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## Wheat and Devaluations

Of all the commodities needed by the world, wheat perhaps is the most sensitive to changing conditions. It is among the staple foods; in fact, something of a standard of values for other articles. For example, the currency devaluations in several European countries will make wheat imports more costly in terms of their own currencies. With a greater supply of wheat in sight this would have worked as a check on imports and caused a bearish movement on the Liverpool and North American markets. Commenting on this prospect, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics states in a recent bulletin: "Such a tendency was offset, partly by the interpretation of the devaluation news as a welcome step toward currency stabilization, but mainly by the fact that Western European countries are in greater need of wheat imports this season, and had already begun negotiating substantial purchases before the devaluation measures had been announced."

All the countries that have devalued their currencies are to a greater or lesser extent importers of Canadian wheat. Already steps are being taken to overcome the rise in import prices. As the Bureau points out, the Italian Government has announced a tariff reduction on wheat; and the French Government, while announcing that tariffs would be reduced in an effort to prevent rising food prices, has its wheat import policy still under consideration. Thus it is seen how wheat can be of considerable influence, particularly in importing countries, as the world moves toward currency stabilization.

Nature has little regard for man's attempted manipulation of the wheat crop, or any other crop, and as she has the final word as to yield she determines the range of prices. Wheat returns in northern countries are low this year, so that crops in the Southern Hemisphere are important as an assurance of adequate supplies to meet the demands of importing countries. In this respect the Bureau says that, "while rains in Argentina have favored the prospect of an outturn in that country only moderately below normal, the infrequent and light showers reported in Australia have been entirely inadequate to prevent what promises to be a serious crop loss. As evidence of the tightening situation the Liverpool market is particularly sensitive to weather cables from these countries."

The yield in the Canadian West is the lowest since 1929 though its fine quality and the higher prices prevailing will make the crop more profitable than in many of the fat years.

## Take the Home Paper

We once knew a man who was too stingy to take the newspaper in his home town and always sent over to borrow his neighbor's paper.

One evening he sent his son over to borrow the paper, and while his son was on his way home he ran into a large swarm of bees and in a few minutes he looked like a summer squash.

Hearing the agonized cries of his son, the father ran to his assistance, and in doing so ran into a barbed wire fence, cutting a handful of flesh from his anatomy and ruining a \$4 pair of pants.

The old cow took advantage of the hole in the fence, got into the corn field and killed herself eating green corn. Hearing the racket, the farmer's wife ran out of the house, upsetting a four-gallon churn of cream into a basket of kittens and killed the whole flock. She slipped on the cream and fell down stairs, breaking her leg and a \$19 set of false teeth. The baby, left alone, crawled through the cream into the parlor and ruined a \$40 carpet. During the excitement the daughter eloped with the hired man and took all the family's savings with her.

The moral is that every man should be a subscriber to his home paper.

## Small Investor is Hit

Premier William C. Aberhart has a week in which to raise \$900,000 to meet a maturing bond issue of \$1,250,000. He and his Provincial Treasurer are considering appealing to the Federal Government for assistance in borrowing the money, which is about the only door the Social Crediters have left open to themselves in such emergencies. A Government that has broken its contractual obligations willy-nilly, legislated every citizen into the same dishonourable repudiation and driven capital out of the Province is hardly to be considered a fair risk by private investors.

There is a bitter lesson in the situation of a Province with the inestimable natural wealth of Alberta finding difficulty in raising a million-dollar loan. It emphasizes better than anything else could do the damage irresponsible administrators can work through experiments in crackpot economic theories. The contrast between Alberta and Saskatchewan illuminates the picture.

Both Provinces have suffered from similar conditions, the latter feeling the drought more acutely because of the extent to which it is dependent upon specialized lines in agriculture. Comparatively, Saskatchewan's debt is a little larger, her relief burden greater, her rehabilitation more costly and more dependent on climatic conditions than Alberta's. Yet Saskatchewan has not asked any special consideration for her public obligations, has succeeded in reducing farm-debt interest by \$4,000,000 annually, wiping out \$75,000,000 in farm debts; has maintained her credit and has been able to discharge all obligations as they fell due. What she has done has been achieved, by close co-operation with and on the unanimous approval of her creditors.

