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The City Stone Yard

The action of the City Council in their proposed removal of the stone crusher, rock piles and city yard from the Carleton-Aberdeen Street section is one that would be commended by all the citizens, especially by the residents of the locality in which this nuisance has too long been located.

The Daily Mail has for the past couple of years advocated the removal of this yard to a part some place in the rear of the city. This yard was not only an eye sore but it was a menace and a danger to school children who played in that section of the city.

The Daily Mail last summer received several letters from residents of that section of the city and in one instance we had a letter of thanks signed by several residents thanking us for our action in bringing the matter before the city authorities.

The present City Council seem to be disposed to work for the best interests of the city and we have evidence of this from several progressive measures which they have put through in recent months.

Saturday Half-Holiday

The proposition of some of the retail merchants branch of the Board of Trade to have the weekly half-holiday come on Saturday each week during July and August instead of on Thursday as heretofore seems to be reasonable.

As has already been pointed out, the Thursday half-holiday comes at a time in the week when many tourists are passing through Fredericton. Time after time during the past couple of years tourists have been noticed walking up and down Queen Street and York Street, sometimes trying the doors of the various mercantile establishments on Thursday afternoons, only to find these doors locked. On Saturday afternoons the majority of the tourists are either nearing home or have not yet started out on their trip.

If the Fredericton merchants wish to take advantage of the tourist travel it would seem advisable for them to have their stores open on the afternoons when the tourists are liable to be here.

Another reason for having the Saturday half-holiday is that it gives not only the merchants but the clerks a chance to get away for the week-end or to relax through both Saturday afternoon and Sunday. A number of the merchants were last year very favourable to having the week-end half-holiday instead of closing on Thursdays. Others were opposed to it and the matter was held up.

One objection which the opponents of the Saturday half-holiday made was that the farmers came to town on Saturday and that this had been done for years. It would be an easy matter if the change were properly advertised to have the farmers come to town on Friday. In fact for the last couple of summers there has been almost as large a market on Friday afternoon as there was on Saturday and many citizens took advantage of these Friday afternoon markets to do their shopping.

Many other cities and towns have tried the Saturday half-holiday and found it to work out successfully. Why not here?

Peace Day

The Brunswickian, the organ of the student body of U.N.B., says: "March twelfth is Canadian Student Peace Day. On that day a delegation of Canadian University Students will present a petition to the government at Ottawa, signed by students from all over Canada, in which the Canadian Government is asked firstly, to revise the Militia Act so that it will be made impossible to conscript Canadians for active service abroad by an order-in-council and secondly, to clearly define the relationship between Canada and Great Britain in the eventuality of war.

"The demand, despite the efforts of some people to prostitute it into meaning that Canada should not support Great Britain in war but should remain neutral, as we see it, is simply this: That it is up to the Canadian people, through their representatives, to decide whether there should be conscription. And that the power of an order-in-council to declare conscription is an unjust one. Secondly the petition seeks to make it the right of Canadian Government to alone have the authority to declare war and peace for Canada.

"Whether the petition will accomplish anything tangible is problematical. But it should bring forcibly to the mind of the government that these are problems which must at some time be answered. Now, during peace time, is the time to do the answering. When war threatens reason does not prevail."

Our Field Crops

The value of field crop production in 1936 in Canada was 17 per cent. greater than in 1935. All the provinces show increases, the greatest percentage improvement being made in Manitoba with an increase of 49 per cent., or 17,000,000 dollars.

The average value per acre of occupied farm lands in Canada, including improved and unimproved land together with dwelling houses, barns, and all other farm buildings, is reported as \$24 in both the years 1935 and 1936. By provinces, the average values in 1936 are as follows (with the 1935 values within brackets): Prince Edward Island \$31 (\$31); Nova Scotia, \$35 (\$31); New Brunswick, \$28 (\$25); Quebec \$38 (\$41); Ontario \$44 (\$42); Manitoba \$16 (\$17); Saskatchewan \$15 (\$17); Alberta \$16 (\$16), and British Columbia, \$60 (\$58).

The average value per pound of unwashed wool in Canada in 1936 is estimated at 14 cents as compared with 12 cents in 1935. The total value of wool produced which is estimated at 19,195,000 pounds, amounts to \$2,783,000 as compared with \$2,232,000, the value of 19,357,000 pounds of wool produced in 1935.

