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## Direct Relief at End

The announcement made today by Hon. A. A. Dysart, premier and minister of public works, to the effect that conditions now justify the discontinuance of direct relief in the Province of New Brunswick is most encouraging. The premier hopes that the dole is now definitely at an end.

The reasons given for this step by the government are: that they have made every effort to create work for the people of the province and much employment has been found in connection with the various public works and other activities, which the government has endeavored to place in motion. Another factor that has relieved the dole condition in a large number of cases, has been the introduction of the Old Age Pensions scheme. Each day The Daily Mail receives information from all over the province of instances where Old Age Pensions has relieved hardship and direct relief in many a New Brunswick home. Not only is the government to be congratulated on this condition but it is most encouraging to the general public.

## Hepburn's Prompt Action

Acting with promptitude and decision, Premier Hepburn has called for the cancellation of the picnic which had been planned for this week in honor of his birthday.

His reason for doing so was that certain overofficials admirers had taken it upon themselves to solicit commercial firms for donations of "refreshments" of various kinds to be used in connection with the celebration.

It is said that these misguided and self-appointed "assistants" to the picnic committee even went so far as to use veiled threats when approaching certain concerns which do business with the Government, but even without such aggravation the original offense is one that cannot be too strongly denounced.

For any one or any institution, holding a position of public authority to "request" donations of this kind implies a misuse of power, no matter how innocent may be the intention behind the request, and no Government can hope to hold the trust and respect of those it governs if it allows such practices to be carried on in its name.

The fact that, in the instances under notice, some of the companies to whom solicitation was made were brewers and distillers, affects the main issue. But it is the preciousness of the principle to which objection must be taken, and it is on this ground evidently that Premier Hepburn has acted.

Had he held a less rigid opinion of the dignity inherent in his high office, Mr. Hepburn might have contented himself with disclaiming all responsibility for the overzealous and unprincipled offenders, and with giving orders that donations should be neither asked nor accepted. In ordering the abandonment of the entire picnic plan, he has taken the one course which could prove his own and his government's stern disapproval of such actions.

## British Guiana's Trade With Canada

The improvement in Canada's share of the market is the only important change in the source of imports into British Guiana in 1935—from 13 per cent. (\$1,098,756) in 1934 to 15 per cent. (\$1,299,794) in 1935. Flour is the most valuable item, and accounts for more than one-quarter of Canada's total share of the import trade of this colony, writes Mr. W. F. Bull, Canadian Trade Commissioner in Port of Spain, in the forthcoming issue of the Commercial Intelligence Journal. As in 1934, 80 per cent. of all imports were received from Empire countries and 20 per cent. from foreign countries. The United Kingdom is the chief source of supply with \$4,555,023 or 55 per cent. of the total, an increase in value but a decrease in percentage from the previous year. The United States was the chief foreign supplier, her share being valued at \$803,245, or 9 per cent. of the total.

Canada was the principal market for British Guiana products in 1935, followed closely by the United Kingdom, which had held first place in each of the last three years. The total value of the exports to each of the two countries in 1935 was \$4,510,571 (42 per cent.) and \$4,334,254 (41 per cent.), respectively, compared with \$2,230,939 (36 per cent.) and \$4,878,783 (55 per cent.) in 1934. If exports of gold and diamonds were excluded, Canada's share in 1935 would be increased to 49 per cent. Canada took 63 per cent. of the sugar exported as well as 20 per cent. of the bauxite.

## Red Plotters Are Active

The unexpected turn of events in Greece, where a Communist plot has forced the proclamation of martial law and the reinstitution of a dictatorship, draws attention to the alarming extent to which Red activities have been intensified and extended throughout the world during recent years.

In every known country, whether its government is Fascist or Socialist, republican or monarchist, democratic or autocratic, Communist elements are busy with their efforts to undermine authority, to stir revolt and discontent, and to instill their dangerous doctrines.

In America their hand may be traced in connection with repeated strikes, and even with disputes between different sections of the working class.

Europe has found them lurking in its armies and navies, where they whisper their suggestions of mutiny and disaffection. Even in Canada their activities are becoming more open and pronounced.

And, by curious coincidence, in every case in which such subversive elements are brought into the light it is found that, though a few nominal leaders may be native born, lurking in the background, but doing most of the advising and directing, are bearers of foreign names and of distinctly foreign aspect.

When first communistic agitation was detected in countries outside the Soviets, Russia was accused directly as its instigator, and, after several cases of obvious propaganda abroad by her nationals had resulted in vigorous protests to Moscow by the nations affected, that country gave a specific promise that in future she would refrain from such interference in the affairs of other countries.

