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## WHO OWNS THE NORTH POLE?

THE flights of Soviet airmen in the Arctic regions have raised in the minds of not a few the question, "Who owns the North Pole," says "Canada's Weekly," published in London. "If there is any land there at all, it has been asked, is it Canada's by reason of the Dominion's claim, made several years ago, to sovereignty over all lands between its Arctic mainland border and the top of the world? Or does it belong to the United States because of Peary's discovery of the spot just over 30 years ago? Or does it now belong to the U.S.S.R. by right of possession and settlement? Boundaries laid down for the international partition of the Arctic, it is said, are as invisible as is the boundary between Canada and the United States, but they are equally capable of exact delimitation. All that portion of the Arctic region coming within the projections of the lines of longitude of each country belongs to that country. Soviet Russia claims everything in the segment between Murmansk and Bering Sea and the North Pole; the United States has sovereign control extended from the mainland of Alaska between Bering Sea and the eastern boundary of Alaska; and Canada has similar sovereign control of all that region, second in vastness only to that held by Soviet Russia, lying between Canada's mainland, stretching from the eastern boundary of Alaska to Baffin Sea and Davis Strait, and reaching to the North Pole. In point of fact, it may be added, the Soviet flights have been carried out with the consent and by arrangement with the countries over whose spheres they had to fly or on which they might have to land. It is two years since the U.S.S.R. first asked permission for its aviators to fly over Canadian territory. Not only was this readily given, but during their recent flights they have been supplied with weather reports from Canada.

## JAPAN TALKS SELF-DEFENSE

NANKING'S action in continuing to move large reinforcements along railways, highways and canals is inviting an armed clash of the first magnitude with the Japanese army.

So says Lieut. Gen. Kiyoshi Katsuki, Japanese army chief in North China.

The General stands on treaty rights. In the Ho-Umetzu agreement of 1935 and the subsequent agreement with Major-General Kensi Doihara, the central Chinese government is not permitted to send armies into Hopeh province, Chahar and regions in along the border of Manchukuo.

Already the Chinese armies in southern Hopeh exceed 300,000 and are being continually increased, in violation of the agreements.

Cease and desist, is the attitude of General Katsuki, who says that "if this increase continues, the time will naturally arise when in self-defense we will be forced into making an attack, for we cannot continue to sit quiet until hopelessly outnumbered."

What those treaties amount to is problematical. The important point is that Japan is in occupation of Chinese territory and intends not to be dislodged.

If the Chinese dare to oppose the invaders, the Japanese can say that they had already warned them and that the military encounter was none of their choosing.

Such arrogance and unmitigated gall have no counterpart anywhere in the world today.

Dismemberment of proud but helpless China continues.

## CANADIAN DROUGHT AREAS

"THE drought situation in the Western section of the Canadian grain lands is receiving the immediate attention of the Government. The steady rise in the wheat markets continues to justify the theory that a small crop at a high price is collectively as good as a huge one at a low price. A touch of irony is added by the fact that, on all the old maps of the West of forty years ago and less, these drought areas were marked 'semi-arid.' The Government resisted opening them up by surveys. But those were the days of heavy immigration, and people insisted on going in as 'squatters.' Finally, the country had to be surveyed in sections and half-sections, and it proved productive—for a while. Then crops became intermittent. Evidently, the men who did the mapping knew best.

"The economic situation is inevitably affected in one way by the lessened wheat production in Eastern Canada this year, but there is a bright side to it, as well as one which is not so bright. The people affected will need relief, though hardly so much as last year. The railways and lake boats will not have so much wheat to transport or the mills so much to grind. Effects on commercial and industry generally depend, of course, on purchasing power derived from the crop. The one sure thing is the high ruling price. It may exceed \$1.50 or more per bushel, being close to that now but fluctuating considerably. This price, applied to a yield of 200 million bushels, would obviously create an aggregate purchasing power much in excess of that of the record year when, with a production of 450 million bushels, the growers received about 40 cents on an average."—Canada's Weekly."

## UNIFORM DAY FOR HOLIDAYS

THE idea of celebrating all holidays on a Monday, thus giving two continuous days for rest and recreation, has been incorporated into a bill introduced in the United States Senate.

Such a plan is not an impossibility remarks the Toronto Telegram. It is generally followed in England in the case of legal holidays.

