds a way in disciplining lawless nations who delight in violence, will it obtain or truly deserve the blessing of peace.

SNAPSHOTS

The large crop of brides and prospective brides in evidence in local circles this season would indicate a returning prosperity.

A returned United States tourist writes to The Daily Mail: "You have a lovely country down there. There is just one thing that is killing it. That is the dusty roads. As soon as your government has put down hard surface roads in every section of your province you will see an even greater flow of tourists visit your province."

The same tourist writes: "My companion thought that he was coming to the wilds of Canada and was surprised when he found nice houses in New Brunswick, and a city as nice as Fredericton." What do you think of that?

There is a great field here for the development of Home Handicrafts, especially domestic weaving, too long neglected by our New Brunswick farmers, their sons and their daughters. Let us wake up to our opportunities.

What became of the old-fashioned children who came in at nine o'clock at night, instead of going out at that time?

Some one wants to know why so few men chew tobacco now. Well, many of the men have false teeth. Did you ever try to spit with those things?

Portugal does not seem quite sure whether she is having a revolution or not.

Like a bull in a Spanish arena, Spain appears about to be the victim, no matter what happens.

Dreamers now will have to turn their attention to something other than building castles in Spain.

Europe Relaxes

(Continued from Page One) protector of its culture will take every necessary measure to guarantee freedom and independence of the nation under all circumstances," one newspaper said.

Germany won't capitulate against the Red Army abroad any more than it did against the bolshevistic forces at home, another commentator said, answering "reponsible bolshevists" who in cynical declarations said it was also the task of the Red Army to intervene from abroad in countries where bolshevistic agitation was resisted from within."

Slapped Her Face
PARIS, Aug. 24—Germany "shook France's hand in the morning and slapped her face in the evening," diplomatic circles said tonight on learning Chancellor Hitler had extended the military training period in Germany from one to two years after declaring an arms embargo against Spain the same day.

Officials declined immediate specific comment on Hitler's military action which informed sources said the French Government considered primarily Berlin's answer to Soviet reduction of the age limit for service in the Russian army.

MOSCOW, Aug. 24—The Soviet Union today said it would ban arms shipments to the Spanish belligerents if Germany, Italy and Portugal would do likewise.

Germany already has declared an arms embargo and Italy has taken the same stand as Russia. Portugal has not yet declared officially a neutrality stand).

LONDON, Aug. 25—An Old World in which Fascist countries will tend to line up on one side and strongly anti-Fascist countries will tend to form up on the other every time there is a civil war or revolt or rebellion—that is the dynamite-laden situation foreshadowed by the varying attitudes of the European big powers towards the bloody civil war now being waged in Spain.

Time was when no European nation bothered itself particularly about the form of government in another nation. For instance, before Bolshevism was born and Fascism invented, there was no distinct tendency for monarchies to line up on one side and republics on the other. Not theories of government, but material interests were the governing factors.

Black Legion

(Continued from Page One) of 15 of the 22 men the grand jury indicted last week on charges of criminal syndicalism in an alleged Black Legion plot to seize control of the federal government.

Michigan authorities pressed their demand that Virgil F. (Bert) Effinger, described by Prosecutor Duncan C. McCrear here as national commander of the Black Legion, be returned from Lima, O., to face charges of criminal syndicalism and possession of explosives.

DAILY FOREIGN NEWS COMMENT

Nazi Germany's Conception

The political actions of present day Germany are always carried out as though they were military operations. Speed of execution, resolution and the element of surprise are the main characteristics. As they are often directed against supposedly friendly powers amid the courtesies of diplomatic intercourse, the element of surprise is generally quite easily achieved.

German Foreign Policy

Anyone who knows what Germany wants and who knows that she means to get it and feels strong enough to do so, can foretell without being a prophet when she has accomplished one aim, what is next on the list. The Reich never rests, as there is no time when it is not planning a new coup for the purpose of gaining a new victory.

Power Maintained by Succession of Victories

Nazi Power lives and must justify its existence to the German people by a series of victories. When through the Italo-German agreement over Austria trouble ceased there, it was clear to everyone that there would soon be unrest somewhere else—in Spain, for instance. If unrest ceases in Spain soon—an unlikely surmise—some other unfortunate country will quickly be passing through unhappy days and sleepless nights. Poland, Czecho-Slovakia, Denmark, and Lithuania are next on the list.

Rubber Hose and Flexible Steel Rods

In the various countries which are ear-marked to be the unwilling recipients of the Nazi Gospel, thousands of Socialists, Roman Catholics, Conservatives and Jews are about to experience the doubtful blessings of German political arguments brought home with truly striking force on their defenceless bodies. But the world is growing so accustomed to the new doctrine of persuasion by violence that such things have ceased to do more than mildly shock the average citizen or the national conscience.

—H. M. P.

