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## What About N. B.?

"A Fact a Day About Canada," from the Bureau of Statistics, is the title of a feature broadcast over the facilities of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation each evening. Some of the items are interesting, but for the most part they do not specially interest the people of the Maritime Provinces. When trade is mentioned, the information chiefly concerns trade with foreign countries.

There is a matter of statistics in which the people of every province would be interested, and that is the amount of business that is done between the Provinces. Back in 1867 and 1868 facts on inter-provincial trade were made public, but since that time nothing has been published officially to show the trade carried on between the provinces.

Sir Andrew Duncan, in his report on the Maritime Provinces, recommended that such statistics be published. There have been certain demands for such information, and it is considered important in the matter of regulating trade and commerce.

Each province should know what it is selling and buying from others. There should be official figures showing the balance of trade between the provinces just as they are shown concerning the Dominion trade with foreign countries.

For a year or two after Confederation such information was made available, but apparently the picture became so bad from a Maritime Provinces' standpoint that they were suppressed.

All sound business houses keep books to show the relationship of purchases to sales, and it is just as important to the welfare of a province to have similar records. It would be of more value to us to know how our provincial trade stands than to know how much flax is grown in the Dominion.

Because the Dominion may have a favorable trade balance does not mean that each province has a favorable trade balance. Reliable reports indicate that New Brunswick sends out \$9 to purchase goods, for every one received for the sale of goods. But we should know these things for sure, and the Provincial Government should insist that the Dominion supply the information, so that the necessary steps could be taken to right a condition that, if continued, will cause disaster.—Saint John Citizen.

## Setting a Good Example

Representatives of the Ontario and Quebec Governments are to get together on the question of how best to conserve, and to develop, the forestry wealth of each Province. This conference is an outcome of a previous meeting in Montreal between Premiers Duplessis and Hepburn, accompanied by their Forestry Ministers.

It is doubtful that in the handling of this country's natural resources there has been any more waste than in the field of forestry. There has been indiscriminate cutting of timber, with little thought of encouraging future growth, and this, supplemented by fire destruction, has had a disastrous effect on the timbered areas.

For many years the late F. J. D. Barnjum carried on a crusade for sane treatment of Canadian forests, but his was as a voice crying in the wilderness. There was lack of official co-operation with his plans. It, however, the Governments of Ontario and Quebec unite on a plan for sensible cutting and for giving second growth of trees a chance, a great step toward forest preservation in these Provinces will be taken.

Preliminary conferences of those immediately interested in the forest industry—such as limit holders, lumbermen, members of the paper industry labor unions—will be held, with the object of arriving at a policy that will make for stabilization of forest work, judicious use of the Provinces' timber resources, additional fire protection, fair wages for workers, and so on. Recommendations from these preliminary meetings will come before the general conference between Government representatives.

There are many other subjects common to both Provinces that should be considered in the same friendly fashion. This is desired by sensible people in Ontario and Quebec, and the only way to arrive at an understanding is by conferences such as arranged on the forestry question. In the minds of business men there is keen appreciation of the advantages of better understanding between the people of Ontario and Quebec. This is made evident by a circular sent by the Montreal Corporation des Chambres Economiques to Boards of Trade throughout Ontario. This circular sets forth the French-Canadian point of view on many subjects, deprecates the racial and religious animosities that exist, and concludes with this appeal: "Let us make our extremists shut up in our two Provinces and attend to business as good neighbors." That is the view that should be taken by sensible people who desire the welfare of both Provinces.

## Aberhart Moves West

One of the most surprising items of current news is the announcement that Premier Aberhart of Alberta will become Chairman of a Social Credit organization which proposes to place candidates in the field at the next election in British Columbia.

Apparently Mr. Aberhart has been invited to do so by British Columbians who for some reason are impressed by his policies, and who, according to their spokesman, "believe Alberta and British Columbia should be one economic unit."

This belief possibly is a good one, but its value depends upon the manner in which it is put into effect.

Hitherto British Columbia has stuck to sound business methods, with the result that a few days ago her Finance Minister was able to report a Budget surplus, to relieve Provincial municipalities of a large part of their tax burdens, and to budget for the coming year without the necessity of invoking new imposts.

Alberta, on the other hand, induced to back an experiment which few qualified authorities considered practical, has lost financial ground steadily. Policies of repudiation and of endeavoring to substitute vague promises for money have landed the Province in a morass from which, it seems likely, it will take years to extricate her.

If then it be considered desirable that Alberta and British Columbia should unite economically, surely it would be better that they do so under the guidance of the financial advisers of the latter Province, rather than that she should plunge into the Social Credit swamp to become a partner in misery with the former.

