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## The Anglo-Italian "Issues".

GRANTING the nominal amount of uncertainty common to all negotiations of the kind, the prospects for a British-Italian agreement are better today than at any time since the Ethiopian rupture. Certainly, they have been considerably improved over the past two weeks. Without any reflections on the former Foreign Secretary, it has to be admitted that his departure has done a lot to clear the air at the Italian end. Rightly or wrongly, Mr. Eden was suspect in Rome, quite as much so as Mussolini is in Westminster, by those few who have the fixation that an agreement is impossible.

While no one can say what course the conversations will take, enough is known of the issues involved to realize that foreseeing disagreement is too premature a conclusion. There are obstacles, but none so impervious to discussion, reasoning and concessions as those with the fixation believe. Admittedly, an agreement means putting Mussolini on his honor; and if he has not been particularly loyal to it in the past, expediency, inconceivably, can compel changes in this regard. Say all that there is to be said for the Rome-Berlin axis, and it remains that Italy is no more pleased with the prospect of German domination of Central Europe than any one else.

For speculative purposes the topics of conversation can be as broad as Europe and as long as the Mediterranean. It seems certain that the objective of a British Italian accord is a Western European agreement. But the issues upon which concessions are likely to be asked are easily identified. The Mediterranean is the major concern of both parties. Britain wants reassurances on Italy's ambitions there, the withdrawal of her forces from Spain, and guarantees that she will not attempt to secure control of any Spanish territory. Similar assurances are sought as to her ambitions in North Africa, with immediate abandonment of the anti-British campaign.

In his turn Mussolini seeks "parity," in fact as well as in principle, in the Mediterranean; recognition of Ethiopia, with assurances that Britain will use her influence to have other nations recognize it also. With the question of withdrawal of his forces from Spain he places the matter of belligerent rights for the rebels. This can be obtained only through the Non-Intervention Committee, and depends to great extent on the attitude of France and Russia. Very probably the recognition of Ethiopia will at some point be linked with financial assistance in its development, but Prime Minister Chamberlain has already stated loans were not a condition of the Italian terms.

Reconciliation on so many points, admittedly, will not be easy. It is complicated by the fact that the terms must, to some extent, be conditioned to the attitude of the "third parties," France and Germany. Since the objective is European appeasement, Britain must work along lines that France can follow, and it can be assumed that Mussolini is no going to throw away the axis before he is certain of the gains. Further, there are real advantages for him in a course that will facilitate an Anglo-German accord. But, whatever the difficulties, they have not yet been able to overshadow the determination of both Governments to get together.

## The Canadian Hen Earns Tribute.

THE humble Canadian hen has got into the cable news. London announces that her product is challenging Denmark's supremacy in the British market. Experimental shipments of Canadian eggs, sponsored by the Federal Department of Agriculture and co-operative organizations, have proved so successful that direct negotiations for a regular and increased supply have been opened.

Shipments of Canadian eggs to the British market has had its ups and downs. In 1932, 431,070 dozen were exported; in 1933 exports dropped to 24,720 dozen, while in 1934 there was a jump to 1,920,055 dozen; 1935, 1,748,180 dozen; 1936, a drop to 992,220 dozen, and last year a leap to 1,310,010 dozen.

As with Canadian bacon, this country's eggs faced a competition from Denmark and neighboring countries that was hard to overcome; but, by the excellence of her product, aided by skill in packing and marketing, the Canadian hen is attending to that rival.

The Farm and Ranch Review says that during 1936 the per capita consumption of eggs in Southern Ireland was 238. Canada was next with 260 eggs in 1935; United States, 236 eggs; United Kingdom, 158 eggs; Germany, 144 eggs (including egg products); and Denmark, 14.6 pounds of eggs (which probably indicates the wholesale way in which that country engages in the business of egg production).

In view of what she is achieving in the British market, the Canadian hen deserves credit for her good work. The hen has been rather neglected; her important contribution to the people's food taken for granted. What else had a hen to do during her life but lay eggs? She didn't even crow about her achievements. "Biddy" isn't a good enough name for a hen that is helping her country out in its export business.

## A New Note in Politics.

ON Friday last Premier King adjourned the House of Commons at 6 o'clock so that Conservative members might have a night off. And for what purpose? Here's where the pleasing feature comes in: For the purpose of conferring together on plans for strengthening their party, and perhaps discussing new leadership; anyway, with the general objective of victory in the next general election—victory over the Liberal Party.

