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SHOP EARLY — BUY CANADIAN

FOR several years past Montreal merchants have advised the public to "shop early" prior to the Christmas season. It is sound and practical advice. The early buyer not only has a wider selection from which to make a choice, but also adds to his own convenience and comfort, to say nothing of the better service which naturally is available to those who obey this injunction, and the lessening of the heavy strain which Christmas business inevitably entails on the salespeople.

At the same time another slogan which might be followed with profit to ourselves is that which advises the public to "Be Canadian—Buy Canadian," always providing, of course, that price and quality are at least equal to those of imported merchandise.

This motto has considerable significance the year round, but at no season perhaps can it be adopted with better results to ourselves, as a nation, than at Christmas. While admitting the value of and the need for maintaining our export trade, we are not doing anyone a disservice by looking at the practical aspects of this whole question. The buying movement is considerably accelerated at Christmas. It does not require any stretch of the imagination to conjure up the effect on employment if everyone insists on buying "Produced in Canada" merchandise for gifts at this time of the year.

The salvation of our own unemployed rests largely on the purchases which individuals make. If people buy more Canadian articles, it must be obvious that more money will be circulated in employment channels. It would appear, therefore, that the slogan, "Be Canadian—Buy Canadian," is not only practical, but very apropos at Christmastime.—Montreal Star.

CHRISTMAS TREES FROM CANADA

OTTAWA, CANADA—Christmas trees are in season again, and, as in former years, Canada has been called upon to furnish the principal Yuletide adornments for more than three million homes in the United States. Christmas trees from Eastern Canada found a ready market in most of the large cities in the Eastern United States that may be reached without prohibitive freight charges, and last year's shipments are estimated at about 3,500,000 trees valued at \$356,611. In addition upwards of 1,000,000 trees are used annually to decorate Canadian homes.

In Eastern Canada the favourite trees for Christmas are young firs or spruce about ten feet in height. Cedar, hemlock, juniper and pine of tender growth are also used when the more favoured species are not readily available. The spicy odour of the balsam fir, and its short, flat, lacquered leaves of dark green, which render it easy to decorate, make it particularly suitable for use as a Christmas tree.

Apprehension is sometimes expressed as to the wisdom of depleting Canada's forests to furnish Christmas trees for export to the United States, but when consideration is given to the fact that 4,500,000 trees—an entire season's consumption—can be grown on an area of seven square miles there seems to be no reason why a forest crop should not be harvested at any time when it is profitable to do so, particularly if reasonable care is taken in the selection and cutting of the trees. While some trees are taken from thin stands where their removal is detrimental to the forest, a very considerable number come from old pasture fields where it is desirable to keep the land cleared. Under natural conditions the balsam fir particularly, reproduces abundantly, and the thinning out of selected trees is often advantageous to the growth of the stand.

The origin of the use of trees for decorative purposes at Christmas time is lost in antiquity. The custom is believed to have been adopted from pagan ceremonies, but it is only in comparatively recent years that the Christmas tree has become popular in North America and the British Isles. Since the introduction of strings of coloured electric lights for illumination, the use of trees for decorative purposes both inside the home and on the veranda or front lawn has become more popular.

FAIR WAGE BOARD REPORT

THE REPORT of the Fair Wage Board with recommendations attached which was made public yesterday urges the better physical protection of the miners, an eight hour day, reduced miners' expenses, and alterations in freight rates and the establishment of the industry on a more profitable and secure basis, eliminating price cutting and other objectionable practices.

The recommendations of The Fair Wage Board when carried out will go a long ways towards the betterment of conditions both for the mine operators in what is perhaps more important for the working men of the coal mining areas at Minto.

The recommendations made by the Board are the result of a complete investigation and a survey of the coal industry in New Brunswick which was made by members of the Board and by H. R. Pettigrove, the Fair Wage Officer. The Provincial Government had pledged itself more than once that the recommendations of the Board in regard to the industry, and to the men who were employed at Minto would be given legal recognition. The Fair Wage Board is in immediate touch with the conditions in the mining industry as they exist in this province; this local machinery which has been set up by the Provincial Government seem to be the only feasible organization to handle the labor situation in this province.

SNAP SHOTS

Two candidates for Mayor filed papers at City Hall today. This makes a contest for the office for the first time in years. Both candidates are good-looking men.

We are Irish enough to love a fight, so we are glad to see an old-time civic political battle in sight. Seriously, however, it is a healthy sign to see our business men taking an interest in civic affairs.

We don't know how the Vail-Good contest will make out in Queens—but if it were a foot-race we would bet on Vail. The Doctor would not be much good as a sprinter.

Mussolini keeps on winning great diplomatic victories, but they don't seem to change the map much.

It doesn't pay to back down. You can forget a licking but you never forget being yellow to avoid one.

