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Belated Appreciation

At last he is being recognized. The humble taxpayer, bearer of the country's burdens, is receiving newspaper attention. And he is not a publicity-seeker. All down the years the taxpayer has been as the patient drudge of the population. He made the wheels go round, but that was regarded as his business—almost as his privilege.

Nothing of a national, provincial or municipal nature can go on in this country without the taxpayer. In case of war he provides the sinews. His salary list is like a little directory. Observe a Prime Minister on state occasions, in the full regalia he is entitled to wear. Impressive? Yes, but the taxpayer pays his salary. A Cabinet in session may be discussing the levying of new taxes, and he pays them that.

Splendid fellows about Parliaments, courts and other public buildings, full of airs and graces, with perhaps a dash of hauteur, also are on the taxpayer's payroll—and they demand their envelope regularly.

Officials may boast of their handling of the relief problem, saying loftily that it is well to be generous these hard times; but the taxpayer is putting up the funds. He is the great provider; and, should he stop providing, all the civic machinery would run down.

Hitherto the taxpayer's service has been taken for granted. What else than to pay taxes is he here for? Now recognition is coming. The Gah-anogue Reporter says: "He is deserving of a monument, a tall enduring monument, for he, like Atlas of old, bears the world upon his shoulders." And the Bowmanville Canadian Statesman remarks: "It is high time, too, to reduce the number of people who are living off the proceeds of taxes, in soft Government jobs."

These encouraging words may not reduce the difficulty of finding the wherewithal to pay taxes, but they may ease the ordeal of passing the levy over the official counter; may help the taxpayer to forget the man who takes his money also is on his list of employees.

Japan's Trade Wars

Polite bows, smiles and handshakes prevailed at the opening of a Japanese trade display in Melbourne, Australia, last summer. Exhibits, ranging from powder puffs to dental chairs, bore the dove of peace as an emblem, and a speech emphasizing the importance of the economic relationships of Australia and Japan was made by the spokesman for an unofficial Japanese good will mission. Now the smiles have been succeeded by furrowed brows bent over trade statistics.

Japan has evoked a Trade Protection Law on a wholesale scale, and the Commonwealth will be the first to suffer. Though Australia buys considerable quantities of Japanese goods, the value is far exceeded by that of the Australian wool and wheat imported by Japan. Last year the balance of trade in favor of Australia was about \$50,000,000. Japanese manufacturers have been hard hit by recent tariff increases against their products and in favor of British-made goods. Resort to the protective law followed the failure of attempts to adjust the situation by negotiation. All Australian raw products going to Japan will be limited in amount and must be licensed. Two other British dominions, New Zealand and South Africa, will benefit, as Japan will have to buy more wool from them. South Africa has already made a bid for the Japanese wool market, and is less hampered than Australia because it has no important secondary industries to be protected.

Japanese officials are well aware that resort to the law will be followed by strong retaliatory measures, but are prepared to bear the burden until operation of the law has been thoroughly tested. Countries other than Australia will be affected by what amounts to a Japanese trade war instigated by the advocates of economic nationalism. The present balance of trade is greatly in favor of the United States as well as of Australia, and Japanese authorities are said to be racking their brains to find a way of countering President Roosevelt's recent act in raising the tariff on cotton imports from Japan.

Japanese mills will be compelled to pay a higher price for New Zealand and South African wool than for Australian wool, and the owners will be compensated by a levy on exports. The ultimate consumer, the Japanese public, will have to pay the bill. Australia may succeed in finding new customers for part of its wool output as a result of its decision to adopt American advertising methods this year. Japanese chemists will continue their efforts to create a substitute for wool from materials found within their country's boundaries. Indications are that at its next session the Diet will increase import duties on many articles, including some supplied by this country. The nationalists were encouraged in their campaign by Japanese success, won by threats to resort to the Trade Protection Law, in forcing Canada to alter its valuation basis on Japanese imports and its exchange value of the yen.—New York Sun.

Arabs Awaiting Their Chance

Raymond Cartier in World Review (London): The Arab chiefs make no mystery of their own feelings. All parties are in agreement on this point. "The English," I was told, "have deceived us. We helped them to fight the Turks because they promised us freedom. Instead of bringing us freedom they arrived with the mandate in one hand and Zionism in the other." My informant added that French rule in Syria is as unacceptable as British rule in Palestine. "If a fresh war were to break out in Europe," he continued, "we should make every effort to side with neither combatant. We should look to our own affairs and get what profit we could from your miseries. 'How many times already have Europeans heard this warning?' A world-wide conflict is the greatest wish of almost all native races. Today they are taking as their own motto the *fars da se* of the Italian Risorgimento.

SNAPSHOTS

Those who know that no money for the bridge has been placed in the estimates and who say, "Oh, we will get the bridge this year anyway," sound funny unless they can pull it out of a silk hat like the magician.

It beats the devil how little some people occupying representative positions seem to know about ordinary affairs.

It is too bad that the visiting President of the United States could not eat a hot dog without some amateur fresh reporter pulling a camera on him. This is cheap newspaper work not becoming to the fourth estate.