"Gesture" is an overworked word; so is "nice." But in what other words can the Premier's action be described? So it was a nice gesture.

And there was in it a delicate compliment to the Opposition; a hint that without it there wasn't any use going on with the business of Parliament. Of course, in Prince Edward Island this is done; but there isn't any Opposition in the Island Legislature; which is different.

After all, politics nowadays is not at all conflict and bitterness. A generation ago in Canada party lines ran pretty distinctly through life in all its phases. There were only Grits and Tories, and not an "ism" party in the field. Now this is changed, and it may be that multiplicity of smaller groups has thrown the two old parties closer together in some ways.

Perhaps a more correct view to take is that, with the lessening of party tension, human nature has mellowed somewhat, at least politically. After the Conservative fence-menders have made their plans for a more vigorous offensive, stimulated the will to victory, there will be no obligation to remember the "night off"; and, by way of practice for operations on the more extended battlefield, it will be all right to pitch into the Premier, the Government, the Liberal Party and all their works and pomps. This is party politics after the modern fashion, and who will say it is not an improvement over the old days and the old ways?

## Snapshots

Our genial friend Ned Melville of Carleton in his speech yesterday reminded us of Paddy who arrived in New York. He was agin the government.

The only fault that he could find with the Premier was that the latter can dance.

The citizens voted for the hospital expenditure. It was one of the planks of the recent civic campaign. But we think that the County should be asked to chip in, as well as the City.

Some say that The Daily Mail announced that Mr. Richard's estimated surplus for 1938 was \$17,000 instead of \$17,002. What is two dollars anyway? A surplus of \$29,000 in 1937 and another of \$17,002 in 1938 should be good enough after years of deficits. They might give that two dollars to the historical society whose forty odd members are now receiving free quarters from the Dominion Government.

The most remarkable thing about women is their ability to insult one another in a man's presence without his suspecting it.

Fable: Once a carpenter split a board with a nail, so he removed the board and used another.

Years of renting spoil you for home ownership. You can't overcome the habit of not caring what happens to the house.

The world is never wholly free of the horrors of warfare. Somebody has to keep the cooties between wars.

When a woman lies about her age, it's fibbing. But when she lies about another woman's age, it's "lying."

Must be disappointing to Russians who worked frantically to reach and rescue the scientists on the ice to hear the explorers say: "You are three months early."

"When you narrow it right down, you begin to wonder whether some of these men fish for the sport of fishing or for the talking they can do afterwards," writes an angling authority. He's a soft-spoken man.

London news announces a "magic eye" that will pierce through fog for a distance of thirty miles. If this "eye" works, science will have made one of its greatest contributions to man's safety on sea and land.

## WIRELESS

(Continued from Page One) war. The plant has long since been dismantled and all that was left standing was the central tower of the aerial system and the buildings that formerly housed the equipment. With the disappearance of the tower all that will be left to mark the site will be the now abandoned structures that housed the power plant and instruments.

## DIED

McKIEL—Passed away, March 11, 1938, at the home of Frank Miles, South Devon, Captain Horatio B. McKiel, aged 83 years. Funeral services will be held this evening at eight o'clock at the home of Frank Miles. Services will be conducted by Rev. W. A. Burge. The remains will be taken tomorrow morning to Saint John where interment will be made in Fernhill cemetery. Services will be conducted at the Chamberlain Funeral Home, Saint John, at two o'clock Saturday afternoon by Rev. Dr. Vincent and Rev. J. B. Colwell.

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## GOVERNMENT

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proof as to whether or not conditions have improved. Taking the good with the bad, I believe this Government can face the coming year with great courage and hopefulness. I doubt whether in the history of our province, any government ever more fully enjoyed the confidence of the people. The year 1937 which just closed was a bumper year for employment and it is to be hoped those activities will continue.

People should not forget that agriculture is New Brunswick's basic industry and I am under the impression that we have in the past neglected it for the benefit of other industries which resulted in drawing a certain number of our rural youths to towns or cities attracted as they were by the prospect of an easy life. But endeavours are being made by our present Minister of Agriculture through his Department to bring about better results in keeping our young boys and girls on the farm.