A man's idea of "act" is to dry a woman's tears by telling her that her nose is getting red.

UNION AND CHECK

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mendations of the Fair Wage Board in a statement given to The Daily Mail today and the conditions existing in the mining industry in this Province.

For the last year or over I have advocated a thorough investigation of this industry by an independent commission. I welcomed the inquiry by the Fair Wage Board, hoping that it would have the necessary power to make an investigation thorough enough to show up the underlying causes of the depressed state which has been growing up in this industry during the last few years. As to the recommendation made in the interim report which has just appeared in the press, those referring to working conditions, have practically all been in force at the Rothwell Mine for some time.

The recommendation which refers to the necessity of better methods for selling coal draws attention to the suffering that undoubtedly needs to be dealt with. If it is possible to work out details of a settlement—and it should be—one should be devised for the sake of all New Brunswick-mined coal through a single agency and so promote its orderly and efficient distribution at a reasonable market price. Such a price can make possible the payment of a fair rate wage, while at the same time leaving a sufficient margin profit to encourage the investment of capital.

There are factors that influence the price at which coal can be sold which have so far proved to be beyond the control of those engaged in the industry. The Board has pointed out one of these when it mentions freight rate assistance given by the Dominion Government.

While millions have been paid to Nova Scotia for this purpose, the amount paid to New Brunswick has been so small as to have been of no practical benefit. The operators have taken this up with "the powers that be in Ottawa" for several years. They made a particularly strong effort in this line early in 1936. At that time three different delegates were sent to Ottawa to place their views before the Fuel Committee of the Cabinet, which would recommend a policy to be followed, but all efforts were without any appreciable results. Hon. Norman McL. Rogers, Minister of Labour, was a member of this committee. If the committee had then adopted a policy that would have given this New Brunswick industry assistance proportionately equal to that

\$2,500 PRIZE FOR HEAVIEST GAME AUSTRALIA FISH

(Special to The Daily Mail)

MONTREAL, Dec. 17.—Two thousand five hundred dollars is a lot of money to get for pulling one "game" fish out of the water but that is the amount some lucky angler will net next year in the competition being sponsored by the Australian Government in connection with the Dominion's 150th anniversary. Canada will have her representatives contending for the various prizes totalling \$5,500. It is expected by officials of the Canadian Australasian Line whose vessels Niagara and Aorangi have each two voyages scheduled which will take competitors "Down Under" within the period of the competition—from January 1st to April 31st.

The top prizes offered in the contest are \$2,500 for the heaviest game fish; \$1,000 for the heaviest shark; \$500 for the heaviest striped marlin. Four other prizes for salt and fresh water fish total another \$500 and certificates will be given all contestants making notable catches. The angling committee of the anniversary celebrations council will act as sole arbiter and the secretary of the committee will accept entries by mail at his Sydney offices in the Commonwealth Bank Chambers.

given in Nova Scotia the present trouble would probably never have found it necessary to try to force a conciliation board upon this industry—when it is too late.

IRISH FREE STATE SENDS AN AMBASSADOR TO ROME

(Special to The Daily Mail)

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The Irish Free State is sending over a diplomat to Rome. It is not likely that Great Britain will send a representative of its own. This would mean that King George VI recognized Italy's conquest of Ethiopia. The British Ambassador to Ethiopia is the one that was appointed before Italy's conquest of Ethiopia.

CONVICTED

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It was shown in court that there had been beaver present on the stream. The traps allegedly belonging to the convicted man were seized. Information was laid by Game Warden Charles Gray, Juniper, who was assisted in his investigation by Game Warden Roy Hall, Plaster Rock, and Forest Ranger Guy Welch. The trial was held on Nov. 29 and Dec. 7, and sentence delivered on Dec. 14.

DR. B. R. ROSS

DENTIST

HOURS:—

9-6 or by APPOINTMENT

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FOOLISH STATEMENTS

Mr. Editor:

Each year Fredericton's daily papers give the name of the first one to cross the river on the new ice. What a hero he is? Some year this brave hero is going under the ice.

Who is responsible for this hero's death? I would say the newspapers that publish names of such fools.

Yours,
SAFETY.

Minto, Dec. 16, 1937.

WHAT ABOUT THE LUMBERMAN

Dear Mr. Editor:

I wonder could you give me space in your paper to tell a few facts concerning the lumberjacks of the province of New Brunswick. My experiences lead me to believe that there could be something done for such a hardworking man. I do not know of any man that works harder or does more for the Province of New Brunswick but the conditions under which he works are something which should be attended to. He goes into the wilderness with perfect health and I would demand that every lumber camp would be inspected once monthly and that a first aid man should be in every camp because I have seen several severe accidents happen fifty miles from a doctor that could not be taken care of otherwise than by a qualified first aid man.