If a United States paper published a picture like that about our ruler we would be mad clean through and we would have a right to be.

No wonder people have little faith in reformers. They have been reforming man for thousands of years, and look at him.

There is little hope for people who hear nothing but flattery. An un-mixed diet of sugar is always fatal.

Among the enemies of peace are those who don't believe in violence but do believe in violent speech.

Three Provinces

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ada and prime mover in the establishment of the park and museum. Throughout the programme Dr. Webster was eulogized by various speakers. "Men like Dr. J. Clarence Webster, who give their time and their genius to erecting and furnishing museums, are storing treasures for Canadian posterity, and in doing so they render a service to their country which makes us all their debtors," said Mr. Bennett.

Fort Beausejour was established as a national park in 1925 and officially dedicated as such in 1928. Where once smoking cannons roared in conflict over the ownership of Acadia, now stands a fine constructed stone building, built in Acadia architectural style, while about the grounds are markers showing the various points of interest during the siege of 1755.

A century has brought many changes to Fort Beausejour. The proud palisades have gone the way of all man's handiwork; one by one the dugouts were covered up; the protecting walls have fallen, and Beausejour seemed to have settled down to a lasting sleep. Beausejour slept on, unmindful of the changes about it. Canada in the meantime became a nation. She fought through a war, not within the bounds of her own territory, but far across the sea in behalf of the country those people who had in the first place given birth to Beausejour.

Dr. Webster called the large gathering to order shortly after 3.30 p.m., and following the playing of "O Canada," addressed the visitors. He stated that several prominent men and women were present, but that others including the Governor-General, the Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick, the Lieutenant-Governor of Prince Edward Island, Hon. Angus Macdonald, premier of Nova Scotia Hon. T. A. Crearer, minister of the interior, Major-General H. H. McLean and others were unable to attend.

Prominent

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of Montreal. The late Herbert Gunter and Dell Gunter are brothers. Mrs. H. H. Gunter of this city, is a cousin, as is W. H. Peters, local barister of this city.

The funeral will take place on Tuesday afternoon with service at 2:30 o'clock from the J. A. McAdam Funeral Home, 651 King street. Rev. G. W. Goulet will conduct the service and interment will be made at the Rural cemetery.

Lord Beaverbrook Scholarships

Applications for these scholarships must be in the hands of the Secretary of the Committee, S. Dow Simmons, Fredericton N. B., not later than August 20th. Forms of application may be had from the Secretary.

DIED

GUNTER—At Devon, August 2, 1936, Frank J. Gunter, aged 74 years.

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DAILY FOREIGN NEWS COMMENT

AUSTRIAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN GERMANY AND ITALY
BAD NEWS FOR POLAND AND CZECHO-SLOVAKIA

(By H. M. PAINT)

In view of the Italo-German agreement it may be considered certain that a Hapsburg restoration in Austria will not take place in the near future. Germany is opposed to it. The Little Entente powers in their June conference at Bucharest decided they would oppose it by all available means. Yugo-Slavia is probably in earnest in threatening to mobilize should it happen, and Italy has no desire to be forced to attack Yugo-Slavia in the present circumstances.

It has been the dream of all German Governments to incorporate Austria into Germany. Hitler in his book, "My Struggle," said, "Austria must return to the Great German Motherland . . . the German people have no moral right to colonize as long as it is not able to include its own sons within a common state." What has changed this fixed policy? That Germany has unconditionally recognized Austrian political independence proves that they have made a deal with Italy which may well cause fear to Czecho-Slovakia and Poland and anxiety to the rest of Europe.

Poland, who felt that her best security was Hitler's interest in Austria which diverted attention from the Dantzig Corridor, expresses "great surprise," and says guardedly that the agreement is "highly inconvenient," and contains "elements of menace," to Poland.

It is probable that Poland's alarm will be used to align her in a Fascist Bloc including, if German plans are fulfilled, Germany, Italy and Poland, with Austria and Hungary under Italy's wing.

Czecho-Slovakian alarm is well founded. A threat of the above mentioned combination will be used to separate Czecho-Slovakia from her Little Entente Alliance and her agreement with France. Her position at the moment is most unenviable.

Daughter Kills

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ing their attorney, be permitted to see the couple over the week-end.

It was reliably learned that both Wightman and the girl refused to attend religious services in the jail today.

Detective Captain Thomas J. McGrath, who questioned the two for hours after their arrest Friday night in Jersey City, said the girl was still reluctant to face her father. He said McKnight had wanted to see her following her confession yesterday, but she cried, "No, no."

Police Chief O'Neill said the girl's request that she be given an early supper had brought on an argument between the girl and her mother which preceded the slaying. He said the girl's confession said her mother had brandished a bread knife and that Wightman had pinioned her mother's arms while she struck her on the head with a hatchet which had been used to tack a carpet.

O'Neill said the girl told of hacking her mother to death after she slumped to the floor, maimed and writhing, while Wightman cried, "Hit her again." O'Neill said Wightman signed a similar statement.

