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## NEW BRUNSWICK SLIGHTED

THE ANNOUNCEMENT that the Royal Commission on Dominion-Provincial affairs had appointed their staff brings out another glaring incident where New Brunswick was passed up when it came to Provincial representation. Representatives on the staff include those from Montreal, Toronto, Quebec, Halifax, Nova Scotia and from Saskatoon. When the Royal Commission was first appointed New Brunswick was not represented and is still not represented on the commission and no person familiar with the conditions in New Brunswick and in a position to impart information regarding our affairs has been placed on this Advisory Board. Is New Brunswick being ignored purposely by our friends at Ottawa.

## THE ODELL PROPERTY

WITH the passing away of the last member of the Odell family would it not be a good time for the city to get busy and to secure an option on the valuable Odell property above Wilmot Park. This section of the city would make an ideal zone for manufacturing establishments. The property will no doubt be on the market. Do not let us repeat the mistake that was made some years ago in regard to the valuable Scully property on Regent street which the City Fathers of that day could have secured at a very attractive price and which was allowed to slip through their fingers.

## OUR STAMP OFFICE

IN further relation to the matter of the stamp vendorship at the Fredericton Post Office would it not be a good idea for the postal authorities at Ottawa to reimburse the members of the Phair family for the contract which they seem to have had with the department for the last hundred years in regard to the handling of the stamps at the Fredericton Post Office. The principle under which this affair is now being carried on is altogether wrong. The Phairs were given commission on all the stamp sales at the Fredericton Post Office away back in the days when the sale of stamps were few. The family through continuing generations were paid a commission on all the stamps sold and they in turn gave a small wage to the young women who acted as stamp vendors. This condition as has been before stated continues down to the present time. With the increase in population of the city, the service has at times, under the present arrangement, been very inadequate. The young lady who handled the stamps gave valuable service and did her best but she was unable at times to handle all the business that came to the stamp wicket. This was especially so during the Christmas season when people have been known to wait for an hour at a time in order to secure stamps for Christmas parcels. A city the size of Fredericton is entitled to a better service than it is getting in this regard and it is entitled to be placed upon the same conditions as other cities and towns. Even if the change involved a financial loss for the time being the public is entitled to receive the service. The Post Office department is not out to make money. It is out to serve the public. This is a matter that might well be inquired into and recommendations along the proper lines made to the department by our representative at Ottawa.

## AGRICULTURE IN NEW BRUNSWICK

IN THE EARLY DAYS of settlement when the area now known as New Brunswick was still part of Nova Scotia, agricultural development was slow. It was not until after the American Revolution, when the influx of Loyalists came to the province, that farming began to assume a position of importance in New Brunswick. Since that time, growth has been steady and today agriculture is the most important industry.

The area of possible farm land in the province, which is a little less than eleven million acres, represents barely sixty per cent. of the total area and of this acreage less than a million and a half is improved land.

Mixed farming predominates in New Brunswick. Such live stock enterprises as dairying, hog and sheep raising are popular and most of the field crop area is devoted to the production of grain and fodder crops for stock feed. Hay is an important crop. The tidal marshes, of which the Tantamar near Sackville is the largest, produce extensive surpluses of excellent hay each season.

Potatoes constitute the chief specialty crop of the province. With the one exception of Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick grows a greater acreage of potatoes in proportion to the amount of cleared land than does any other province of the Dominion. Potatoes are widely planted in all sections but the greatest concentration is in the counties bordering the upper reaches of the Saint John river and adjacent to the famed Aroostook potato region of the State of Maine.

Apples, strawberries and raspberries are grown to perfection in the Saint John Valley and there are good possibilities for expansion in the production of these fruit crops, according to the Agricultural Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

## Snapshots

Clarence Wade is a man who will give the hockey players and other Arctic rink patrons a square deal. Last year the hockey players were required by the then management of the rink to pay thirty per cent of gross receipts on games and \$3.50 per hour for practice. The team paid in the vicinity of \$1,400 to the management whilst the manager paid twelve hundred dollars for the rink. He also received in addition \$200 from the city for a very unsatisfactory service to the school children in the way of free skating. The new lessee of the rink will not have to work very hard to give the public more satisfaction than we have been receiving at the rink during recent years.

In regard to the tin cans on the dump at Devon, a resident of Hughes Street in that town says that if they would only dump these cans into the holes in that street it would be an improvement on present conditions of ruts and holes.

Why do people leave their ignition keys in their cars? Are they inviting thieves to steal their cars?

The mystery of Saint Patrick's nationality has been replaced by that of Earl Doohan's nationality. They each did good work in the country of their adoption. Both endeavored to carry out some necessary reforms.

It is up to the Town Planning Commission to see that any changes made in buildings on Queen Street are in the way of improvement rather than otherwise, and it is up to the Council and the citizens to back the Commission up.

Of course the law gives the Commission power to act.

That was a great move, taking off the afternoon mail service to the Chipman-Minto district and intermediate points and allowing the letters from Fredericton to remain in the post office here until the next day instead of going down by the evening train. See page one for particulars.

## DIED

SHAW—Passed away at her home Marysville, N. B., Nov. 4, 1937, Ida June Shaw. The funeral will take place Saturday afternoon with service at the home, Morrison Street at 2 o'clock. Rev. Dr. George E. Ross will conduct the service assisted by Rev. Steadman Smith. Interment will be made at New Maryland.

