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OUR N. B. BONDS

IT IS ENCOURAGING to those who are sincerely interested in the welfare of our province that the provincial government was able during the last few days to sell our provincial bonds in Boston and to obtain a good figure for the same.

The sale of these bonds also is a slap in the face at a powerful combination which tried last spring to hold the government up and make this province dispose of its bonds at a sacrifice price, and at a price which would mean a loss to the people of this province, both in money and in credit.

The government refused to be sacrificed to a syndicate which represented practically all those who might have been expected to submit offers.

The question is naturally asked, did recent legislation passed by the government in regard to the financial institutions being obliged to invest in New Brunswick monies received in New Brunswick have anything to do with the combined offer made last spring by these financial magnets?

At any rate the Dysart government has disposed of its bonds at a figure that should satisfy everybody.

A COUPLE OF CORPORALS MEET

IN THE WORLD WAR, Mussolini was a corporal, and so was Hitler. This was their first taste of power—commanding seven men. The appetite thus whetted is still unsatisfied, although each controls a nation.

These two men, sworn foes of democracy, met and embraced in Germany. Mussolini, who has referred to democracy as "that filthy thing" over whose decomposed corpse fascism will trample, sat with the former Austrian paperhanger in a conference whose consequence will affect, perhaps adversely, the entire world.

Outwardly the best of pals, each was acting a part. Each has the Caesar complex. Each thinks that he and he alone is fit to think for his people. Each, in his heart, must deeply resent the other's seeming success although at the moment their interests appear to lie parallel.

Neither would have the other achieve greater dominance. Both must realize they stand alone against the western world. Yet to that world they hurled a deft, that they would not weaken the cause of the Spanish insurgent general, Franco. It was an act of desperation.

What else could they do and save face with their own people? The careers of both have been a succession of desperate, face-saving diversions to distract their peoples' attention from demand for fulfillment of the promises each made at the outset.

Upon the stage of the world, tragedy stalks and in the cast are mountebanks and fakirs, strutting their parts. How puny they are in the cosmic plan these two puppets themselves realize least. Each is perhaps more fearful of the morrow than the most suppressed of their peoples.

It is a great show if only we can weather it philosophically.

BUREAUCRACY FREEDOM'S JAILER

THE VIEWS OF ENGLAND'S CHIEF JUSTICE, Baron Hewart of Bury, on the place and powers of the courts as distinct from those of the administrative branches in the proper function of government are fairly well known. His book "The New Despotism," in which he attacked the "enabling laws" by which matters of law were being withdrawn from the scrutiny of the courts and placed under the control of administrative branches, has become something of a standard work for the rapidly increasing ranks of the opponents of the bureaucratic trend in the democracies.

That Lord Hewart should refer to the "unabated pretensions of bureaucratic usurpation" in England while speaking to the Canadian Club in Toronto should not leave people in this country with the illusion that he referred to an Old Country ailment of which we are happily free. His warning to Canadians was as pointed as any he could give the public in Britain, and he could have chosen as illustrations several domestic, even local, instances where Governments have not only sought to take questions of law beyond the purview of the courts but have attempted to lift whole "enterprises" beyond the reach of the law.

Further illustration that the Chief Justice is dealing not with an isolated complaint but with a modern development contagious to the whole of democracy could be had from a score or more illustrations in the United States, latest of which is that of a five-man, Government-appointed bureau—the National Labor Relations Board—overruling a Federal court on matters of contract law. In fact few nations living by the system have not similar instances which can be cited. And yet the Governments are not wholly to blame.

Their resort to these methods is in some measure an attempt to make the system function speedily in securing reforms in response to public demand and sincerely believed to be in the public interest.

Governments by order, regulation or by administrative decisions held beyond the reach of the court is bureaucracy. There is nothing necessary to the welfare and comfort of the individual which it can give that cannot be had through the orderly processes of government and under the scrutiny of the courts. There is, as Lord Hewart states, a distinct division between questions of law and questions of policy. When that division goes there can be little hope for liberty, and the only means of maintaining both is the "unresting vigilance" of the people.

Snapshots

To the modern girl, there is nothing "sissy" about a man who can make the coffee and turn the toast while she fixes the grapefruit and scrambles the eggs. Or about a husband who can find his own clean shirt match up his socks, count his own laundry, and powder his wife's back. That is merely being a fifty-fifty husband.