Mrs. Edgar McKnight, brutally slain at Bayonne, N. J., was born in West Bathurst 47 years ago. She is a daughter of Mrs. Rogers and the late George A. Rogers who for many years before his death was a prominent lumberman on the North Shore. Mrs. McKnight lived here some years ago but spent part of the summer two years ago with her mother here.

She is survived by one brother, Ernest R. Rogers, who left here on Friday to accompany the remains of his sister to West Bathurst for interment, and one sister, Mrs. Harold Crofoot.

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In years gone by the local Tourist Association appreciating the advantages of bringing new money into the community, did considerable outside advertising with beneficial results. Then the Government woke up to the value of the Tourist Trade and established a Bureau to handle outside advertising on a large scale, all this was progress.

Recently the local Board of Trade became active, and under their sponsorship a very fine building was erected for the purpose of a Tourist Information Bureau. We understand that the City Council makes a substantial grant to the Tourist Association, and subscriptions and donations of materials were solicited from the citizens to help build and maintain this Bureau.

It is permissible to doubt the wisdom of this large expenditure in view of the fact that the Government already maintains an Information Bureau in a prominent location within the city; but no one doubts that the intentions of the Board of Trade and the citizens who made their plans possible were above reproach; but I wish to point out that having created this Bureau and placed it on the main artery of Tourist Travel into the city that they have created for themselves a big responsibility to see that it is run in an impartial manner, and that it will act as an assistance rather than a detriment to everyone catering to the Tourist trade.

In Mr. Cooper's statement to The Mail of July 28th, he states that "the patronage is fairly divided." How would any merchant like to have his line of patrons allotted to him by this or any other kind of a Bureau. This is a direct violation of the principle of free competition, and is a restraint of trade.

Perhaps some people don't know it but it has always been a fixed rule with our Railways that if any employee is caught directing people to stop at any special place they are instantly discharged.

In his interview in The Mail, Mr. Cooper states "this Bureau is for the benefit of the people of Fredericton as a whole." By this I assume he intimates that private homes are entitled to the Trade on the same basis as the hotels are. This idea is open to debate; but when public money is used to supply a Bureau, and that institution sends Tourists with a guide to private houses no matter how remote their location, they nullify the advantages enjoyed and paid for through taxes by the hotels through their prominent locations, electric signs and advertising.

Another point worth thinking of is that if a party of Tourists are directed to some remote location, they wake up in the morning, jump into their car, and leave the city by a back street without even seeing the principal business section of the city, let alone buying anything from the merchants.

Mr. Cooper's statement that the hotels have received over 150 per cent of all the trade passing through his office, may be correct; but if so his claim of fairness in distribution won't hold water, because his register shows arrivals of 1,675 people in the month of July, out of which three car parties were sent to the Barker House, a total of seven people. Had there been no Bureau we would under ordinary conditions have received 200 people more during the month. I talked with three other hotel proprietors of the city and all stated that the trade which they received through the Bureau was almost nothing; but when it came to signing a statement one member refused, which opens ground for conjecture.

I submit to the public that the principles underlying the management of this Bureau are entirely unsound, and offers a beautiful opportunity for the introduction of racketeering no matter who is in charge, so long as it is conducted as a dispenser of patronage.

If the Board wishes to eliminate all ground for complaint, I suggest that they discontinue the present system of allotting patrons and make a hard and fast rule, that any member of the staff at the Bureau who advises, or directs any person to get accommodation at any particular place be instantly discharged. A suitable frame could be provided and equal spaces allotted to each hotel to set forth

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their description and rates, and another frame to list all camps and private houses catering to the trade. When a tourist asks about accommodation the attendant can point to the lists and let the people choose for themselves.

I assure you, Mr. Editor, that the writing of this protest was a very unpleasant job; but I feel that the ground which I have taken is sound, and will be backed up by all right minded people, who have the best interests of their home town in mind.

Yours truly,
CHAUNCEY COLEMAN,
Proprietor of the Barker House.

Adult Education

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this province a measure of adult education which will be a considerable factor in connection with the Co-Operative Movement. In order to make this possible it is just probable that considerable changes will have to be made sooner or later in our educational system as carried on at the University of New Brunswick. This will be absolutely necessary according to members of the government, in order to make our university reach out to the people to whom it is intended to reach. It is a recognized fact amongst those who have made a study of the matter that the university will have to be modernized to meet present day conditions. This was more or less hinted at within recent months by both the premier, the attorney general and by other members of the Dysart cabinet. And it must be remembered that the Dysart government which is progressive has charge of the financial end of the machinery which keeps the university running. It is thought that any change in regard to the introduction of adult education will greatly increase the efficiency of the University of New Brunswick and make it in touch with the people who pay the bills. It is understood that several members of the faculty who have made a study of modern educational affairs are in entire sympathy with the proposition.

Raleigh Gilbert, on the staff of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Campbellton, who has been the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gilbert in Fredericton and Rothesay, left Saturday for a short trip to Halifax.

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