Special courses for boys are being given here at the Experimental Farm and I am sorry to see that accommodation is not large enough to receive all the applicants. This shows the desire of being enlightened on better methods of farming.

Courses are also being given at different parts of the Province to young girls who are learning about kitchen work, sewing, knitting, weaving, etc. Reports show that the number of applicants is so large that they cannot all be accepted. The Department of Agriculture is doing much to meet the demands of the farmers and their dependants in order that they be happy and contented.

## Surprised at Remark

I was surprised the other day to hear the Financial critic of the opposition deploring the fact that this year there was substantial increase in the expenditure of the Department of Agriculture. If he were a farmer he would not have said that. Farmers want encouragement and the Government cannot do too much for them. It might be necessary this coming spring that the Government will be asked to provide seeds for those farmers in certain districts who on account of the dry season have been unable to raise enough grain seeds for their spring sowing. If this be the case, let this Government ask assistance from the Federal Government for a grant for this purpose. We see the Federal Government helping the Western farmers while they are affected by drought and it should do the same towards the Eastern Provinces. I have read reports coming from the Western Provinces of how the people were thankful for the aid received from the different Provinces and this through the Federal Government and they are willing to contribute their share to any Province which would fall under such circumstances. So, this Government should not be afraid to ask for assistance from the Federal Government if assistance is needed.

It would not be fair for me if I did not say a few words about tourist traffic. I must confess that a few years ago I did not believe that the tourist traffic would be such a factor as to bring revenue to this Province. But the more you study the question the more you see this industry to expand. This is why this Government had a double view in building hard surfaced roads in this Province, first for its people in order that they earn part of the money spent in order to build them and giving them comfort in using those roads, and secondly, to bring into this Province the largest number of tourists that we possibly can. We have everything in this province to attract the tourist: we have the scenery which is the first factor; we have the lake and sea fishing; we have, especially in my own county, all the sea food that cannot all be found in other parts of the Province; we have the oysters which are known for its delicious flavor over the whole American continent; we have the quahaug, clams and all kinds of sea fish. So, along the Northumberland Strait is the ideal place for the tourists to come and enjoy a pleasant vacation. It is now a recognized fact that the Tourist Traffic is a great factor in bringing in revenue to this Province.

I notice with satisfaction that in the estimates of this year, a considerable sum will be voted for colonization. If one class of people deserves encouragement and aid it is certainly the man who has courage enough to enter the virgin forest in order to carve himself a home. One has to visit a colony of those new settlers in order to see the work that has been accomplished and the hardships those settlers must have gone through in order to settle themselves on the land.

We on the right side of the House all rejoice to know that the Leader of the Opposition has been chosen the Leader of his party in this Province. Before the convention of his party was held last summer, there were rumours that he would not be chosen as there were several names to be submitted to that convention, but when it came to the hour for a choice, all the other aspirants were withdrawn because they were afraid to take the job. So, the present Leader was given the leadership and I hope he will retain this position for a great many years to come.

There is another matter which I would like to bring to the attention of this House, a matter which is very important and would be of great benefit to the people of my own county of Kent. The subject is "Hydro." About twenty years ago the ratepayers of Richibucto and Rexton in the County of Kent formed themselves into an Electric Light district and decided to harness the Kouchibouguac River and established an electric plant which has been in operation since. When this plant was established, there were prospects for different industries to be provided from this Hydro system, but unfortunately, these industries have not been started and in order to provide for expenses and a sinking fund to pay on a heavy debt the consumers are taxed at the rate of 15c per K.H. Now, through the New Brunswick Electric Power Act passed in 1920, the very Act itself was passed for the specific purpose of supplying electric light and power throughout the Province by developing certain water powers and taking over Hydro Powers already developed, that this municipal plant since few years in operation merely anticipated the action of the Government and should at once become a part of the Provincial Hydro Policy and System under the Act. The Hydro development at Musquash, Minto and other places are under the Provincial hydro system, and the fixed charges upon same are a provincial levy and as our population in Kent represents one-fifteenth of the population of the Province, we feel that we should be entitled to share in extent at least to our percentage of liability. There is no doubt that if the Hydro Commission would acquire this plant it would, within a short time, encourage new industries to come in by means of having low rates and the whole county would benefit by long sought action of the Government. At the present time, the Commissioners do not anticipate that, on account of the present debt on the plant and the accruing interest on same, they will be able to carry on successfully. Let it not be understood that this matter affects only the district of Richibucto and Sexton because its effects are far reaching. The benefits derived therefrom extends to the surrounding parishes. There is at Richibucto a great mill run by this electrical plant. The farmers from all over these sections rely upon this hydro for the grinding of their grain and the carding of their wool. So, you see, the proposition means much to a very large farming section of the county. The function of all good Government is surely to advance the interests of the people and assist in the development of our resources. I am confident that in bringing this matter to the attention of our energetic Hydro Minister something will be done in order to relieve these tax-payers of this burden and put this system under the Provincial Electric System.