The trouble did not end with this promise, however, and it was found that the Third International, whose headquarters is in Moscow, is still at the back of most of the Communistic plotting which continued increasingly to disturb the nations.

Russia's promise was recalled to her Government, only to be met with the evasive assertion that the Soviet was keeping strictly to its word, but that it had no control over the Third International—which to all intents and purposes is the Communistic Party and the Russian Government under another name.

There is suspicion that Russia is affording active aid to one side of the Spanish civil war, a suspicion which, if proved, may well have the effect of bringing about a world conflict which will be even more disastrous than that of 1914-18.

The Russian press recently announced "war is very near." Bearing that warning in mind, it will be wise to regard with even more than usual suspicion all efforts, however craftily worded and apparently beneficent in design, to create disunity and dissension among the people of Canada.

## SNAPSHOTS

It is to be hoped that the tourist tangle will be straightened out. It might be a good idea for the citizens to have a committee investigate and straighten out, if need be, a whole lot of other things which should be of more vital interest to the community in general. Investigations are of benefit in many cases.

The public cannot get information from the Education Department regarding Matriculation results. It is time that this nonsense on the part of those who are paid to do our work stops. We wonder where they get their authority under the School Law. It might be a good idea for the new Minister of Education who is trying to bring order into this department, to check up on his officials.

Some one writes us that we are to be "blowed up." What do you think of that? We hope it won't be messy.

Welcome to the potato men and the swine breeders who are meeting here today. May there be lots of potatoes and pork next winter.

## United States

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New official warnings to Americans to leave the revolutionary area.

Assertions by President Roosevelt and William Phillips, acting secretary of state, that no communication had been received from France soliciting the participation of the United States government in an international agreement to maintain neutrality in the Spanish civil strife.

The four American women, among more than a score of United States citizens stranded in Granada since the outbreak of the revolution, were landed safely this afternoon in Tangier, Morocco, by an airplane hired by an oil company and flown from England for the purpose.

The state department was given added cause for anxiety with receipt of word that the motor yacht Maru had been unreported since leaving Palma, in the Balearic Islands, Aug. 7. Palma recently was the scene of an aerial bombardment by government aviators.

Aboard the Maru was her owner, Edwin H. Bertuch, and what the United States consul at Palma reported as an "inexperienced crew of one." Bertuch was bound for Port Vendres, France, which he should have reached the same day.

## New Brunswick

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fires in Gloucester, Restigouche and Kent counties, free seed has been made available to 1,748 heads of families at a cost of \$25,000.

Free seed has also been made available throughout New Brunswick, the province, contributing 75 to 85 per cent and the municipality the balance. Four thousand heads of families have thus been assisted at a cost of \$41,000.

It is expected that land clearing bonuses to the extent of \$12.00 per acre and ploughing bonuses at \$8.00 per acre will be earned by 3,500 heads of families with 12,000 dependents.

On the whole the situation has been greatly improved and I feel satisfied that native industry and thrift so characteristic of our people will enable them to conquer their individual problems.

The distribution of old age pensions to nearly 8,500 people amounting to \$1,500,000 annually and the supplying of free school books up to and including Grade V must also have an appreciable effect upon the situation.

The dole has been a millstone around our neck which the province cannot continue to bear. Worse than that, it undermined the morale of the people. The great majority are anxious for the opportunity to work. The government has sought to do all in its power to provide that opportunity and anticipates with confidence that private capital will apply its resources to the same end.

## MARKET PRICES

Fresh vegetables predominated in an attractive and well attended market this morning. Trading prices remained fairly steady during the forenoon. The booths were tastefully decorated with bunches of vegetables and flowers. Local lads took advantage of the large crowd to sell ice cream and cold drinks. Prevailing prices were: Eggs, 30c per doz.; Butter, 23c, per lb.; Green Apples, 25c per pk.; Blueberries 12c per box; Beans per peck, 25c; Potatoes, 30c; Tomatoes, 10c per lb.; Cucumbers, 2 for 15c; Lettuce, Cabbage and Celery, 10c per head or 3 for 25c; Onions, Beets and Carrots, 2 bunches for 15c; Peppers, 2 for 5c; and Cauliflower ranged from 10c to 15c.

## DAILY FOREIGN NEWS COMMENT

### BRIEF SUMMARY OF WORLD SITUATION IN RELATION TO THE BRITISH EMPIRE

The previous articles have been written in the hope of presenting a short summary of foreign affairs which would enable the average citizens to follow future happenings in the news with more interest, as he realized that no member of any Dominion in the British Empire can escape being affected by the events which will probably take place in the near future.