For Canada, the value per head of farm live stock in 1936 are estimated as follow (with 1935 values within brackets); horses, \$72 (\$65); milch cows, \$37 (\$35); other cattle, \$23 (\$22); total cattle, \$29 (\$27), 1 sheep \$5.42 (\$5.02), and swine \$11.07 (\$11.77).

SNAPSHOTS

Hon. A. P. Paterson showed up the nigger in the woodpile at the Legislature yesterday.

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It was formerly the custom at the Legislature to place departmental reports on the desks of the press representatives when the reports were being distributed in the House. This courtesy as well as some others seems to have been abandoned this session. And yet if it were not for the press the Legislature and its members would get a short shift. No person would know that the members were there. These courtesies and others are recognized at Ottawa and in every other Legislature throughout the Dominion.

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Some of these mail order-chain store people need a lesson on the "fitness of things." By the way, what ever became of the proposed bill in regard to taxing these out of town mail-order people? Who pulled the wires?

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Leavenworth, Ind., flood-ravaged by the Ohio, is rebuilding on the ground 400 feet above the river. There's something to knowing when you're picked.

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Almost any bridegroom can go back to his golf after the thrill of the wedding and the honeymoon and the novelty of setting-up housekeeping has worn off. His wife will probably be glad to get him out of the house, now and then.

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Scottish village council negatives a proposal to give to each of its 427 residents a free drink of the country's popular product on Coronation Day. Now note the gibe that this decision is inspired by economy rather than by zeal for temperance.

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It is said that the Chinese are not wholly convinced of the sincerity of Japan's recent friendly overtures. In fact, China is like the heroine of the old play who had been thrown off a ship, tied to railway tracks in front of an advancing train, and shot at by the villain. The next time he approached her he was swinging a spiked club, and as she showed every evidence of terror he inquired blandly: "Why do you shrink from me, Nellie?"

Daily Train

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proved type, also dining and lounge facilities will be operated on these trains.

During the past few years the volume of traffic to this Northern Ontario mining region has increased tremendously and the new train, which is being operated by the Canadian National and Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railways is to provide the facilities required to meet this greatly increased volume of business,

Confederation

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wick when they took over power in 1935.

Prior to Confederation vast import and export trade industries, vegetable canning factories, agricultural exporting, shipping industry, fishing industry, freight rate structure, the successful operation of the old I.C.R., local control of banks, local control of railways, all of which had been gradually mitigated against by the unfair interpretation of the Confederation Act by the controlling interests of Ontario, Montreal and the United States were some of the adverse results to our province as cited by the Minister of Federal Affairs.

As a remedy he pleaded for co-operation of both parties in bringing about a change of conditions and the proper carrying out of the Confederation Act as a means of bringing back our province to its former prosperity with the consent of all the provinces.

Neutrality Bill

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or of strict isolation, nothing more favorable was to have been expected.

Maintaining the studiously sympathetic tone which has been adopted by the British press since the neutrality bill first began to take form, the Manchester Guardian sees in it a contribution to the cause of collective security. "For," it says, "if the case should ever arise again that economic sanctions were imposed by the League of Nations, it would not be so easy to argue, as it was argued during the Italo-Ethiopian war, that the ability of the aggressor state to buy war materials from the United States excused a refusal of League members to make such sanctions effective."

Minto Residents

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but is the headquarters of several coal mining concerns as well as of the New Brunswick Hydro Electric plant. This is only another evidence of the energy of Hon. Mr. Michaud in looking after the interests of all sections of the Province of New Brunswick.

Hon. Mr. Michaud's active campaign during the past year in connection with the promotion of the fisheries industries which come under his own department has been of untold benefit to the fishermen of this province as well as of the other Maritime Provinces of the Dominion.

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'NATIONS LEAGUE' SUBJECT OF TALK AT NORMAL SCHOOL

Local Group Hears
Lecture by Prof. M. McPherson

An interesting address on "League of Nations" was delivered last evening at the Provincial Normal School auditorium, to members of the local league, by Professor Malcolm McPherson. The speaker stressed the development of the league as a successor to the old culture of Europe, which arose in 1815, after the Napoleonic war. He outlined the differences between the great powers and the smaller powers, showing that the initiative of any scheme for settlement of any dispute lay with the great powers, and unless they are in agreement and accord, little could be done toward settlement of any dispute involving international powers. The great powers consist of Great Britain, France, Italy, Russia, United States and Japan.

