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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.

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."

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

The recommendations of the Fair Wage Board when carried out will go a long way 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.

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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Recommendations 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.

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.

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.

\$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.

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.

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.

CONVICTED

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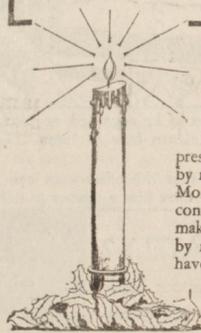
It was shown in court that there had been beaver present on the stream. The traps allegedly belonging to the convicted man were seized. Information was laid by Game Warden Charles Gray, Juniper, who was assisted in his investigation by Game Warden Roy Hall, Plaster Rock, and Forest Ranger Guy Welch.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

DR. B. R. ROSS

DENTIST

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Christmas Gift MONEY ORDERS



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OUR MAIL BAG

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.

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

DEFENCE LEAGUE

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

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 endeavouring 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.

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 NOW PLAYING

The radio reporter who knew no fear, and the girl he hated to love... at grips with a gang of crooks!

LEE TRACY IN BEHIND THE HEADLINES

With Diana Gibson, Donald Meek, Paul Guilfoyle, Philip Huston, Frank M. Thomas.

EXTRA ATTRACTION! GENE AUTRY IN THE OLD CORRAL

With Smiley Burnette, Sons of the Pioneers and Champion.

HERE MONDAY!

"IT CAN'T LAST FOREVER" With Ralph Bellamy and Betty Furness.

In conclusion, and as an eleventh hour recommendation, we suggest that the Department of Defence be taken out of party politics altogether, and that a permanent under-Secretary of Defence be appointed with a permanent department of experts selected for their capability, rather than for their party affiliations, to assist him in these grave matters of national defence.

Yours faithfully, DEFENCE OF CANADA LEAGUE, per Neville E. Fairweather Capt. National Chairman

FREEZEUP

(Continued from Page One) 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, skippered 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 PANETELA CANADA'S FINEST CIGAR. Includes image of a cigar and a price tag of 10¢.

GAIETY NOW PLAYING

Advertisement for Gaiety featuring Edward G. Robinson and Bette Davis in 'Kid Galahad'. Includes a portrait of Bette Davis and a quote: '... IT'S BETTE'S TURN TO TAKE THE RAP FROM LOVE!'.

NEWS... COMEDY

Here MON. and TUES. "Fifty Roads To Town" With Don AMECHE - Ann SOTHERN and Slim SUMMERVILLE

Reserve Thursday, Jan. 20, for Bridge at Community Y

OTTAWA FIGURES

(Continued from Page One) 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 \$469,166 exports to Spain, any particularly metal did not exceed \$1,000. The bulk of the exports to Spain in 1936 were Automobiles, \$238,553; rubber tires, \$10,000; wood pulp \$43,692; and asbestos 11,182.

MASS MEETING

(Continued from Page One) 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. Masor 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.