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## FEW CRITICIZE

A few people—and very few at that—criticized the provincial government in their administration even after Mr. C. T. Richard announced his second surplus in as many years. These few forgot to look at the financial statements for the years previous to 1935—or rather did not care to. It was not their wish to consider a matter fairly; consider the improved financial management of the province since the year of that memorable landslide, or consider that each dollar added to the bonded indebtedness of the province was invested in what is recognized all over the continent as the wisest investment the province has ever made and one that advancing times and progress has made a necessity.

When it is considered to what extent the gasoline tax revenue has been increased through enlarged traffic over modern, dust-free highways, and that thousands of dollars are coming into the province that formerly went to other provinces through the tourist trade which is now recognized as one of our major and fastest growing industries, surely the thinking people of this province, can but agree in the wisdom of the investment.

It seems that the feigned worry about the provincial debt is centred on a Tory few—these same people, who asked the people of the province in 1935 to again elect a government that had a long record of deficits.

The markets of the world have proven in the past few years that this harping and criticism of a once great Tory party, wailing at their present state, shunned by the people of this great province. All bond issues of the province have found ready and willing buyers, and all were disposed of in record time. Money was ready and willing, proof of the virtue of the loan and the ultimate use of the money. The finances of this province have been acclaimed the most healthy of any province in the Dominion.

Wholesale and retail trade has been generally satisfactory, says the current issue of the Business Summary of the Bank of Montreal. Purchases of cheaper lines of goods featured the Christmas sales, which were considered average. Collections are fair. Woods operations on a much reduced scale are progressing unsatisfactorily and a better demand for hardwood lumber is reported. Fairly good prices are being obtained for pulpwood for overseas consumption. Markets for dried fish continue dull and benefits, if any, to be derived from the lower rate of duty on imports into Porto Rican markets have not yet been determined. Lobster catches have been smaller than usual as a result of storms and loss of equipment, but better prices have been obtained. Production of steel ingots in December was 78 per cent capacity as compared with 97 per cent the previous month. Coal raised in Nova Scotia during December totalled 312,439 tons as compared with 477,895 tons in December, 1937.

On the recommendation of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, a commemorative bronze tablet dedicated to be the first postal service in Canada has been affixed to the outer wall of the Postal Terminal building on St. James Street, Montreal, P. Q., by the National Parks Bureau of the Department of Mines and Resources, Ottawa.

Canada's first postal service dates back to the French regime, when the letters of the Governor and the Intendant were carried by an appointed messenger, who was also permitted to carry mail entrusted to him by private persons. The fee allowed the messenger by the Intendant's commission was ten sous for a letter between Quebec and Montreal, and five sous to Three Rivers, with

proportionate charges for greater or shorter distances. The first of these couriers was Pierre DaSilva, known as "the Portuguese", who received his commission from Raudot, the Intendant, in 1705.

When Canada came under British rule the first regular postal service was established in 1763 by Benjamin Franklin, then Deputy Postmaster General for the American Colonies, who opened a post office at Quebec with subordinate offices at Three Rivers and Montreal. A monthly service by courier was established between Montreal and New York, which made it possible to have the Canadian mail for overseas delivered in New York in time to be placed on outgoing packets. In order to expedite the exchange of mails between the Canadian post offices, the postmasters were directed to provide saddle horses for the mail couriers at sixpence a league, which was just half the charge made to the public for the same distance. Orders were also issued the ferryman along the route to carry the couriers over the rivers promptly and without charge, while captains of boats plying the St. Lawrence were instructed to deliver letters placed in their care to the nearest postmaster who would pay them for each letter. The couriers' trips between Montreal and Quebec were made each way weekly, the journey taking about thirty hours. From this historic beginning Canada has developed a national postal service, unexcelled anywhere in the world, which handles 1,230,000,000 pieces of mail a year through more than 12,000 post offices and over almost 4,500 rural routes, to approximately 250,000 widely scattered country mail boxes. Canadian mail is now conveyed rapidly by modern couriers, utilizing railway, motor, steamship, and airplane transportation.

## FACTS OF INTEREST

Canada's gold production in November last amounted to 410.63 ounces in the previous months and 353.281 ounces in November, 1937.

Production of the Canadian glass industry in 1937 amounted to \$14,437,250, the highest since the record year of 1929 when the value was \$15,507,442. The 1937 total was 30 per cent above the 1936 figure which in turn was 11.7 per cent higher than 1935.

Establishments in Canada engaged wholly or chiefly in the manufacture of sash, doors, frames, blinds, millwork, moulding and planed and matched lumber reported a value of production in 1937 totalling \$24,947,718 compared with \$21,638,279 in 1936.

Canada is now one of the chief sources of the world's supply of radium and uranium.

Good grades of granite, marble, limestone, and sandstone are quarried in Canada.

## Limited Market For Milk in India

MONTREAL, Jan. 24.—While India has a larger cattle population than any other country in the world and the production of milk is approximately four times that of the Canadian dairy industry, the daily per capita consumption of milk and milk products is only 7 ounces, as compared with 35 ounces in Canada. There existed a very limited market for condensed and evaporated milk among the European population.

## COMMISSION TO MEET

The regular monthly meeting of the Fredericton Town Planning Commission will be held in the Mayor's Office at City Hall Friday at 7.30 o'clock. Alderman W. Raymond Crewdson will preside.

