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Maritimes After Canal

A royal commission, headed by Dr. Arthur Surveyer of Montreal, which presented a report to the Bennett Government in 1934, found that construction of a canal across the Isthmus of Chignecto was sound from an engineering and practical viewpoint. At the same time it advised against the project in the face of conditions which then prevailed because it involved an expenditure of \$23 millions.

Now, with Canada's import and export trade increasing, and an improvement in domestic conditions, there is a fresh agitation for the canal, and representations will probably be made to Ottawa in the near future. Already the Saint John Board of Trade has appointed a committee to consider what steps to take to promote the project.

By linking the Bay of Fundy with Northumberland Strait, and eliminating the long passage around Nova Scotia, a 20-mile-long canal across Chignecto Isthmus would shorten by 600 miles the water distance from Fundy to St. Lawrence and Great Lakes ports. It would also provide a shorter route from inland ports to United States and West Indies ports, and an inland water route from Central Canada to the heart of the Maritimes.

Padding the News

News reports given to the public padded to make good reading, invariably turns readers against the newspaper making this practice. Generally, they are a menace to society and no asset to the community they are serving.

Hon. F. A. Pirie, Minister of Lands and Mines in the Provincial Government, takes a local daily to task for publishing an exaggerated report on the outlook for lumber cutting during the 1936-37 season. The report indicated that 6,000,000 feet of lumber will be cut this winter. Mr. Pirie states the figure will probably be around 2,000,000.

While there is no doubt that every person in the province would like to see the local daily's dream come true, until it does, there is nothing to be gained by publishing stories of prosperity that are certainly without foundation. Such practices in the past have brought about distasteful results and at this time, when everything is being done to urge the government to do something for our citizens who are without work, food or clothing it is almost a cruel hoax.

Far better it would be if dailies would stick to the truth regarding conditions today. Exaggerated reports will not provide food for the hungry nor will they give jobs to the jobless. They may, however, give rise to new hopes, but when the truth hits them, as it must, the reaction may have serious results.

Too often the position of those less fortunate than ourselves has been entirely ignored.—Saint John Free Press.

Canada's National Wealth --- Who Owns It?

On this Day of Thanksgiving it is well to glance briefly at the financial aspect of our national possessions, our national wealth. The latest estimate of Canada's national wealth is approximately twenty-six billion dollars, or about \$1,800 per capita.

This vast wealth has been accumulated for the most part by the labour and saving of the Canadian people. Of course, this country started with a rich natural heritage of land, forests and mines, but these are only potential wealth until they have been worked by man. In most cases minerals can be obtained from the rock only at great cost and labour. Timber from the forests has to be cut by bushmen, hauled to a stream to be floated to the mill perhaps hundreds of miles away, and then cut and delivered where it is needed. Everyone knows how much work is required to make a farm a profitable enterprise.

Besides these primary industries, we have thousands of factories and stores, railroads, roads, bridges, houses, the churches we attend today. Such a vast accumulation of wealth has been created only over the courses of generations and it would have been much less if people of other countries had not helped to build up Canada by investing money in it.

Other countries have invested nearly seven billion dollars in Canada. Of this sum, nearly four billion came from the United States, two and three-quarter billions from the United Kingdom and the rest from other countries.

But when you put even such large borrowings from abroad over against Canada's total national wealth, it is clear that Canadian wealth is predominantly owned by Canadians. Canadians own 73 per cent. of it, Americans 15 per cent, Britishers 10 per cent, and others about two per cent.

Death on the Highway

Deaths from automobile accidents are increasing to an alarming extent. No fewer than 1,225 persons so died in 1935 and that was an increase of 110 over 1934.

It is difficult to say what are the chances the owner of a car takes that he will return safely from his run. Perhaps, however, the records will furnish a guide. Last year there were 40,724 automobile accidents reported to the police of 161 cities and towns of over 4,000 population. There were 346 deaths and over 12,538 injuries from these accidents.

This leaves 879 deaths from rural districts, small towns and villages and an estimated total of 21,300, or a total killed and injured of 22,525. There were about 1,176,000 motor vehicles registered in Canada last year, which means that, for every thousand cars registered, approximately one person was killed and 18 persons injured. In other words, one person was killed or injured for every fifty cars licensed.

Deaths from steam railway crossings last year numbered 212, and from street car 37. Air transportation accounted for fourteen fatalities.

These figures come from the Vital, Criminal Statistics and Transportation Branches of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Salmon Angling

Hon. J. E. Michaud, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, is said to be much impressed with the growing importance of salmon angling on the Saint John river, and is considering ways and means of improving the sport. It was only a few years ago that the discovery was made that the fighting Atlantic salmon would rise to a fly at pools in the Saint John River, located between Fredericton and the Tobique. These pools are now whipped by hundreds of non-resident sportsmen, who furnish remunerative employment to guides and contribute to the revenue of the province. The Saint John has the distinction of being the only river in Canada where netting for salmon is permitted in non-tidal waters. We are informed that conservationists have made strong representations to the minister to put a stop to it and that the matter is now receiving serious consideration. Governments these days should strive earnestly to do the greatest good to the greatest number.—Hartland Observer.