Yours truly,
JAMES S. SHENTON
Simonds, Carleton Co., Dec. 16, 1937.

DEFENCE LEAGUE

Editor, The Daily Mail,
Fredericton, N. B.

Dear Sir:

It would seem the time is opportune at this juncture to draw a comparison issue a grave warning, and place ourselves on record as holding to account, in the future, whoever is responsible for the culpable and criminal negligence and complacent smugness shown over the question of defence.

First, the comparison. The Conservative party went into power on a rising tide of depression that finally engulfed it under the force of overwhelming circumstances with which no government could cope.

There is now a greater tidal-wave heading up slowly, as did the depression, and which will assuredly break and sweep into oblivion the party that might be responsible for the defence of Canada's national honour and her practically defenceless citizens.

Secondly, the warning. It is apparent, beyond any question of argument that, any claim one might make that Canada has any defence worthwhile or of any earthly use, borders on fiction and should be classed as a child's bed-time story.

There is no question of offence, nor do we urge lack of love for our neighbors. If we tried to become offensive any neighbor could afford to grin. We, therefore, refer only to the matter of trying to make a semblance of defence seem possible.

We have all kinds of charitable schemes and institutions (unnecessary to enumerate), and none of them are as vital to this nation or of such paramount importance as the adequate defence of Canada.

We submit to you the Defence of Canada League which is endeavouring in a non-partisan manner to bring to the attention of the Canadian people the urgent necessity of an adequate national defence, to assist, by arousing public opinion in their favor, those in authority, who are endeavoring to perform their duty in this respect. In our endeavours, this League has not begged funds from the Public or resorted to 'tag-days,' but we have sorely struggled along, content to do our duty to Canada, the Commonwealth and our great heritage. You might argue there are many patriotic societies. Yes, there are, but they are not solely concerned with Canada's defence, both physically in the matter of armament and morally from sneaking anti-Canadian, anti-British propaganda.

As the Chief Executive I feel incumbent on myself to make this explanation. Every individual in this League is above any 'party' consideration if it will benefit Canada and its defence.

We are making this nation-wide appeal to ascertain how 'defence-conscious' Canada is. We have made logical proven suggestions in regard to the defence of British Columbia or the Pacific and we submit that the proposed defences appear to us to be a mere travesty.

Anyone who believes Canada is worthy of a place in the Commonwealth, and who desires her to remain there, may join with us.

With no adequate defences, will Canada remain in the Commonwealth? In framing your reply to this question, be honest with yourself.

We wish to place ourselves on record as having solemnly and sincerely warned the government responsible for the vital need of proper and necessary defence measures—it alone has the entire responsibility—and, in our opinion, the present Minister of Defence and the officials of his Department are not responsible for the cheese parings they are forced to utilize.

Capitol

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LEE TRACY

IN

BEHIND THE HEADLINES

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NEWS

COMEDY

FREEZEUP

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the boy to the east, boys and girls always have long Christmas holidays because their school is on an island eight miles from the mainland.

During warmer weather, the pupils go to school by boat, skipped by the genial Captain Sam Oldfield. To make up for the long "freeze-up" holiday the boys and girls must attend school during the whole of July. After freeze-up they skate or ski across the ice to their studies, while a few use dog-teams.

Another Northern community where similar conditions prevail at this time of year is Pickerel, where there is an Indian school. An Indian from the village has the job, in spring, summer and fall of rowing the pupils across the Pickerel River.

But the Pickerel school is closed now, because the swiftly moving current has begun to freeze, and can't be crossed.

Punch

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OTTAWA FIGURES

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of \$469,167 to Spain, but this year the shipments have dwindled to \$2-638, mostly jams and jellies.

Political capital has been made of this situation, particularly in Western Canada. The charge is that Canada is arming Japan and virtually disarming Spain.

But the facts are:

- 1.—Canada never did export raw materials to Spain.
- 2.—Canada is following the lead of other big nations in respect to both Spain and Japan.

In 1936 of the total of \$469,160 exports to Spain, any particularly metal did not exceed \$1,000. The bulk of the exports to Spain in 1936 were Automobiles, \$258,553; rubber tires, \$10,000; wood pulp \$43,692; and asbestos 11,182.

MASS MEETING

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mainland program, it was believed here.

The Japanese South China offensive is scarcely expected to cover a wide territory. It was learned. The invading command probably will be satisfied to occupy Canton and the immediate vicinity, while airmen will threaten strategic points in both provinces.

FRACTURED ANKLE

James T. Mavor fell on the city sidewalk last evening and fractured his ankle. He will be confined to his home for some time.

HEAVY SLEEPER

That the gutter in Regent Street is not the best place in the world to take a nap was discovered by a middle-aged man this morning when his peaceful slumbers were disturbed by city police. Despite the fact that he objected strenuously, he was allowed to continue his slumbers in the city lockup.