Thousands

(Continued from Page One) hand to greet her. The number increased to 300 at Perth, 400 at Belleville, 500 at Trenton, and so on to Oshawa, where a crowd of 2,000 packed the platform and right of ways to get a glimpse of the new train.

Bowmanville's Rheader Foundry gave the workers in their plant the afternoon off in order that they might view the new job, and J. J. Coppin, Traffic Manager of General Motors of Canada, and Col. E. Phillips, Oshawa, came aboard the train as the guests of Mr. G. Bruce Burpee, district passenger agent for a brief inspection of the new air conditioned coaches.

Farm For Sale By Public Tender

200 acres at McDonald's Pt., Queens County, 70 acres under cultivation, 50 acres cleared pasture, balance in woodland.

Buildings consist of house 18x40 with additions 12x16 and 16x18, barn 32x60, stable 18x60, hogpen 20x26, manure shed 24x42, Railway 2 miles, school ½ mile.

The Department prefers to sell for all cash and such offers will be given preference. If the property is sold on terms, the minimum initial cash payment which will be accepted is ten per cent. of the sale price, the balance with interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum being payable under amortization plan in not more than twenty-five equal annual instalments. Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque for \$100. If tender is accepted this sum will be credited to the purchase price of the land, if not accepted, money will be returned to the tenderer. Tenders will be opened at Saint John, N.B. on September 5th, 1936. Tenders should be marked on envelopes "Tenders for the purchase of Oswald Carter Farm" addressed to the Soldier Settlement of Canada, Box 1418, Saint John, N.B..

Luscious Peaches and Other Fancy Fruits for the Week-end

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Potato Market

(Continued from Page One) plied, and that province is shipping heavily to Ontario. All the stock being moved from here so far is Irish Cobbiers, as Green Mountains will not mature from about a fortnight.

Indications here continue to point to a yield per acre considerably above the average. Prince Edward Island has come into the picture already, with the earliest shipments on record from that province. Although the crop there is behind New Brunswick's, the high prices have caused early maturing fields to be dug, and three carloads went forward for Ontario points on Saturday. Dealers and farmers alike are optimistic here about the situation.

General

(Continued from Page One) was threatening summer cottages in the area after burning over 3,000 acres of grazing and ranch lands.

East Gets Rain

Peterboro', in the central part of Ontario, had its first real rain since late spring. Late root crops were aided. Surrounding districts had rain recently, but the falls had passed by Peterboro'.

Toronto district enjoyed almost four hours' good fall, the first in weeks. Gardens were refreshed. Hamilton district experienced heavy showers. Water on some streets was up to the curbs.

A heavy downpour around St. Catharines aided grape and apple crops, but came too late to help other fruits extensively. Overcast skies at Windsor promised rain, but none fell.

DIED

MacELWAIN—At Birdton, N.B., August 25, 1936, Mrs. Eleanor (Bird) MacElwain, at the age of 84.

The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon with service at 2:30 o'clock at the late home at Birdton, N.B. Rev. Mr. Shanklin will conduct the service and interment will be made at Durham.

GORMAN—At Fredericton, August 25, 1936, Henry Gorman, aged 73 years.

The funeral will take place Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the late home, 521 Brunswick street, with Rev. D. L. Kennedy in charge. Interment will be made at Sunnybank Cemetery.

BIRD—At Fredericton, August 24, 1936, Mrs. Francis Bird, aged 96 years.

The funeral takes place this afternoon at 4 o'clock from the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. H. Richards, Queen St., with service at the United Church, Birdton, at 4:30 o'clock. Rev. J. S. Gregg will be in charge of the service and interment will be made in the United Church Cemetery, Birdton.

FISHER—At Woodman's Point, N. B., on August 24, 1936, George Edward Fisher, in his 75th year.

Funeral from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Kenneth L. Golding, 777 George St., Fredericton, N.B., on Wednesday, August 26, at 2:30 p.m. Rev. J. W. Bartlett, of Wilnot Church, will conduct the services.

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(Continued from Page One) household equipment, and the work of moving families to good soil areas would be continued.

"At least 200,000 people in the dried out areas are deprived of even the vestige of means of livelihood," Mr. Dunnig said, "and in a considerable part of this area the same conditions have existed for periods of from four to eight years."

"What we have is a development within Canada of a northern fringe of conditions which have caused so much havoc in western United States. Down there the problem has been too much for municipal and state administrations and the nation has had to take it over."

(Special to The Daily Mail)
EDMONTON, Alta., Aug. 25—A special session of the Alberta government will meet this evening to discuss the principles of the Social Credit Systems.

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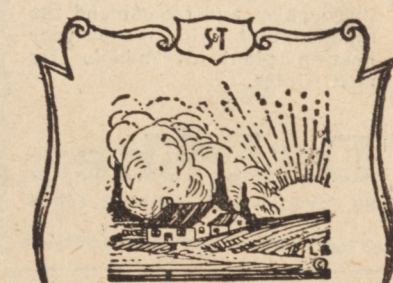
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