There is no need to detail Alberta's methods. Misled by Premier Aberhart's promises to free them from the stranglehold of a mythical financial dictatorship, the people gave him the mandate to take every step, except confiscation of private capital, that could be depended upon to destroy credit, undermine capital and bring injury to the whole economic set-up. What the Alberta people failed to realize was that the "financial interests" of whom their Premier spoke were, in fact, only the custodians of the savings of individuals. The ones he has injured were not capitalists, but the small investors in insurance companies, trust companies, pension funds, and the municipalities, the school boards, the colleges and other social institutions.

When Premier Aberhart arbitrarily reduced the bond interest rates he was cutting off half the earnings of investments of insurance companies made on behalf of the policy-holders. The Reduction and Settlement of Debts Act passed at the special session of the Legislature compels every individual debtor in Alberta, whether he is able to pay or not, to deny his obligations to these insurance companies and other investment houses, or in reality to deny his debt to the private investors whose savings he has borrowed.

It will be small compensation for the thousands of investors all over Canada who have thus had their incomes reduced that the same investors in Alberta have suffered similar losses. For the latter, however, Premier Aberhart has reduced public revenue as well as destroyed credit and frightened off capital. The combination of these factors may yet force the people to reverse his legislation and return to a policy of honest recognition of their obligations.

## SNAPSHOTS

The Governor-General in a recent address to the Alumnae at McGill University at the quinquennial reunion stated that he saw the world's present state as "full of false doctrine, terribly cumbered by heresies, and congested with empty theories." It was the duty of educated men to point out the emptiness of these formulae, application of which was sought, although they had not been "thought out," he said.

The value or otherwise of the Board of Trade will be demonstrated tonight when we will see what action if any the executive will take in regard to the rebuilding of the new C.N.R. bridge.

It looks as though the teachers are also waking up in regard to our educational shortcomings to judge by the address of the Institute president this morning. All that remains now seems to be to go ahead and revamp the darn thing.

Over one hundred years ago Fredericton had a library of twelve hundred books. Today Fredericton has no public library. But they can hire some red hot books from private circulating libraries. The hotter the book the more demand according to the marks on the book. We took a peek at a red hot corker and found that it had been taken out 27 times in three months. Of course we did not read the trash. But it was real naughty. Which shows the need of a good library with clean books.

### SHIELD PRESENTED

The Strathcona Trust shield presented to rural schools for Physical Training proficiency, and won this year by the Douglas school, was presented last night at a ceremony held at Douglas. Dr. A. S. McFarlane, chief superintendent of Education, made the presentation. Jared Betts is principal of the school, the teachers being Stewart Sypher and Miss Devota Wallace of this city. Others present included Col. Garon, Sgt. Major Oliver, Dr. H. H. Hagerman and I. B. Rouse. Councillor B. O. Waugh, one of the school trustees, was also present.

## Mdse. Sold

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when informed by Antoine C. Taschereau's doctor that the former legislative accountant would be prevented by illness from attending the hearing today.

It had been planned to question him, said the premier, regarding \$14,624 interest paid him on government funds by the Bank of Montreal, in addition to the \$15,000 he received from Banque Canadienne Nationale.

## Streamlined

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knockdown short-wave radio sets young Edisons can assemble.

Just to prove they've been reading the papers, the toymakers are featuring extra-young baby dolls kept safely in miniature incubators with oxygen tanks and have revised quintuplet dolls to keep apace with the Dionnes' growth.

## Hopes Exams

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at best merely an instrument. Their proper use is the test of knowledge and of a certain type of skill in the use of knowledge.