After the address the executive of the local League of Nations held a short meeting, at which various routine business matters were discussed.

At present the local branch of the League is made up of ten corporate members, and 150 individual members, and a drive is being conducted in order to increase membership.

Dr. F. J. Toole presided at the meeting.

NAZI REPLY TO U. S. SAYS TRIVIAL MATTER

(Special to The Daily Mail)
BERLIN, March 13.—The Nazi reply to the United States note protesting scathing remarks in the German press in connection with the Mafor LaGuardia incident was to the effect that if some of the German newspapers had overstepped their bounds it was because of excitement concerning remarks about Hitler.

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Elliott Considers

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not affluent. That the Postoffice Savings Bank service has not been pushed is indicated by the fact that deposits total only \$32,000,000, as against saving deposits in the chartered banks of \$1,500,000,000.

Yet the Postoffice Savings Bank has been in existence since Confederation. For a long period before the war it boasted deposits of \$50,000,000. The decrease is probably due to the fact that withdrawals could not be made so readily as from the chartered banks which also offer greater privileges in the way of payments by cheque. The Dominion Postmasters' Association is urging greater facility in the matter of withdrawals. Small amounts may be taken out of the Postoffice Savings Banks without delay, but for large amounts the department requires reasonable notice. The Postoffice bank is as safe as the Bank of Canada, since deposits are a direct obligation on the Dominion Government.

Would Extend Parcel Post

Another improvement in the postal service which the Dominion Postmasters' Association recommended to the Minister was extension of the parcel post and an increase in the size and weight of packages that may be carried through the mails. At the present time, parcels up to 20 pounds may be carried from Canada to the Orient, but the maximum permitted within Canada is 15 pounds. With respect to this suggestion the Postmaster-General must consider the effect upon the Canadian Pacific and the Canadian National Express Companies.

It is believed the Postoffice is better equipped than other carriers to serve the public in the carriage of parcels up to 50 pounds, for the reason that it has all the equipment the express companies have and in addition it has offices in 12,000 Canadian villages, towns and cities, as against 4,000 points that are served by the express companies. Persons living on farms or in villages that are not on a railway are obliged to drive to the nearest point served by a railway if their parcels are shipped by express, whereas the Postoffice delivers mail right to the farmer's gate or to the village Postmaster.

The Postmaster-General was delighted with the reaction of the Dominion Postmasters' Association to the recent innovation affording postal service to the public on Saturdays and holidays. They assured him of their willingness to give service to their communities six days a week, but they made the not unreasonable suggestion that there should be some amelioration of the condition requiring a full day's service on statutory holidays such as the King's Birthday. They assured the Minister that adequate service can be given to the public without the necessity of postmasters working the normal hours on statutory holidays.

Another proposal of the Dominion Postmasters' Association was that the Postmaster-General should consider a reduction in the postage rate on commercial papers, such as lawyer's documents and deeds, which are now classed as first-class matter, paying the same rate as letters. They expressed the opinion that business would be increased were the

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196	One Mile North Grand River—Quebec Boundary	31.1
197	Woodstock—Allandale R.R. Xing	22.6
5	Woodstock—U. S. Boundary	10.4
198	Gagetown—One Mile South Evandale Ferry Road	20.4
199	One Mile South Evandale Ferry Road—Westfield	20.2
200	St. Andrews—Woodhead Road	23.7
201	Parachois—Port Elgin	22.4
202	11 Dalhousie—Bellefleur River	27.0
203	11 Chatham—Kouchibouguac River	25.0
204	11 Kouchibouguac River—Chockipish River	24.6

Specifications, "Information to Bidders," and Tender Forms may be obtained ONLY at the office of the Chief Highway Engineer, Fredericton, N. B., on and after March 15, 1937.

A certified cheque, payable to the Honourable Provincial Secretary-Treasurer, must accompany each tender.

Such cheque will be forfeited in case tenderer fails to complete his obligation. The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

Upon award of the contract the Contractor will be required to furnish a Contract Bond in an amount equal to fifty per cent. of the amount of his tender.

HON. A. A. DYSART,
Minister of Public Works,
Fredericton, N. B.
March 5, 1937.

department able to offer a lower rate on commercial papers.