## RETURNED YESTERDAY

S. W. Keohan, Registrar of Credit Unions for New Brunswick, returned yesterday from an organization tour of the province. While on tour he attended meetings at Moncton and Chipman.



## BOY SCOUT NEWS

On Sunday, members of the Third Fredericton Rover Scout Crew paraded to the Wilmot United Church, where the Rev. W. F. Munro welcomed the Rover Scouts and preached a very instructive and interesting sermon on the Boy Scout motto: Be Prepared. Colors, the Union Jack and a cross of St. George were at the front of the church, a large Rover Scout crest occupying the centre, below the pulpit.

Good progress is reported by the McGivney Junction Troop, through Assistant Scoutmaster Brooke. Young membership is well maintained; meetings are well attended and good progress is being made with testwork.

On Saturday, Durham Bridge was visited and the visit coincided with a banquet arranged by the Troop. The evening finished with an impromptu dance to the accompaniment of an improvised orchestra.

Durham Cubs are now under Mr. Harold Chambers, who comes to Kentville, N. S. Scoutmaster Wm. Sansom reports that the following members of the Durham Troop have qualified in the patrol Leaders' Course: Donald Cleghorn, Howard Cleghorn, Cecil Monteith, Claire Estey, Vernon Morris, Pat McNeil, Gerald Pond.

In the last report, regarding the pass list of the St. Stephen Patrol Leaders' Course, an error occurred. In place of Eugene O'Brien, Milltown, the name should read: David Laughlin, St. Stephen.

A District Preliminary Course for Boy Scout Leaders, has been arranged and will open at the Provincial Normal School gymnasium on Wednesday, Feb. 1, at 7.30 p.m. ROBERT PUGH, Provincial Field Worker.

"The American country town paper rests entirely upon the theory of the dignity of the human spirit. It is democracy embodied."—William Allen White.

## NOTICE

### Re: Delinquent Dog Taxes

At the January Session of the York County Council a Resolution was passed that all Delinquent Dog Taxes be collected from the Secretary-Treasurer's Office. If the same are not paid at once you will be called to the Police Court to make payment with cost.

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Second Actor—Oh, yes! We set them on the manager to make him come across with our money.

### Artful

Harry: I wish you would come and help me select some trousers, old man.

Bert: I don't believe my taste is any better than yours.

Harry: No, but your credit is.

### Tip

"How many barrels of beer do you sell a week?" asked the visitor of the landlord of the local inn.

"Twenty," was the reply. "I can tell you how to sell twenty-five barrels a week."

"How?"

"Fill the glasses properly."

### A Lot of Difference

Promoter—There are two sides to every question.

Prospector—Yes, and there are two sides to a flypaper—but it makes a lot of difference to the fly.

### Warned

The village butcher was an excellent man at his job, and deservedly popular locally. But he had one little peculiarity. He was of a very devout turn of mind, and liked to end his letters with a text, which he hoped would improve the recipient's mind.

One day he received a letter from a cottager who lived some miles away, asking him to call and kill the pig in the course of the week.

The reply was calculated to cause some considerable alarm. It ran: Dear Joe, I shall be pleased to come and kill your pig next Wednesday. Yours, George Bones. Be ye also ready!"

### Too Risky

An Irish bricklayer was on the top of the partly-built house, and shouted to the foreman that he could not find his way down to the ground. "You fool—come down the way you went up," shouted the foreman. "Not on yer loife. I came up head first," the Irishman called back.

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## As I See It

Daily Foreign News

Comment

By H. M. Paint.

300 Years ago, Hobbes wrote in his "Leviathan".

"For war consisteth not in battle only, or in the act of fighting, but in a tract of time wherein the will to contend by battle becomes sufficiently known—For as the nature of foul weather lieth not in a shower or two of rain, but an inclination thereto of many days together—so the nature of war consisteth not in actual fighting; but in the known disposition thereto, all the time there is no assurance to the contrary.

Let us examine in detail this weighty paragraph of the great philosopher.

"For war consisteth not in battle only, or in the act of fighting, but in a tract of time wherein the will to contend by battle has become sufficiently known."

Can it be? Nonsense! And yet?—if we believe Mr. Hobbes and accept his argument—which indeed seems plausible—we are already at war—under the guise of trade wars, ideological wars, strategic vantage points, any camouflage one prefers—but war in all its essentials, nevertheless! But, let us hear the voice speak across the centuries again—let Mr. Hobbes instruct us further. "For as the nature of foul weather, lieth not in a shower or two of rain, but an inclination thereto of many days together—"

"Foul weather"—or foul play for that matter—thank you, Mr. Hobbes, for being so clear! In other words, hostile acts of war may become apparent and unmistakable in covert as well as open manner—in such acts for example as Germany, Italy and Japan have been committing against the democracies for the past two years!

But listen to Mr. Hobbes again. "So the nature of war consisteth not in actual fighting but in the known disposition thereto, all the time there is no assurance to the contrary."

In fact, when the will to fight—when the determination to seek rearmament is persisted in, at the expense of foreign trade, and internal disorganization of industry and the financial structure of the nation, as in the case of Germany, Italy and Japan and accompanied by threats and violence—when there is, "No assurance to the contrary", you consider Mr. Hobbes, we are already at war? Thank you, Sir! You are very clear!

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