SNAPSHOTS

They say that there is a new place on King street above St. John street which is a nice calling station for married men. The dark women is the chief hostess.

The four girls and two fellows had a great time pushing that Chev. car up Queen street at one o'clock this morning. The girls looked cute.

There is said to be some hot doings at Devon these days, and the hot stuff is not all confined to the single people either. If one were to write up some of the stuff it would have Mrs. Simpson crowded off the map for news.

Mrs. Simpson is said to be a good checker player. She has jumped twice, and got a King and has the King crowded into a corner. She should try her hand at the checker board at our police station.

England cannot afford at the present time to lose a good King who is the common link between the aristocrats and the labor element.

Those who do not want trouble in England had better put the soft pedal on the King's difficulties.

Any Dominion

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lege that in the existing situation any proceeding or course of action in Great Britain has been at the instance of or upon the insistence of the Dominions, and of Canada in particular, as distinguished from the United Kingdom. I can, of course, speak with knowledge and authority only in so far as Canada is concerned, but I believe what I am saying will be found to be equally true of all the self-governing Dominions.

"There is and has been on the part of the Prime Minister and Government of the United Kingdom full recognition of the fact that several Dominions are vitally interested in all that pertains to the Crown. As a consequence, there is, and has been consultation between the several governments. The initiative has necessarily been with the British Government. It has been taken, however, with due regard to the collective concern and responsibility of the several governments of the British Commonwealth."

In Mr. Baldwin's communication to the overseas Governments he undoubtedly conveyed the opinion of the British Government as to the impropriety of the King's contemplated marriage.

Nevertheless, if King Edward leaves the Throne, the succession would not be automatic. It would call for certain legislation and this may present great perplexity. For example, any change in the succession must, under the Statute of Westminster, be ratified by the Dominion Parliaments for such an unanticipated event as abdication, that statute, apparently, makes no provision. As the title implies, it is a statute of the British Parliament which can be amended only by that Parliament with the consent, or at the request of the different Dominions.

If King Edward married Mrs. Simpson she automatically would become Queen-Consort until the King sought Parliament's approval of a civil list for her. After that would be Queen of England.

If Parliament refused to grant civil list funds to her, or to arrange for her coronation, she would remain the Queen-Consort.

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OUR MAIL BAG

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Editor Daily Mail,
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This, I believe was to be divided amongst the men on relief, and the truck was sent to work to deliver the wood to the different homes. When the wood was delivered the men on relief, to their surprise and may I add, sorrow, found that everything had been hauled to the yard of the boss who took charge of the crew, and can be seen in this yard down town. This poor boss, who only works 52 weeks out of the year, and who has worked for the city for a number of years, believed that he really was entitled to this wood.

Now, Mr. Editor, in all fairness to everybody, why does the City Engineer permit this work to go on? He must know; if not he should, because he has a car, and receives \$50 gratis from the city to run this little car, besides, he is furnished an assistant, and between them both they should know what was going on. It's up to the engineer to have this boss distribute this wood amongst the men and not try to take from these men what they have to work for, which, God knows, is little enough.

When one looks at these fellows working on relief, and to think of Christmas so near, they have a poor hope of giving their little children the Santas they would like to see them have, knowing all the time that they cannot see anything in the line of Christmas toys, etc., forthcoming.

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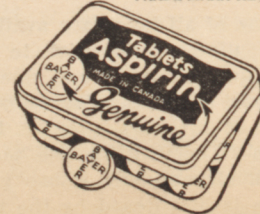
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Mrs. Simpson

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led by automobile all day long. She was heading for Cannes, friends said. (The Havas News Agency reported Mrs. Simpson reached Blois at 8 p.m., and retired to the Hotel de France for the night.)

Those who said they saw the Simpson car said a second car followed, containing two French-speaking British detectives.

In Radiant Health

Those who said they saw Mrs. Simpson from not too great a distance said she appeared to be in radiant health, with no apparent indications she had recently been ill, as some London reports said. She wore a nut-brown travelling suit.

In Rouen, Mrs. Simpson and her party repaired to the Hotel de la Poste to freshen up. The manager said he had received a telephone call from the British embassy in Paris that the guest would not be required to register.

An actress and another bystander were knocked aside and their cameras smashed by the bodyguard as they attempted to photograph Mrs. Simpson walking from the hotel to her car.

A probable hide-away was suggested as the villa Cannes belonging to Herman Rogers of New York. Rogers and his wife were guests of the King at Balmoral recently.

A guard of plainclothesmen was thrown about the Rogers villa.

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Roosevelt

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3. It will enable American business men to make a renewed drive for South American business in the most friendly atmosphere of many years; certain tariff walls will be lowered.

4. It will give definite impetus toward completion of the Pan-American highway which is to run 16,000 miles from Fairbanks, Alaska, south to Buenos Aires, President Roosevelt urged its completion during his Montevideo visit. The United States has completed most of its share of the road.

BABY'S OWN SOAP

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