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## RECOGNITION

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of our country, which islands, are in close proximity to the mainland and quite readily permit the extension of electric power lines.

The present hydro services and the immediately proposed extensions serving the needs of many of our fishing communities should be of material assistance in the development of the canning and curing of various products of the fishing industry, which is an important factor in the life of Charlotte County.

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## SITUATION

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ready at instant notice to reinforce troops, gendarmes and police.

Nazis, denouncing Schuschnigg's plebiscite plan as unfair, made no secret of their white-hot anger.

It was reported that Dr. Arthur Seyss-Inquart, sole Nazi member of the Cabinet, but also a devout Catholic and close friend of Schuschnigg, might resign in protest.

A rumor that Seyss-Inquart had left for Berlin to consult Adolf Hitler and other German Nazi leaders, was denied.

Momentarily the poker-faced Chancellor has the domestic as well as the international situation under control. He has split the Austrian Nazi movement by 'exiling to Germany until further notice,' the most radical direct action Nazi leaders, such as Capt. Josef Leopold and Leopold Tavs. At the same time he has emphasized to Dr. Arthur von Seyss-Inquart, Nazi Interior Minister, that he must be held responsible for the good behavior of the Nazis.

The dissolved Heimwehr and the legitimists were also manoeuvred into a battle for supremacy in the Fatherland Front's tradition and cultivation section. By turning the various groups against each other and still maintaining their support of his government Schuschnigg has increased his control.

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## NEW FRENCH

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Blum, who headed the first Popular Front administration, accepted President Albert Lebrun's invitation to attempt formation of a Cabinet to succeed Camille Chautemps' retiring ministry.

Blum declared himself determined to "go the limit" in carrying out his mandate.

If he succeeds in assembling a government conforming to the requirements set by his party, France will have Communists in its cabinet for the first time in history.

Chautemps resigned yesterday morning after the Socialists ignored his last-minute plea in the Chamber of Deputies to reconsider their refusal to grant plenary financial and economic powers to his seven-week-old Cabinet, almost exclusively Radical Socialist in make-up. The Socialists stood firm with the Communists in denying this request and in demanding a Government "created in the image of the 'Popular Front'."

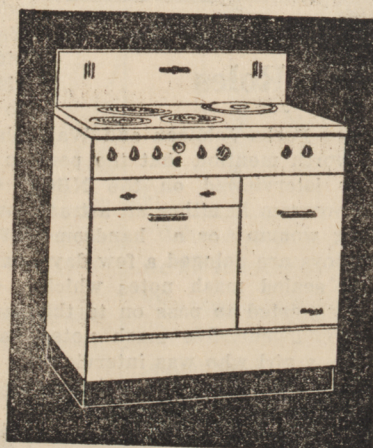
Emerging from the Elysee Palace this afternoon after receiving his new assignment from President Lebrun, Blum issued the following statement:

"The President of the Republic has given me a firm mandate to form a Cabinet. I am resolved to go the limit in the task he has entrusted to me. I shall endeavor to constitute a government such as circumstances demand—that is to say, a stable, durable, powerful government capable of rallying and carrying along with it all the forces of democracy."

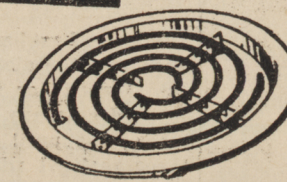
He added that he was on his way to consult Edouard Herriot and Jules Jeanneney, respectively Presidents of the Chamber and Senate. He also was expected to see retiring Premier Chautemps and Edouard Daladier, National Defence Minister in the late Cabinet.

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