Britain's position is more isolated than at any time since the earlier period of the Napoleonic wars. As in those days her fortune must rest in the ability of her leaders, the courage of her people, and the conflicting aims of her adversaries. France her only possible major ally is a very uncertain quantity and little reliance can be placed in the help of a country to all appearance on the verge of civil war.

Briefly recapitulated the British Empire faces these three perils.

A militant Germany, who must expand or starve. A warlike Italy who sees her chance for dominating the Mediterranean area and becoming a great Empire. An aggressive Japan, which must find secure markets and raw materials. All three of these countries are today relatively poor. All three have lowered the standard of living among their teeming millions to fight for their place in the sun. All three must soon use their vast armaments or their populations will no longer bear the terrible sacrifices entailed and anarchy will result. A common want unites them for the moment in a common policy.

Wherever each turns England blocks the way, as they believe, to riches and prosperity.

—H. M. P.

## People Are Up In Arms About Geometry Paper

In nearly every county in New Brunswick there is a big kick over the matriculation geometry papers. At Woodstock, where some bright students failed, the parents are up in arms about it. It is understood that a movement is on foot there to have the paper disallowed so far as University entrance and Normal School is concerned. It is said that some bright pupils in that town are shut out of the Normal School owing to failing in the now famous geometry paper, unless provision is made to disallow the paper altogether, as it was indented in the first place would be done. It may prevent some bright students who have made high marks in other subjects attending UNB also.

### EAT AMID THE FLOWERS

Why not eat your supper in the midst of flowers. You may do this by visiting the Gibson Memorial United church parsonage tomorrow afternoon, where supper will be served from five until seven o'clock. Rev. Mr. Burge would give you a personal invitation if he met you.

### NO CHANGE IN CONDITION

There was no change today in the condition of Miss Florence Bourgeois, who is seriously ill at her home on Saunders street this week. She spent an uncomfortable night.

## Crop Prospects

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were good, however, and better crops than last year were forecast.

The Prairie wheat condition figure was 36 points below that for July last year. The bureau said it was the eighth successive July in which the wheat-crop prospects had declined.

Acreage planted to almost all principal grain crops were higher than last year, but drought and other scourges more than counteracted that factor which was believed in the spring to presage a greater crop than last year and a perpetuation of the problem created by the large carry-over last year.

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There was a great deal of criticism of the Geometry paper which was given out to students passing the Matriculation examination this summer throughout the province. From teachers, pupils and parents alike came the report that the paper was unfair. This set of questions was said by many who know whereof they speak, to be beyond High School Work. The paper was moreover, said to be too long and in several points out of keeping with ordinary grade XI geometry. In short the paper was unfair. As a result of this many pupils failed in Geometry who would otherwise have made a second or even a first division. This will obviously necessitate their passing a supplementary examination for entrance to university. They have no chance of entrance to Normal School.

Now, Mr. Editor, I maintain that there should be no supplementary exam for entrance to the University in Geometry this fall. If authorities made the mistake of having the wrong party setting a paper the pupils should not be penalized for the error.

STUDENT.

## Disraeli

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raises certain problems which perhaps Ottawa has not yet fully appreciated. "Australia, for instance," the Post adds, "knows that unless the Singapore base is completed, the Grand Fleet cannot operate in the Pacific."

"Canada herself," the Post concludes, "is bound to benefit by Mr. Bennett's tour. Students of Imperial affairs can only regret his example is not more widely followed."

## British and U. S.

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cheap money, while in the United States a long series of recovery measures was introduced.

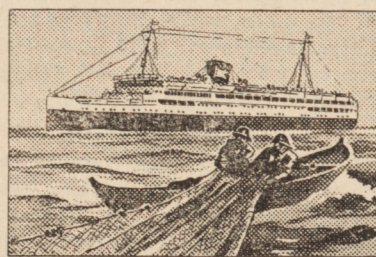
"Cheap money was in the United Kingdom the result of banking policy while in the United States it was achieved at a cost of heavy additions to the national debt."

### Rise in Price

The report added that increased production in the United Kingdom took place without any considerable rise in prices, whereas in the United States prices rose more sharply.

"The essential monetary difference between the two countries," asserted the report, "lies in the difference in a rapid circulation of a monetary medium; the medium itself was abundant in both cases."

"In the United States the velocity of circulation of demand deposits in the last quarter of 1935 was still only half as great as in 1929, while the United Kingdom the rate of turn-over of current accounts was only about 30 per cent. less than at the beginning of 1930."



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All members are requested to attend.  
C. N. GOODSPEED,  
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