The fact that a holiday which observes an anniversary would not fall on the anniversary is not of great consequence. The anniversary could be as well observed some other day.

Christmas and New Year's would have to be exceptions, but the Monday observation would be practicable for the others, such as Queen Victoria's birthday, Civic Holiday and Thanksgiving Day.

After all, holidays should function for the benefit of the people. The benefit would be all the greater if the holiday followed on immediately after another twenty-four hours non-working period. Church attendance need not be affected. Services would be the same as on any other Sunday. The difference would be that non-church goers would have a longer uninterrupted period in which to carry out whatever plans of rest or diversion appealed to them. The idea may have its drawbacks but these are not as apparent as its merits.

## SNAPSHOTS

Why not haul away all those old cartons and other dirt from the river bank near the A. & B. Club. The people who were allowed the use of the green should have done the right thing and carried their stuff away. It is doubtful whether it is a good thing to clutter up this spot with hot dog stands anyway. During all the time that the visiting delegates were in the city last week this place which Nature has done so much to make a beauty spot looked like blazes. The Burns monument was hid behind a hot dog stand. This place should never have been given over to any person for such a purpose. In no other Capital in the Dominion would the approach to the Parliament Building be used for such a purpose.

Another thing in the same connection is the matter of loaning our Provincial Parliament building to any and every organization that comes along. It cheapens the building. In our opinion the Parliament Building should be kept for the purpose for which it was intended. Imagine the House of Commons at London or at Ottawa being used as a place of registration for some organization. It cheapens and takes the dignity out of the whole works.

The boy and girl bathers "rolling together on the grass in front of the severe Parliament House" was recently referred to in an article on "New Brunswick's Capital" in a New York paper. The writer said that most of the bathers just put on the bathing suits and rolled on the river bank."

Instead of putting the soft pedal on outbreaks of dangerous diseases why do not the foggies come out in the open and tell the people how to prevent such diseases? Why all the darn secrecy?

Why does that sub-contractor with the bridge crew make all that noise with his motor boat so early in the morning? He does not sleep himself nor does he allow any one else to sleep. What's the matter with his boat anyway?

Do all the medical men and many other leading citizens get their drinking water across the river and at Victoria Mills? If so there must be a nigger in the woodpile somewhere.

Six kinds of gasoline, it has been testified, are pumped by some dealers out of a single tank. Well, didn't the old-time grocer get the 25-cent and 45-cent coffee out of the same bin?

Of course, a little knowledge of medicine is necessary—even to a young and good-looking medico—but it is merely incidental. The diagnosis is the big thing! And if a young and struggling doctor wants to see his office packed with "suffering" women he should mix at least nine parts psychology with one-part materia medica.

Male Ross who is going to China will probably not strike Shanghai. He may run into a Shanghai chicken some where down there.

## 70 TEACHERS

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All to make the course helpful to all and embarrassing to none, teacher-students are further divided into small groups of four or five, each having about the same facility in expressing themselves in French. These are placed under the immediate supervision of conversation tutors whose mother tongue is French. These tutors live with the groups, and are constantly available. Encouragement is given to make French the sole medium of expression throughout the course—French is the language of the classroom and life outside. Women teachers are domiciled at the college, the men are accommodated in nearby private homes where French is the language spoken.

"All work and no play" would be just as bad for teachers as for the little Jacks and Jills which they endeavor to instruct. Hence, everything possible is done to provide entertainment and outings for the Ontario guests during their four weeks' course. From the Lieutenant-Governor down to those who are charged with arranging physical comforts, the people of Quebec and the Provincial educational authorities endeavor to make the Ontario folk welcome, their stay interesting and instructive.

The course is under the direction of Professor J. C. A. Jeanneret, head of the French Department of the University of Toronto, and the staff of twenty-three instructors, lecturers and group tutors, includes prominent French teachers and scholars of both Provinces. Miss Helen St. John, well-known teacher of the Jarvis Collegiate staff, and Mlle. Marguerite MacDonald of the University of Toronto, are in this year's group. Others include M. Jean Burchesi, Assistant Provincial Secretary, Quebec; Mgr. Camille Roy, of Laval University; Colonel Marquis, Librarian, Parliament Buildings, Quebec; M. l'Abbe

## RETURN OF

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dismissed, the last being Attorney-General Hugill, who was unable to render a favorable opinion upon the legality of the banking measure adopted by the Legislature.