## SNAPSHOTS

There is no truth in the rumor that the Construction Company which was recently awarded the contract for the new drill hall has also been given instructions to go ahead and build the new C.N.R. bridge.

Several complaints are coming in to this office about the bad telephone service. A Company which has a monopoly and is making all kinds of money should give the public a better service.

People who get the biggest hand-outs from the public chest for themselves and all their relatives, are those who "holer" loudest about wanting another war.

The reduction in the license fee on bear and deer has proved satisfactory by bringing many extra dollars to the province.

The age of discretion is when you quit being a "jiner," having learned that no organization's creed can be swallowed whole.

"Often he thinks he has heart trouble," writes a doctor, "when he is merely full of gas."

When a man passes 45 without ever having had a foolish impulse to marry it's hard to decide whether his heart is burned out or just ossified from lack of exercise.

Nowadays, when the newspapers announce the engagement of two screen stars it's only a question of which one will get in the denial first.

## Foreign

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cism, both of which were equally distasteful.

In recent months Europe had divided itself into two armed camps, the satisfied powers and the dissatisfied powers. The dissatisfied, Germany, Italy, Austria and Hungary, occupied the central block, completely cutting off France from Russia and her other allies to the east.

The occupation of the Ruhr by France had done more to leave bitter memories in Germany than the war itself. The failure of the Allies to disarm was another German grievance, but the great mistake Britain and France had made was in not conceding to the reasoning of Stresemann and Brüning that they later conceded to the threats of Hitler.

While Great Britain's consistent policy had been to support France against any menace from the East, Britain had sympathized with Germany in recent years and encouraged German demands. Then Britain had joined with France in disappointing German aspirations. In this way Britain had aroused suspicion and bad feeling in both countries.

**Europe Comes First**  
The Locarno treaty, Mr. Molson said, marked the first time Great Britain had entered into commitments which were unaccountable to the Dominions. It indicated that, "whatever our wishes may be, the hard facts of our geographical position in Europe may oblige us to put our European interests before our imperial responsibilities."

## Atlantic

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larger gasoline tanks are expected to be used on the projected transatlantic service.

The Centaurus is the third of the Imperial Airways' fleet of 28 to be constructed at a cost of over \$5,000,000. The extremist Irish Republican Party announced in Dublin that its party congress had adopted a resolution declaring that "granting Great Britain the rights to use Ireland as an air base and connecting link with Canada is a further infringement of our national sovereignty."

"In view of the immediate danger of a world war, the granting of this concession to Britain is tantamount to allying Ireland and England in war," the resolution added.

## BARLEY EXPORT IN OCTOBER

The export of barley was large in October in comparison with the same month last year. The amount was 4,105,758 bushels at \$3,854,588 compared with 759,350 at \$321,985. The amount to the United States was a large increase, the total being 3,531,623 bushels compared with 18,214. Exports to the United Kingdom were lower at 573,699 bushels compared with 662,720.

Pat turned up in the office one morning with a large tear in the sleeve of his coat.

"Look here, Pat," said his boss, "why don't you get that hole mended?" "Begorra!" replied Pat, "not Oi. A hole may be the result of an accident, but, sure a patch is a sartin sign of poverty."



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## Hepburn's

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minion Minister of Agriculture, invited the Ministers of Agriculture of the nine provinces to meet him in Ottawa on Dec. 14. This proposed parley comes on the heels of the meeting of the National Finance Committee which Hon. Charles A. Dunning has convoked for Dec. 9 and which will bring together in the Federal Capital many of the members of Governments right across the country.

Premier Hepburn's ideas on the subject of the duplication of Government services by Federal and Provincial Governments will be strongly endorsed by Boards of Trade and similar organizations which have long felt that Canada is not only over-governed but that there is costly duplication of Government administrative services in Federal and Provincial fields. It is altogether probable that Premier Hepburn's move to eliminate duplication will receive serious consideration when the National Finance Committee meets, with the result that concerted action, with the taken to end the senseless overlapping and unnecessary expense to Canadian taxpayers.

## Sees Expansion

Meantime, Mr. Gardiner, the Federal Minister of Agriculture, is convinced that the market for Canadian farm products in the United Kingdom can be greatly expanded if the production of commodities which the British consumers want is facilitated by intelligent co-operation between the Federal and Provincial Departments of Agriculture. On his recent trip to the United Kingdom Mr. Gardiner was greatly impressed by the aggressiveness of Australia, New Zealand and South Africa in making their products known to British buyers, while Canada apparently was making little or no effort to "tell the world" about the choice products of the farm which she produces in such abundance. As a result of the Minister's personal survey of the British markets Canada is now going out after the business, backed by an adequate advertising campaign.

