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UNHEALTHY SIGN

At a recent meeting of the City Council, City Clerk Fred I. Haviland performed the duty of swearing in the office, Mayor C. Hedley Forbes and five aldermen, all of whom were elected by acclamation. The election possibilities that were much discussed during the late weeks of last year did not materialize.

Last year, for the first in a long period, a general civic election took place and there appeared to be keen interest in municipal government throughout the city. But prior to that time interest was at a very low ebb and it was often difficult to find sufficient persons willing to accept positions on the City Council to assure a full slate. It is to be hoped that the lack of contesting candidates this year is not a forerunner of a similar period in the civic affairs of Fredericton.

With all due respect to former and present incumbents of City Council positions, who have no doubt given their best in directing the business of Fredericton, it is an unhealthy sign when there is no, an enough interest to produce candidates who feel the position of Mayor or Councillor to be a distinction worth fighting for.

The psychology of the citizen of a modern civilized country is a strange and terrible phenomenon to those who are not expert in reading human motives and desires, and this seems particularly true of the average man's attitude toward the administration of municipal affairs. The man who criticizes the mayor and talks the loudest on the street corner about unfair and unjust local taxes is almost invariably the man who will run the farthest and fastest if approached to assume the responsibility of public office. There seems to be a wide-spread feeling that the man who takes office has become, like the tax collector, or the baseball umpire from the rival town, open game for one and all.

Criticism, if constructive, is to be desired. But careless ridicule and those vituperative criticisms that seem designed only to tear down indicate that the author is a person of shoddy thinking, guilty of neglecting his duties as a citizen to his fellow citizens in general and especially to those who have undertaken to manage his affairs that he will not look after for himself.

DECLINING PRICES

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics' index number of wholesale prices, on the base 1926-1929, declined from 73.5 for the week ending December 30 to 73.4 for the week ending January 6. Price movements have been narrow during the past two months and the index has ranged between 73.6 and 73.2, a level slightly more than ten per cent below the corresponding period of last year. Among the more important commodities to show advances were milled feed, livestock, fresh meats and butter, while recessions occurred in grains, eggs and several of the non-ferrous metals.

The factors comprising the general index were as follows, with those for the previous week in brackets: Vegetable Products 60.2 (60.6), Animals and Their Products 73.3 (73.1), Fibres, Textiles and Textile Products 66.7 (66.4), Wood, Wood Products and Paper 76.3 (76.2), Iron and Its Products 93.1 (93.1), Non-Ferrous Metals and Their Products 71.4 (71.7), Non-Metallic Minerals and Their Products 88.3 (86.3), Chemicals and Allied Products 79.0 (79.9), Canadian Farm Products 64.9 (65.0).

LUMBER IMPORTS

Canada is one of the leading lumber exporting countries of the world but, nevertheless, provides a large market for imported lumber. Total imports of lumber into the Dominion

in 1937 were valued at \$4,731,000 as compared with \$3,561,000 in 1936. Of these imports the United States supply \$4,677,000 in 1937 and \$3,528,000 in 1936. More detailed information as to the source of Canadian lumber imports from the United States is supplied for 1936 in a study made jointly under the auspices of the United States and Canadian governments, and noted in the publication "Agricultural and Industrial Progress in Canada". This study covered all saw-mill products sold by board measure including sawn ties, and embraced total shipments of 98,173,000 feet board measure; 51,635,000 feet being softwoods and 46,488,000 feet hardwoods.

Maine was the largest shipper of softwoods to Canada in 1936, sending 14,786,000 feet. The North Pacific States shipped 13,125,000 feet; Washington providing 8,032,000 feet and Oregon 5,093,000 feet. From California came 5,945,000 feet. The Lake States—Minnesota and Wisconsin—sent 7,700,000 feet, Minnesota providing 6,657,700 feet. From the Lower Mississippi States came 5,043,000 feet. Arkansas supplying 3,085,000 feet. These sources provided 46,603,000 feet out of the total shipments of 51,635,000 feet.

The chief source of Canadian purchases of American hardwoods is the Central States. The largest shipment from an individual state came from West Virginia, which is included in this group. Total shipments in 1936 from the Central States amounted to 26,809,000 feet; of which 8,736,000 came from West Virginia, 5,850,000 feet from Tennessee and 4,244,000 from Kentucky. In this group Illinois provided 177,000 feet, Ohio 841,000, Missouri 3,041,000 and Indiana 3,920,000 feet. From the Lower Mississippi group came 4,098,000 feet, the largest shipper being Louisiana with 2,897,000 feet. The Lakes States—Michigan and Wisconsin—supplied 5,555,000 and 2,446,000 feet, respectively; while for the Middle Atlantic States New York shipped 587,000 and Pennsylvania 3,682,000 feet.

VICTOR HATHEWAY CHAPTER, I.O.D.E. MET WEDNESDAY

The Victor Hatheway Chapter, I. O. D. E. met Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Dumas Otis, with the Regent, Mrs. A. McE. Limerick, presiding. A letter from the Provincial Convener of Films was read urging the members to attend the showing of the British picture "Drums." In response to a letter from the Social Service Council delegates were appointed to attend the annual meeting, and money for the membership fee was voted.

The Educational Secretary read letters of thanks received from schools which had been given I. O. D. E. calendars, and stated also that the Oratorical Contest would be held in the High School March 3rd. Other reports heard were those of Echoes, Girl Guides, Press, Endowment Fund and Social Welfare. The convener of Social Welfare made a report of Christmas boxes given to two families, a box of clothing to another family, and toys sent to children of the Anderson Road School. Money was voted to the Endowment Fund, the Victorian Order of Nurses and the League of Nations.

A nominations committee was appointed, and nominations for officers to be elected at the February meeting were made by ballot.

