

# THE DAILY MAIL

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## Is Central Canada Unfair?

(The Globe and Mail)

In a letter to The Globe and Mail expressing the need for a more sympathetic interprovincial understanding, Mr. H. B. Cowan, Secretary-Treasurer of the Canadian Council of Agriculture, says: "During the past eight months it has been my privilege to address meetings of leading producers in every Province in Canada. To a person from Ontario visiting some of the Eastern and Western Provinces it comes as a shock to find how strong, and even bitter, is the antagonism on the part of many residents of these Provinces to Central Canada."

This feeling has been made evident from time to time, perhaps not as emphatically as Mr. Cowan found it. Obviously it is an outgrowth of the belief that the Central Provinces are profiting in some manner at the expense of the others. Whatever justification this may have, it is certain that neither Ontario nor Quebec rejoices in economic contrasts. They would prefer, as a matter of good-will and from self-interest, to see the Maritimes and the Prairies thriving.

Central Canada has some natural advantages which have made it the industrial and financial centre for the time being. It has three-fifths of the population, and if it represents a preponderance of the country's wealth it contributes proportionately to the national revenue. Rightly or wrongly, it is accused of influencing Governmental fiscal policies to the detriment of other sections.

There are arguments on both sides of the question; but is it not a fact that our national growing pains, emphasized by the depression, are responsible for much of the irritation? And, if this is true, that a little patience to temper the suffering which all Provinces have endured will make matters easier? In part, the antagonism of the West and East toward the Central Provinces is probably a symptom of the general unrest. We have it on a smaller scale everywhere, because each community has been overwhelmed with its own troubles.

We might recall that other countries have encountered these sectional antagonisms. Australia is going through them. There was a time when the New England States were accused of dominating the Republic, and the West talked secession. The passing of years and increased population brought an adjustment. Canada also will work out its problems.

This does not mean that we ought to await eventualities in a spirit of laissez-faire, but that national problems should be approached with confidence. The Globe and Mail has voiced its sympathies with the West repeatedly, believing, with the Edmonton Journal, that a Commission should be appointed forthwith to study the situation which has developed and find remedies. The Central Provinces, we feel certain, will not balk at meeting obligations shown to be in the general interests. In Britain Commissions have dug into every major problem arising, whether of the coal mines, unemployment or relief, whether at home, in India, or in some colony or mandated territory. They would serve well here.

Mr. Cowan's interests being agricultural, he has found resentment in the West over Eastern criticism of the manner in which the wheat surplus was handled. He has found complaint that the financial interests in Montreal and Toronto have manipulated the credit and finances of the country to the disadvantage of producers. Of Maritime feelings, he says:

"When in New Brunswick I had lunch with the Minister and Deputy Minister of Agriculture for that Province. They spent a good part of the luncheon hour describing what they considered the unfair treatment of Maritime Provinces had received at the hands of Central Canada, and made out a pretty good case. A few days later the Premier of New Brunswick dilated on the same subject during a two-hour address in the Legislature. At a representative meeting held in Charlottetown to discuss the establishment of a Maritime Chamber of Agriculture, one of the most prominent cattle breeders in Canada, a man who has captured many an award at the Royal Winter Fair, and who is a member of the Provincial Legislature, expressed the view that there was little use in the Maritimes linking up with Central Canada, because Central Canada could outvote them and was not likely to afford them any fair treatment."

Views like these depict an unhealthy national condition. The Maritimes should seek outlets for their opinions where Central Canada will hear. So should Western Canada. The Central Provinces do not wish to be unfair. They may not understand. And it is possible that Central Canada has problems of which the other Provinces should learn. Investigating Commissions would clear the air at least.

## Chiang and Chang

When Marshal Chang kidnapped Generalissimo Chiang the world saw the makings of a Russo-Chinese war. Now it develops that Mrs. Chiang rushed to Sianfu and, lo, back comes the kidnab party for further conference. What is it all about? Who knows?

Millions of words have been written about China and what prompts the moves of the various Chinese leaders. On the one hand they are termed bandits, on the other patriots.

Easy it would be to make flat assertions about the goings-on in China, but at best they would be guesses.

This fact is known; that Japan's venture into Manchuria has been unprofitable and daily grows more dangerous—for Japan.

## October Imports

Imports into Canada during October increased 23.5 per cent. compared with the same month last year. The amount from Empire countries was up 21.5 per cent. and from foreign countries 24.4 per cent. Imports from the United Kingdom increased 8.8 per cent., United States 21.4, Germany 34.5, Argentina 324.2 and Australia 123.7. The grand total was \$65,158,561 against \$52,751,020, of which \$19,818,321 came from Empire countries and \$45,340,240 from Foreign.