While there are areas in the eastern part of the province where the crops have largely failed, the province as a whole may be said to be in fairly good shape this year. In the Calgary trading area it is estimated that the wheat crop will be worth around \$25,000,000 and activity in Turner Valley and other oil fields has contributed materially to better feeling all around and consequent decrease in the attitude of pessimism and defeatism, which, as the result of seven years of crop failure, contributed so largely to the victory of the Social Credit Party.

At the last election Social Credit polled approximately 53 per cent of the electoral vote. There has unquestionably been a considerable revulsion of feeling since then, with every probability that another vote would show a decrease of popularity of at least 25 per cent, and possibly more. So far as local business men and leaders of the oil industry are concerned a large part of the resentment felt toward Premier Aberhart and Social Credit is born of the fact that, so far as the outside world is concerned, they are necessarily included as residents of a province that is exciting the astonishment and sometimes ridicule of the remainder of Canada, and further afield.

However, the present unrest is only a passing phase in their estimation and Alberta will soon be back in line with orderly and constitutional government, and with even greater devotion to development of potential natural resources that are not surpassed and have seldom been equalled on the American Continent.

Laberti, Laval; M. C. J. Magnan, Department of Education, Quebec, and M. Maurice Hebert.

## ARE YOU A PIKER?

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bors should fail you would not remain in business a week. If all your neighbors succeed you will certainly succeed with them.

YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO CALL A MAN A "FRIEND" AND GIVE HIM THE JUDAS SMILE AND THEN IF YOU HAVE A DOLLAR TO SPEND IN HIS LINE PASS BY HIS DOOR. YOU ARE NOT FOOLING HIM WHEN YOU ARE DOING THIS. HE KNOWS THAT YOU ARE NOT HIS FRIEND. YOU CANNOT SAY "I NEVER ONCE THOUGHT ABOUT YOU" THAT IS RUBBING IT IN. You should have thought of your friend first, especially if he has helped you in your activities. Not to do this is base ingratitude or stupidity. YET THIS IS PRACTICED BY CHURCHES AND LODGES AS WELL AS INDIVIDUALS. IF THEY HAVE A DOLLAR TO SPEND THEY OFTEN "NEVER THINK" ABOUT GOING TO THE MERCHANT OR THE TRADESMAN WHO HAS HELPED THEM OUT OF A HOLE OR TO SOMEONE WHO HAS HELPED TO BOOST THEM.

The newspapers are often victims in this respect. They pay composers, proof readers and others to set up free puffs for your various church and club activities which are of interest to only a comparatively few people belonging to the local organization. When you have a dollar to spend in the way of printing you often pass by the paper which tries to boost you and go somewhere else proving that you were somewhat of a piker. THANK GOODNESS THE MOST OF THE PEOPLE IN FREDERICTON DO THE RIGHT THING SO FAR AS RECOGNIZING THE NEWSPAPERS ARE CONCERNED. THE DAILY MAIL ENJOYS THE PATRONAGE OF MOST OF THESE CHURCH CLUBS AND LODGES AND APPRECIATES THEIR FRIENDLY SPIRIT. WE ARE ALWAYS DELIGHTED TO RECIPROCATATE AT ANY TIME. Those who do not come our way have their own reasons for not liking us. So we do not care.

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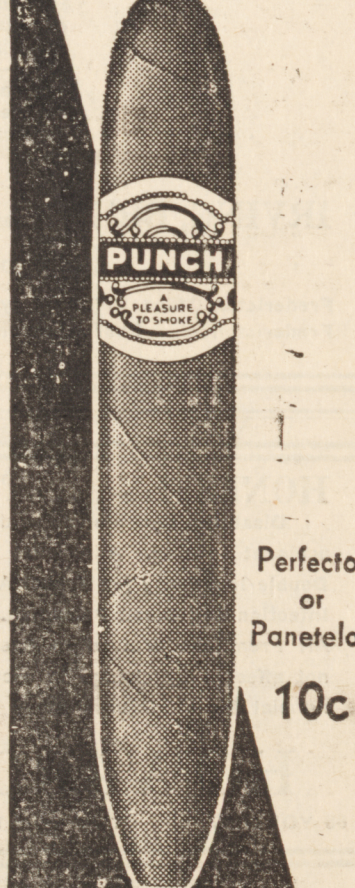
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