In the Far East, no compass is necessary; one always faces a crisis.

Women are the true philosophers. A woman saves her pride by looking at her good points and forgetting the others.

Nature provides many safeguards to keep our chins up. Suppose everybody else could hear what our conscience is saying to us.

What's become of the old fashioned fellow who used to appear on a golf course in knickers and ask for a caddy?

That Atlantic City messenger boy who delivered a kiss from a Chicago swain to a hotel guest must have thought he was playing "postoffice."

"Ford is going to be a very tired old man. One of these days he is going to be very, very tired and stop flying in the face of the inevitable."—John Lewis.

How's the pick-up, Henry?

The international diplomats confer and discuss and wrangle, but all any country that wants to fight need do is go ahead with an undeclared war. Again, actions speak louder than words.

Canada's Entries In 1937 Fruit Show

Canadian entries for the 1937 Imperial Fruit Show to be held at Bingley Hall, Birmingham, England, from October 20 to 28, 1937, have been dispatched. Keen competition will be forthcoming, particularly in the Canadian championship section where as many as eleven entries have been made in the McIntosh class. There will also be keen competition in this year's innovation in the British Empire section of the apple packing competition open to packers from all parts of the British Empire. English growers today are capable of putting up a pack fully equal to that of their Canadian competitors who up to the present have held unquestioned superiority in grading, packing and exhibiting. A win this year will entail an almost perfect, if not perfect pack.

Also in the British Empire section, an attempt will be made to regain the Empire Championship (the John Howard Silver Challenge Cup) which was lost in 1936 by a very narrow margin. James Lowe, Oyama, B.C., who captured the trophy in 1935 with his ten box exhibit of dessert apples, is again competing this year.

The Canadian competitors are: British Empire Section—James Lowe, Oyama, B.C.

Canadian Champion Section—J. B. Leefe, Waterville, Kings Co., N.S.; R. & D. Sutton, Port Williams, N.S.; Borden Fruit Co., Canning, N.S.; and Geo. A. Chase, Port Williams, N.S. British Columbia is represented by the Associated Growers of B.C., respectively, at Vernon, Penticton, Oyama, Woodside, Kelowna, Summerland, Kaledon, Oliver, and Naramata; by the Okanagan Fruit Shippers, Ltd. Kelowna; the Okanagan Packers, Ltd. Kelowna; the Occidental Fruit Co., Penticton; the Browne Co. Ltd., Penticton; and the B.C. Fruit Shippers, Vernon. Ontario is represented by the Point Pelee Orchards, Leamington; Saskatchewan supplies Canada's contingent in the Honey section—the Saskatchewan Beekeepers' Association, Fort Qu'Appelle; K. Baines, Tisdale; Frank Pierce, Tisdale; Steve Hand, Archermill and Wascana Apiaries, Regina.

ALBERTA

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("Whereas the people of Alberta have demanded better living conditions in the form of—first, increased purchasing power by way of a monthly dividend, and—second, a lower cost of living; and
("Whereas in order to carry out the demands of the people, the Legislative Assembly of Alberta has passed three acts, known as 'the Alberta Credit Regulation Act', 'the Bank Employees Civil Rights Act' and 'the Judicature Amendment of 1937'; and
("Whereas the Governor-General, acting on the advice of the Hon. Minister of Justice, has presumed to disallow these three acts; and
("Whereas the Provincial Government has notified the Dominion Government that the right of disallowance of Provincial legislation no longer exists and that it is the intention of the Provincial Government to proceed with the implementation of the allegedly disallowed legislation.

("Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta accepts the declaration of the Provincial Government that the right of disallowance of Provincial legislation no longer exists and approves the determination of the Provincial Government that the disallowed legislation shall be implemented.")

To Issue Statements

Details of the press bill have not been entirely decided on to the satisfaction of the caucus of staunch Social Crediters, and will again come before them Monday at 10 a. m. It was learned tonight, however that the one point in the bill is that the Government will issue typed official statements from time to time which it will require Alberta newspapers to publish in toto and without change. Points still being debated are: Position in paper and on page these reports will be published, and whether the Government will demand reporters divulge the source of information concerning any news they write regarding Government activities.