Imports from leading countries were as follows, with 1935 figures in brackets: United States \$36,135,929 (\$29,773,518); United Kingdom \$12,545,957 (\$11,533,951); Argentina \$2,269,548 (\$535,045); Australia \$1,556,736 (\$695,863); Germany \$1,349,076 (\$1,002,736); Straits Settlements \$1,287,132 (\$317,115); British India \$806,790 (\$557,678); Peru \$696,442 (\$614,389); France \$597,654 (\$644,668); Belgium \$593,899 (\$600,691); Colombia \$592,843 (\$104,034); British Guiana \$540,656 (\$392,814); Jamaica \$508,078 (\$318,877); British East Africa \$499,905 (\$420,116); Japan \$475,197 (\$276,226); Netherlands \$477,465 (\$386,662); British South Africa \$400,152 (\$460,682); New Zealand \$363,845 (\$231,482); Switzerland \$297,233 (\$262,510); Italy \$253,648 (\$210,283); Czechoslovakia \$225,376 (\$192,960); Sweden \$194,092 (\$172,546).

## Births, Deaths and Marriages

Birth registered in 67 cities and towns of Canada having population of 10,000 and over in October numbered 6,517, deaths 4,131 and marriages 3,974, compared with 6,762 births, 3,889 deaths and 3,647 marriages in October last year, showing a decrease of 3½ per cent. in births and increases of six per cent. in deaths and nine per cent. in marriages.

Births registered during the ten months ending October of this year totalled 67,379, deaths 42,936 and marriages 31,051, against 57,461 births, 39,962 deaths and 29,111 marriages during the same period last year. This comparison shows practically no change in births, and increases of 7½ per cent. in deaths and 6½ per cent. in marriages.

## SNAPSHOTS

A city resident called up the police station three times this morning and did not get any reply. He wants to know if the police have a holiday. This is not the first time that the City police station has failed to respond to telephone calls at different hours of the day. This is a mighty poor protection for citizens who may wish to get the police department in an emergency. But this is the way we have the thing under the present administration of our civic police department.

Some day the citizens will see the necessity of a general shakeup at the City Hall. Perhaps a Civic Reform Committee such as was formed in Saint John will do the trick.

Many of Fred's friends will be sorry to learn that he has another cold.

Is it true that the School Board is farming out its coal contracts again this year instead of placing the orders either direct or through a local coal dealer? Is it necessary for the Board to pay fifty cents per ton extra to some person not a dealer for acting as a middle man in connection with this business?

"You may be hungry, my child," says the average Nazi German mother, "but think of what the new submarines we are building for you to get blown up in when you get a little older."

When are the residents of Morrison's Mill, Victoria Mill, Wilsey and Doak all within two miles of the post office going to get a postal service?

## Farmers and

(Continued from Page One) per head more went into the farmer's pocket on every steer and heifer shipped across the line, and we find that Canada sold \$8,044,053 worth of cattle in markets like Buffalo and Chicago in the first eleven months of this year compared with \$5,100,000 worth in the corresponding period last year and only \$245,000 worth in 1933 when the Smoot-Hawley tariff plus the depression, just about ruined the Canadian cattle trade with the United States.

Canadian horse breeders also benefited by the pact, as witness the threefold increase in exports of horses from \$613,000 last year to more than \$2,000,000 this year.

**Fishermen Aided** The Canadian fishing industry did not get all that it desired owing to the need for protecting New England fishermen but undoubtedly the increase in exports of lobsters, salmon, whitefish, etc., has helped the men who go down to the sea in ships and do business in the great waters. The United States took more than \$5,000,000 worth of fish from Canada this year.

Cream shipments were a little disappointing but what the Eastern Canadian dairymen lost on the swings they more than made up on the merry-go-round, for they sold \$1,535,173 worth of cheese in the markets of the United States between January 1 and November 30 this year, as against only \$77,000 last year.

**Wood Products Bought** Of wood products which were benefited by the trade agreement the United States purchased not less than \$125,000,000 worth from Canada. More than \$75,000,000 of this was accounted for by newsprint and it is a notable fact that the United States bought \$1,000,000 more newsprint every month from Canada this year than the great newspapers of the neighboring Republic purchased last year. This obviously means there is more advertising, which in turn means business is better.

Last, but by no means least, is Uncle Sam's thirst. It has meant a lot to Canadian distilleries that Uncle knows good whiskey when he tastes it. During the 11 months ending November, Canada shipped \$18,300,000 worth of the popular alcoholic beverage to the United States, as compared with \$10,800,000 last year. Whether you take a horn occasionally or not.

## DIED

ROWAN—In Fredericton, December 30, 1936, Frank W. Rowan, aged 56 years.