## FRIENDLIER

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with General Franco but asserted that did not involve de facto diplomatic recognition of the insurgents.

Reliable sources said the commercial agreement would be on the lines of the existing arrangement with Italy in her unrecognized empire of Ethiopia.

The agreement was not likely to be completed, however, they said, until General Franco provided the Foreign Office with the result of the "searching inquiry" he promised into the sinking of the British steamship Jean Weems off the Catalan coast last week.

The agreement was said to mean that Britain and the insurgents would have recognized agents at each other's capitals.

Mr. Chamberlain, who mentioned the areas of insurgent Spain where British are interested in rich mineral deposits, said France was fully informed of the negotiations.

At the first full meeting of the hands-off Spain committee in several months, Russian Ambassador Maisky accepted the British resolution detailing the plan for withdrawal of volunteers but reserved his vote on the proposal to grant belligerent rights to both sides when withdrawals have become substantial.

Maisky said, however, Russia might consider granting belligerent rights when "all" foreigners have been evacuated from the opposed armies.

With the exception of the belligerent rights section the British plan was adopted unanimously as a means of procedure.

The British plan provides for sending commissions to both sides of the Spanish conflict to establish the number of foreigners in each army and means to have them evacuated. Recognition of belligerency rights would follow a substantial withdrawal.

Recently in the House of Commons Foreign Secretary Eden indicated many military students believed the insurgents would be better off to send foreigners home and obtain in return the right to use their superior naval strength in an internationally-recognized blockade of Spanish government ports.

"I am glad to have an opportunity of making clear the position referred to in the question," the prime minister said. "There is no intention on the part of the government to make any variation in the attitude they have consistently adopted toward the contending parties, which is governed by the international agreement for non-intervention to which we have subscribed."

"They (the government) however, are bound to take into account their responsibilities for protection of British nationals and British commercial interests throughout the whole of Spain, including those large areas in the northwest and southwest parts of the country as well as the Spanish one in Morocco of which General Franco's forces are now in effective occupation."

This reference to Chamberlain's recalled recent statements by Spanish insurgent sources here that General Franco will make important concessions to British companies interested in Spanish copper miners.

## ALL THE HILLS

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Were found the same day  
Tis died, that went his way.  
So sing with joyful breath  
For why, you are going to death  
Teeming earth will surely store  
All the gladness that you pour.

Earth that never doubts or fears  
Earth that knows of death not tears  
Earth that bore with joyful ease  
Hemlock for Socrates  
Earth that blossomed and was glad  
'Neath the cross that Christ had  
Shall rejoice and blossom too  
When the bullet reaches you  
Wherefore men marching  
On the road to death sing  
Pour your gladness on earth's head  
So be merry, so be dead.

From all the hills and valleys Earth  
Shouts back the sound of mirth  
Tramp of feet and lilt of song  
Ringing all the road along  
All the music of their going  
Ringing, singing, glad song-throwing  
Earth will echo still, when foot  
Lies numb, and voice mute  
On, marching men, on  
To the gates of death with song  
Sow your gladness for earth's reaping  
So you may be glad though sleeping  
Strew your gladness on earth's bed  
So be merry, so be dead.

(By Charles Hamilton Sorley, killed in action near Hullach, October, 1915).

## Lord Tweedsmuir

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the Governor-General said democracy is threatened on many sides by other creeds which have a common characteristic—"They think of the state as a machine, of men and women as a mass, and crush and blur that most precious thing, the individuality of the citizen."

If democracy is to be preserved, he said, "its supporters must not fall into the same error. We have been too apt in the past, even we democrats, to think in terms of mass. We have been apt merely to count heads and to regard a majority as something sacred in itself."

While he considered democracy the best method of government, it was also the most difficult, demanding a high level of education, intelligence and individual freedom, discipline and public spirit.

"A dictatorship, an oligarchy, are far easier systems to work," he remarked.

Since the Empire-building days of Rhodes and Chamberlain and Kipling, Britons had learned not to "exult in the vulgarity of mere magnitude." For a time the Empire was in peril of worshipping its own quantity and size and mass.

Boastfulness was banished by the Great War, said Lord Tweedsmuir and the rise of dominion nationalism gave quality to what had formerly been little more than geographical expressions.

## EUROPEAN POLICE DELEGATES WELCOMED



Delegates from six European nations are shown above at an informal reception held recently in the Mount Royal Hotel when Montreal's Police Director Fernand Dufresne, president of the International World Police Convention, welcomed distinguished visitors from overseas.

Director Dufresne is shown above standing between Chief Constable P. J. Sillitoe, of Glasgow, Scotland, at left, and Dr. Richard Krause, representing the Police Commissioner of Copenhagen, Denmark.

Sitting from left to right are: M. Lourenco, Director of Criminal

Police, Lisbon, Portugal; A. Killick Mayall, O.B.E., Past President of the Chief Constables' Association of the Cities and Boroughs of England and Wales; Dr. Eugene Bianu, Director-General of Public Security, Bucharest, Roumania; and K. Welhaven, Director of Police as Oslo, Norway.

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