The mystery box was won by Mrs. F. H. We're. The meeting adjourned with the singing of the National Anthem.

The hostesses for the social hour following the meeting were: Mrs. Charles Johnston, Mrs. J. F. Harvey, Mrs. D. J. McLeod, Mrs. C. B. Burden, Miss Nellie Winters and Miss Beatrice Phillips.

Returned From London

Lieutenant-Colonel Guy Turner and Mrs. Turner have returned from London, England, where he has been attending the Imperial Defence College and are the guests of his mother Mrs. A. H. Turner and his brother Dr. J. Gilbert Turner.

Returned From City

Mrs. Fenwick D. Foley and Mrs. Albert Perley of Port Maitland, N. S., who were recent guests of their brother Rev. P. J. Trafton and Mrs. Trafton in the city have returned to their homes.

Resumed His Studies

Hector McKinnon who has been spending his holidays the guest of his mother has returned to Toronto to resume his studies at Toronto University.

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Wild Life To Be Investigated In National Parks

OTTAWA, January 12—Wild life in the national parks in Alberta is thriving, with most species of big game decidedly on the increase, according to an investigation conducted last summer in Waterton Lakes, Banff and Jasper National Parks by Dr. R. M. Anderson, biologist of the National Museum of Canada.

From information gained from park records and in consultations with wardens and other conversant with local conditions, Dr. Anderson reports that the destruction of game by predatory animals is not excessive, but merely normal. Cougars have not been seen in Waterton Lakes Park for many years, and are very scarce in Banff and Jasper Parks due to control measures carried out by the warden service. Black bears are fairly common in all three parks, and are killed only when they become troublesome. A limited number of normally well-behaved park as they are a popular attraction bears are considered an asset to a for tourists. Grizzly bears are occasionally seen in Banff and Jasper Parks, and any that show mischievous tendencies are eliminated by the wardens. Coyotes are reported to be decreasing in Banff Park, and are not over-abundant in Waterton Lakes and Jasper Parks.

Conservation of wild life is one of the most important functions of the National Parks of Canada, and the rigid protection afforded the creatures of the wild is reflected in their greatly increased numbers during recent years. The enforcement of absolute game protection over such large areas has been achieved by the development of a system of game patrol by a staff of wardens assigned to different districts. Wardens' cabins are situated at strategic points and are linked up by telephone, while travel and communication are facilitated by an extensive system of park trails. In addition the wardens act as field observers in determining the fluctuations of wild life, and upon them also devolves the control of predatory animals.

Years ago Western Canada was the home of many of the wild animals native to North America, but as settlement advanced many species were in danger of extinction. However, through timely intervention and adequate conservation in the national parks, Canadians and their visitors from other lands may still enjoy many of the wild animals and birds in their native haunts.

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The village idiot sat over a rain puddle with his fishing rod and line. A passing tourist, dropping sixpence in his jar, asked: "How many have you caught, young man?" "You are the third, was the reply."

Minister: "Ay, Alec, I've nae doot after yer long experience ye could occupy the pulpit for an afternoon yerself, should there be need?"

Beadle: "Certly, sir, there'd be no difficulty about that; but where in the whole parish wad ye find anybody able to undertake the duties o' beadle?"

"Professor, there's one thing about astronomy that puzzles me." "What's that?" "How the astronomers learned the names of the blame stars."

First: "You should have seen the fish I caught last week. It was so big it pulled me into the river".

Second: "Got a good wetting, I suppose?"

First: "Oh, no; thank goodness, I landed right on top of the fish".

A realist is a man who calls a spade a confounded lever of broad face used for digging.

"Do you ever permit your husband to have his own way?" "Oh, yes, occasionally. He is sure to make a fool of himself, and that makes him easier to manage next time."

Betty: Have you noticed it?
Bob: Noticed what?
Betty: "That in the fall the leaves leave."

Bob: And the leaves in the fall fall.

Caller: "Good morning, Mrs. Smith. I'm from the gas company. I understand there is something in the house that won't work?" Mrs. Smith: "Yes, he's upstairs."

"What is meant by a 'melting pot', Ma?" "A jackpot, my son, in which men burn their money".

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As I See It

Daily Foreign News
Comment
By H. M. Paint

In Rumania King Carol the Second the other day decided to clean house. He had grown tired of the Fascist, anti-Semitic organization known as the Iron Guard. Its leader Corneliu Codreanu though a prisoner was still its active head. While being transferred for questioning, 14 of them were shot dead "attempting to escape." King Carol had decided that only he should speak for the Rumanian people in future.

The present situation of Rumania is extremely delicate. Hitler has advertised the Danube as a German river and for 250 miles it runs through Rumanian territory. German business men are travelling as eagerly to Bucharest as Arabs journey to Mecca. Carol realizes that he dare not attempt to halt this Teutonic commercial pilgrimage. Rumanian wheat and oil Nazi Germany must and will have. Dare Rumania, a backward country, risk being coy to the German industrial giant, who in return for economic bondage promises her many things of use and value?

But Rumania can largely solve the economic and raw materials problems of the Reich—and the Nazis intend that she shall do so! For Rumania has coal, iron, lead, zinc, copper, mercury, bauxite, aluminum, antimony, gold, silver, salt and graphite—and is equally rich in troublesome minorities!

No nation has a more troublesome minority problem than Rumania. There are 2,000,000 Hungarians, a troublesome Macedonian problem—and 800,000 Germans, who devoutly read the Nazi newspapers—besides five other minor minority questions.

There is no trace today in the mature, shrewd, far-seeing King Carol of Prince Carol, the playboy, whose amours scandalized the courts of Europe. He has compromised, suppressed, or eliminated all the politicians who underrated him—and is today with the great majority of his subjects the most popular man in Rumania.

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