The funeral will take place on Friday afternoon, leaving the house at 2.10 p.m. Service at St. Dunstan's church at 2.30 o'clock by Rt. Rev. Msgr. Carney. Interment will be made at the Hermitage.

BLACK—At Fredericton on December 29, 1936, John Black, barrister.

The funeral will take place tomorrow, Thursday afternoon, from the residence of J. G. Fenety, 765 Charlotte street. Prayers will be conducted at the house by Very Rev. Dean Moorhead. The funeral will leave the house at 2.10 for Christchurch Cathedral where service will be conducted at 2.30 o'clock. Interment will be made in the family plot at Forest Hill cemetery.

## OUR MAIL BAG

### A MERCHANT PRINCE

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 30th, 1936.  
Editor The Daily Mail,  
Dear Sir:

I read with interest the editorial in your issue of last evening, in which you paid tribute to our esteemed fellow townsman, John H. Fleming, whom we all regret to know has been confined to his home for some weeks by a serious and painful illness. Mr. Fleming, who describes himself as "the hambrdasher," has long been recognized as the top notcher in his line of business in this city, and his well managed establishment, with its courteous and experienced staff of salesmen, will not suffer from a comparison with similar emporiums in much larger cities. In more than one respect Mr. Fleming is in a class by himself. For instance where will you find in Eastern Canada another merchant who has carried on business in his own name and under his own management for the long period of forty-six years, and in fair weather and foul, has always paid one hundred cents on the dollar? Mr. Fleming does not believe in so-called "cheap sales," which is interpreted to mean that he has never been able to figure out how any man can sell goods below cost and at the same time make money. He has been a square shooter all the way through, and the public have shown appreciation of his frank, sound and honorable methods of doing business. Those who know J. H. Fleming need not be told that he has to his credit many kindly acts, which bespeak the kind heart and genial soul. We all hope and pray that he will win out in the gallant fight that he is now waging. "And that's all and that's that."

Yours respectfully,  
OBSERVER.

## Civil Aviation

(Continued from Page One) trans-Atlantic service. The United Kingdom named Imperial Airways to represent it in the joint company and the three participating countries decided Imperial Airways would conduct survey operations which were postponed last summer.

It was said orders for military aircraft were so pressing in Britain it was impossible to obtain delivery of sufficient civil machines to permit a start on the survey. War scares of the present, it was contended, delayed advent of the future service.

In the joint company Imperial Airways will hold 51 per cent of the stock, representatives of Canada and the Irish Free State 24½ per cent each. Provision was made for co-operation of Pan-American Airways and it was decided a southern route might be flown via Bermuda and New York.

A tentative route over which the survey will be made would have air harbors in England, at the mouth of the River Shannon in Ireland, at Gan der Lake in northern Newfoundland and at Montreal. The trans-Canada airways would join the trans-Atlantic system at Montreal.

Canada and the Free State have not named their representatives on the joint operating company. Canada has named no company to fly its coast-to-coast air-mail service, but Mr. Howe told a Montreal audience it was hoped the service could be developed through co-operation of the railways and the Government.

Groundwork on the trans-Canada airways is almost complete and at least 40 transport pilots have been trained in instrument flying on modern, high-speed planes.

## Danish Ship is Stopped By Rebel Cruiser

(Special to The Daily Mail) LONDON, Dec. 30.—A Danish steamship was stopped yesterday by an armed rebel cruiser in the Straits of Gibraltar. The ship was detained at Gibraltar until the Danish foreign minister at Gibraltar could make arrangements for its release.

Wm. Kaplansky, M. Brodie, M. A. Pierce, Montreal, are guests at the Queen Hotel today.

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## Helen Hayes Had Greatest Thrill in Queens' Role

(Special to The Daily Mail) HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 30 — Helen Hayes, Hollywood movie actress, who some time ago took the role of Queen Victoria in the play "Victoria Regina," in an interview was asked what the greatest thrill in 1936 for her had been. The actress stated that the greatest thrill for her had been when she played on the stage before former Queen Victoria of Spain and in which she took the part of her grandmother, Queen Victoria, who had brought her up. The following day the ex-Queen of Spain invited Miss Hayes to have tea with her. During a social chat the ex-Queen told the Hollywood actress that she had portrayed the role of Queen Victoria so well that it took her two days to get over the shock.

## Coming Session

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preparation of the legislative programme and handling his heavy correspondence. A majority of Ministers remained at their Ottawa homes for the holidays.

**Heavy Refunding** Finance Minister Dunning, with heavy refunding due next year, has already made a start and on Christmas Eve announced that he had opened negotiations in New York for a bond issue there to meet a \$90,000,000 maturity of tax-exempt war bonds due for redemption next March 1. Most of these securities are held in the United States and are payable in New York.

Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture, was busy through the holidays on new marketing arrangements in keeping with his policy to reorganize his department along lines that will pay greater attention to the disposal of farm products both at home and abroad.

Fate of the Natural Products Marketing Act and seven other statutes whose constitutional status was challenged, will probably be known early in February. It is understood the Marketing Act will have little chance of passing this test and that a new one will be ready for presentation at the forthcoming session of Parliament.

**Programme for Session** Ratification of the Government's action in connection with the abdication of King Edward and the enthronement of his successor, George VI, will be an early subject for Parliamentary action when the House gets down to business late in January. Other subjects likely to take leading position on the agenda will be defense of the Canada-United Kingdom Trade Agreement, legislation arising from the textile and coal inquiries, air services and possibly constitutional amendments.

Cabinet Council has before it a recommendation from organizations in Montreal, endorsed by the Montreal Board of Trade and Chambre de Commerce, urging investigation by a Royal Commission of operations of small loan companies. It is not expected the suggestion will be acted upon, since this business was closely examined by a Senate committee last year and likely will be surveyed further by the same body.

## Canadian Rys.

(Continued from Page One) plyment in the depressed steel industry.

If a similar or other form of credit is arranged this time it will probably be based upon the necessity of continuing employment as well as on the fact that a great deal of rolling stock of the two railways has become obsolete during the depression years. No official confirmation of the issue of the new orders could be obtained from the railways. But it is understood that in a few weeks statements will be issued by the two railway managements indicating how much rolling stock will be ordered and how it will be financed. Some tenders are due January 11.

Canadian National Railways will

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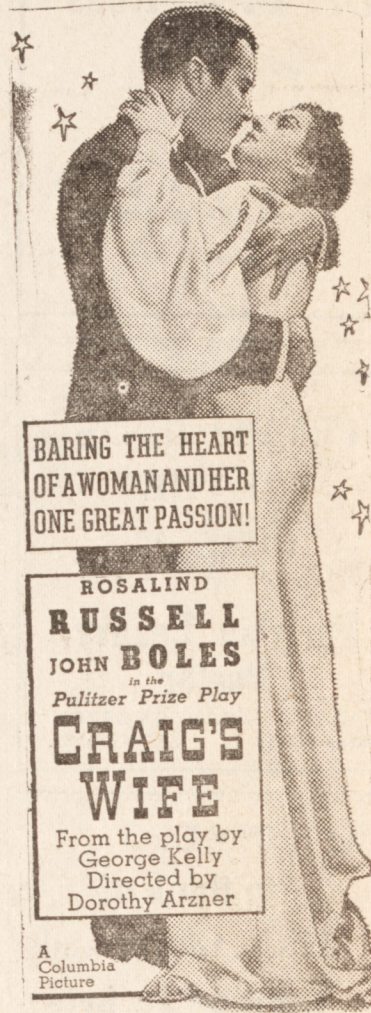
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## The Condition

(Continued from Page One) cites prayers, occasionally telling intimates that he offers up his sufferings and even his life, if necessary, for the sale of world peace.

Most officials are convinced that the Pope never will be able to resume his duties, and there are almost none optimistic as to his health.

order largely freight and passenger cars with some air-conditioned equipment, but no locomotives.

It is understood on good authority that included in the new equipment will be 6,000 box cars, 3,000 for each railway, at an average cost of \$3,000 apiece.

Big orders for equipment are being placed by the Canadian railways, it was authoritatively confirmed here yesterday. So far as the Canadian National is concerned, they amount to about \$18,000,000, and tenders are being asked.

No one here is competent to speak for the Canadian Pacific, but it is understood that, so far, it is in the market for \$5,000,000 of new rolling stock. This may be greatly augmented

## Many Leave

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and Mrs. F. W. Luney, W. McEachern, Mrs. Percy J. I. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Waldie, the Misses Penelope and Peggy and Gordon Waldie.

From Ottawa are Miss F. Aronson, Kenneth A. Cowan, Miss I. Holmes, Miss F. Kilduff, Miss R. MacDonnell. From other Ontario points are Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Cornish, A. R. Cornish, Harley Copeland, Mrs. T. N. Dunnigorsoll, A. Lucas, Hamilton, Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Pinchen, Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rosenthal, Windsor.

From Montreal are Miss E. Bennett, Mrs. W. J. Carrique, Miss Barbara Carrique, T. Moore, Miss F. McNichol, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Notman, Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Robertson.

Nearby Montreal points include Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Miss Phyllis, Gordon R. Cowan, Westmount, Mr. and Mrs. W. and the Misses Norman and Norma Hurst, Montreal West, Miss D. A. Johnston, St. Lambert, Orma. From Quebec City are Mr. and Mrs. R. D., and Miss Corinne Korman. From Saint John, N. B., are General and Mrs. W. A. Harrison.