"As an accomplice of examinations in the committing of treason against education, I would be inclined to indict the granting of university degrees. Students work to obtain a degree, and there is real danger that in the quest for a degree they may fail to discover the meaning of an education."

## Housing Loans

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stated in the original announcement, the intention is to begin active lending operations in the larger centres on November 2. It may be the banks will be in a position to go ahead also in the smaller towns and villages, depending on how quickly arrangements can be made.

## Troops Guard

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ed, were held in readiness at the barracks.

There are 2,000 unemployed single men in Calgary, being fed and housed by the Relief Commission until farm placements can be made.

## Need of

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to provide an opportunity for the best element in the community to obtain education, he said.

## Non-Intervention

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These developments were disclosed in a communique issued before midnight.

The Soviet embassy made public a copy of the "clarification" of Moscow's warning note of last week.

"The proceedings of the committee have convinced the Soviet government that at present there are no guarantees against further supply to the rebel generals of war material," the "clarifying" communication said.

"In these circumstances the Soviet government is of the opinion that until such guarantees are created and effective control over the strict fulfillment of the obligation regarding non-intervention is established, those governments who consider supplying the legitimate Spanish government are morally entitled not to consider themselves more bound by the agreement than those governments who supply the rebels in contravention of the agreement."

Italy's new charges against the Soviet Union for alleged violations of the non-intervention agreement contained in an Italian note, today, included the following:

1. The Soviet steamer Neva left Odessa October 12 for Spain with 150 trucks aboard.

2. The Soviet steamer George Dimitroff left Odessa for Spain on October 11 with 60 trucks aboard.

3. The Soviet steamer Transbalt left Odessa with 100 trucks for Spain on October 15.

4. The Spanish steamer Larra on October 6, received a cargo of unassembled planes transferred to it on the high seas from an unknown Soviet ship. The Larra proceeded to Barcelona.

5. During the second week of October the Soviet steamer Zygianin unloaded at Tarragona unassembled machines and motors.

6. Late in September and early in October, mechanics and engineers arrived at Barcelona and set up shop in the Majestic Hotel.

7. Early in October the Spanish steamer Campagi unloaded at Cartagena a cargo of Russian bombs and machine guns.

8. On Oct. 16 the Soviet steamer Konsomol unloaded 50 armored cars at Cartagena. One hundred soldiers also disembarked from this vessel.

9. The Soviet steamer Neva unloaded war material at Alicante.

10. The Soviet steamer Ingul left Odessa for Spain with a cargo of guns and ammunition.

11. The Soviet steamer Karmenief unloaded light trucks at Alicante.

12. At the beginning of October a Soviet steamer discharged a cargo of six latest-style pursuit planes, which were distributed to various airdromes.

13. The Soviet steamer Stari Bolshhevik landed airplane parts, tanks and bombs at Cartagena on Oct. 15.

14. A detachment of Russian aviators were reported to be present at the Los Alcazares Airport.

## Teachers Must

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in an interesting address mentioned that we are living in a changing world.

"As teachers of New Brunswick we must go ahead," she said. "We must bring ourselves into line with these developments. Many of us were trained to teach under the old system, but points of view wear out and we must rise to the occasion and make ourselves up to date for our teaching job," Mrs. Bailey counseled.

She said that changes are coming about in the method of attacking educational problems and "we must be on the alert for better methods and better textbooks. 'We must adapt ourselves to a changed and changing world, facing forward, not backward.' She mentioned that an important effect of the changing order is to impose upon teachers the necessity of more intensive study of child life. We must study the child from the standpoint of his environment and his psychology. "Our province—the child—is at once the world's greatest problem, the nation's greatest concern, civilization's greatest hope."

The meeting continues this afternoon when an address will be delivered by Prof. A. F. Baird and others.

## DIED

PETTIGROVE—At Marysville, N. B. Oct. 28, 1936, Frank Pettigrove, at the age of 47 years.