This part of the story is best told in Mr. Gardiner's own words: "After I returned from England, and as a result of what I learned while there, I asked Dr. J. H. Grisdale (former Deputy Minister of Agriculture) to go to Great Britain to investigate the opportunities for Canada to sell farm products on the British market, and to report to the department as to the kind of marketing organization which would be most effective in promoting the sale of farm products on the British market. It is expected that Dr. Grisdale will report about the first week in December."

## Gathers Views

"I have asked H. S. Arkell (former Dominion Live-Stock Commissioner) to visit the different Provinces and interview live-stock organizations, farmers' organizations and the trade for the purpose of obtaining their views on the best methods to be followed by any marketing set-up which might be created within Canada to provide the products which the British market is demanding. Mr. Arkell will also report during the early part of the month of December."

"I am asking the Ministers of Agriculture of the different Provinces to attend a conference to be held in Ottawa on Dec. 14 for the purpose of discussing possible co-operation between the Federal and Provincial departments in the building of an organization in Canada to facilitate the production of commodities required in Canadian and outside markets. It is hoped that a complete understanding will be reached to the end that all overlapping of effort may be avoided. While it is important that overlapping should be avoided, it is also very important that those things which can be best done through co-operative effort should be continued. We also hope to get their views on possible methods of promoting marketing."

"When the two reports referred to have been received and the conference with the Provinces has been held, I hope to be in a position to announce a reorganization of the department which will give greater emphasis to the marketing of farm products, both within and outside Canada. I am hopeful that such a reorganization may be completed by the first of the year."

## Great Chance

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The British market, he said, had been instrumental in shaping the hog raising industry in Canada. This market was capable of taking a tremendous quantity of Canadian hogs, but these must come up to requirement. Canada had been allowed a generous quota, and it rested with this country whether advantage was taken of this great market or whether some other country was allowed to slip in and seize the opportunity.

Mr. Graham said that during the war the cry had been for production, without regard for quality. As a result, at the close of the war, the Canadian hogs showed no uniformity and did not meet requirements. In 1921, a hog grading system was organized evolved on a standard closely related to that of the British Isles and of countries which were competing with Canada for the British market. Farmers who did not conform to this standard found themselves penalized in the prices they obtained for their product.

Rail grading, he said, divided the hogs into 10 grades, of which only the first two were accepted for export to Great Britain. The others were placed on the local market and were not allowed to be exported. This was apt to lead to the local market being supplied with an inferior product, with a depressing effect on price and consumption.

The home market had in times past, he said, been largely in the hands of those whose sole interest was their own pockets. It had been for years a source of wonder why New Brunswick could not finish its hogs as Prince Edward Island could. The answer was that no organized effort had previously been made.

Results this year showed that New Brunswick could produce just as good a type of bacon hogs as Prince Edward Island. Little more than a year ago, only 13 percent of New Brunswick hogs had been graded as fit for export to Great Britain. This year, there had been a vast improvement. Forty-two percent of the hogs graded had been found to be fit for the top class, and 34 percent for second class, or 76 percent is all fit for export to the British market. As a result, this province was now in a position of having a product good enough to be shipped to the export market, he said.

A fellow has to be a contortionist to get on these days, says a philosopher. First he has to keep his back to the wall and his ear to the ground. Then he must put his shoulder to the wheel, his nose to the grindstone, keep a level head, and have both feet on the ground.

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## Reich Scraps

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The note simultaneously announced that Germany was withdrawing her delegates from International River Commissions set up by the treaty.

## Nazi Contention

Continuance of the internationalization of rivers in German territory has always been considered illogical and unbearable by the Nazis.

An official declaration called the move a logical follow-up of the reoccupation of the Rhineland on March 17. On that day, in fact, with the re-establishment of German sovereignty over German soil by Fuehrer Hitler there were strong reports in diplomatic quarters that Germany would immediately denounce the internationalization clauses.

A Foreign Office spokesman, however, told the United Press at the time that the reports were "premature," but added that negotiations were proceeding with the powers concerned to return the rivers to German sovereignty.

## DIED

TODD—At Fredericton, Nov. 16, 1936.

Miss Ida Maria Todd, aged 84 years. A short service will take place at the home of Mrs. George A. Inch, Church street, on Tuesday evening at eight o'clock. The body will be taken to St. Stephen for interment on Wednesday in the Rural cemetery there. Rev. J. W. Bartlett will officiate at the service here.

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