Reports were prominently current tonight that the old insurgent element, which since signed the blue pledge binding members to Government support and secrecy, might again show itself on the Maynard resolution and the press bill.

Police Bill Rumored

It was definitely learned that there has been far more agreement on both from behind closed doors of the caucus room. There is a possibility of a bill providing for a Provincial Police force to replace the Royal Canadian Mounted Police being brought in, although it was definitely learned tonight the M.L.A.'s who attend caucus have not seen it. One said: "We have heard there will be one, but we don't know yet."

The latest strategy of the Aberhart Government in its fight against the banks will avoid what was viewed by observers as a certain clash with the Lieutenant-Governor. Had the Government attempted to re-enact the disallowed legislation, authoritative sources argue, the representative of his Majesty would have had no alternative but to refuse his assent to the new bills. When the resolution is approved, the chess game between King and Aberhart proceeds, and it's Mr. King's move next.

Bank Tax Bill

Taxation on banks is estimated at around \$2,100,000 in revenue annually. Notice of the tax bill has been given the Legislature and the bill itself may be introduced tomorrow. It provides for increasing the tax on paid-up capital and a new tax on reserves and undivided profits.

Hon. E. C. Manning, Provincial Secretary, introduced the notice and said the tax on one-tenth of one per cent on paid-up capital would be increased to one-half of one per cent and that a tax of one per cent on reserves and undivided profits would be imposed.

Banks in this Province at present pay \$141,000 annually through the tax on undivided profits, and the increased

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in the House of which he later became Speaker. So deeply did he enjoy being at the head of the House he once declined an offer to become Lieutenant governor of Quebec. Similarly, he declined a portfolio in the cabinet of Rt. Hon. Mackenzie King when Mr. King was elected to power in 1921.

Back in 1906, Mr. Lemieux, recognized as one of Sir Wilfred's "strongmen," was chosen postmaster-general, and was credited with much of the pioneer development of the postal service throughout the Dominion. During his long parliamentary career he also served as solicitor-general, minister of marine and fisheries, and minister of labor.

While labor minister, Mr. Lemieux piloted through the House of Commons the industrial disputes investigation act which also became known as the Lemieux act. It covered labor disputes in some public utilities, including transportation, communications, mines, light and power, and waterworks.

Under the act an employer could not declare a lockout nor could a group declare a strike before they had made application to the labor department for a board of conciliation and until such times as the board had made its recommendations.

Son of a customs inspector, born in Montreal, Nov. 1, 1866, Mr. Lemieux graduated from Nicolet College and Leval University to develop an early interest in journalism. But in 1891 he was called to the bar, and became partner in practice with Hon. Honore Mercier and later Sir Lomer Gouin, both colorful figures in the political life of Quebec.

Senator Lemieux was recognized as an authority on international law, and in 1928 gave a series of lectures at the Sorbonne University of Paris on the political evolution of Canada.

Honors, including university degrees, came not only from Canada. France made him a Knight of the Legion of Honor for promoting relations between the two countries.

Thirty years ago he was sent by Canada to Japan to take part in the Asiatic immigration discussions, and three years later he represented the Dominion at the inauguration of the South African Union Parliament.

Since elevated to the Senate in 1930, Senator Lemieux lived a comparatively quiet life, attending to business interests in Montreal where he lived with his wife, the former Berthe Jette, daughter of the late Sir Louis Jette, whom he married in 1894. Survivors include the widow and a daughter, Sister Clotilde, of the Ursuline Order at Three Rivers, Que. His only son, Lieut. Rodolphe Lemieux, was killed in action in France. The funeral, details of which have not been completed, will be held Friday.

ed rate will boost this revenue to an estimated \$700,000. The present building tax, which, it is expected, will be undisturbed, nets about \$90,000 annually in revenue.

The new tax of one per cent on reserves and undivided profits was estimated to bring \$1,300,000 in revenue. Early estimates placed the revenue from this source at \$1,500,000, but it was indicated today this figure was \$200,000 too high.

Thus the Government, under the revised taxation, will obtain about \$90,000 from the building tax, about \$700,000 from the one-half of one per cent tax on paid-up capital and about \$1,300,000 from the one per cent tax on reserves and undivided profits or

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