The funeral will take place on Friday afternoon with a private service for the family and the public service will be held at 2.30 o'clock in Main Street Baptist church by Rev. W. Steadman Smith. Interment will be made in the Baptist cemetery at Marysville.

BOONE—At Fredericton, October 29, 1936, Mrs. Alexandria Boone, aged 87 years.

The funeral will take place on Saturday afternoon with service at 2.30 o'clock from the late home, 719 Union street, service to be conducted by Rev. John Linton. Interment will be made in the Sunnybank cemetery.

## OUR MAIL BAG

### DISCUSSES OUR PROBLEMS

Editor Daily Mail,  
Fredericton, N. B.

Dear Sir:

The local government is opposed to the establishment of free public, or community libraries. They cost good money. The best use of public money is to meet election obligations. These have to be paid. Why waste it on public education? Only once in Provincial history has the administration been foolish enough to switch public money from its well established use, which was when the staff of a St. John paper, having read somewhere of the enormous advantages of the British Columbia educational legislation, induced that statesmanlike administration (the Richard Tilley one) to adopt it.

It was adopted with the flair of trumpets, but it so happened that the very month it was put on our Statute Books, it was repealed in British Columbia. It was there considered no good. This adventure proves that those who attempt public education are first to submit to being somewhat educated themselves.

The expense attending the hundreds, if not thousands, of Acts on the Statute Book, entirely dissuaded today, warns us against this blind leading the blind.

An interesting item in the "Mail" on the 9th inst., speaks of "amalgamation of the libraries." Ought they libraries to be formed before they are amalgamated? The Carnegie Commission on Canadian Public Libraries ruled that the collection of books in the Legislative Building was an outcast sister in the community of libraries. The recent disintering of books that have been composting for a hundred years will not serve to place that collection in the ranks of reputable public libraries. One cannot speak of a public institution as possessing any virtue when it never possessed that attribute.

In Governor Gordon's days, before Confederation, the records of the Assembly were ordered by him to be placed in Government House. This measure was taken to preserve them intact; when his tenure of office ceased, he, by the order of the Colonial Secretary, had them boxed up and shipped to the Colonial Office, London. There they were found by Sir H. G. Doughty, Dominion Archivist, and by his efforts they were transferred to the Archives, Ottawa. There they repose—about 50 large, fat tomes—and are safe.

About twenty years ago some 20 volumes of the Journals of the Assembly were missing from the Library. The Government of the day was urged to hold an investigation, summon witnesses, in an effort to trace them but the Government declined to make any move. After 150 years of administration the Government concluded that educational failure in the Province resulted from weakness in the Department of Education.

In other words, "Is the change indicative of a change of policy of any reform, or progressive measures?" There is need of such. There are about 150,000 children in attendance at the common schools of the Maritimes. About 75 per cent of the boys and girls leave school at the 8th or 9th grade, or when they are about 13 or 14 years of age.

Heretofore, their education is completed, so far as the Government is concerned. It seems to be the government policy to let them drift; to later take their training on the street, where boys take their chances of becoming bums, or dead-beats, or take their first lessons in the criminal annals of the country.

In Ontario and the other western provinces of Canada they have instituted libraries and reading-rooms, where young people can foregather and receive training and impressions better than on the street. Ontario has nearly 600 such libraries, about one-third of them have reading rooms attached. The city of Edmonton taxes itself \$50,000 a year to maintain free public libraries. The city of Calgary taxes itself \$35,000 a year. Other towns and cities tax themselves corresponding sums to provide educational facilities for young folks not attending schools. What are the governments of the Maritime Provinces doing? Nothing!

W. C. MILNER.

Victoria, B. C.

## Legal Authorities

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eliminating wasteful competition. But Canada, according to some observers like "Billy" Moore, has had experience of cartels which was not so pleasant. There was the famous Welsh tinplate agreement in which the British producers allotted the Canadian market to their American friends in return for a similar concession in some other part of the world. Canadian consumers had to pay fancy prices for their supplies of tinplate from the United States because the Welsh producers refused to

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