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PAVING PAYS IN NEW BRUNSWICK

(Canadian Engineer)

Five-Year Plans in Russia are as common as salt in the sea, but on this continent governments rarely plan beyond the end of their fiscal year. In 1934 New Brunswick ventured to plan paving work for five years ahead, and awarded long contracts on the basis of the five-year plan. What were the results? Did it pay them?

In answer to these questions Premier Dymally gave to The Canadian Engineer complete statistics of costs and revenues, and a thorough examination indicates that beyond doubt the province's paving program has been an outstanding success, that it has increased the province's revenue, attracted tourists, stimulated industrial activity, improved the social life and spirit of the people, and relieved unemployment.

Congratulations are due to all of the New Brunswick officials for the business like manner in which the whole program has been completed. No public work that has ever been undertaken in the whole history of the province can equal this vigorous road-building program in general importance to the entire community. It means the turning of a new page in the development of that fine province whose resources are so vast and yet so largely undeveloped. New Brunswick is one of the beauty spots of Canada. As a result of the good roads, the attractions and opportunities offered by New Brunswick will become familiar to hundreds of thousands of Canadians and Americans to whom otherwise that province would have remained only a name on the map.

Carry on, New Brunswick! Pave the remainder of your trunk highways and your province as thoroughly as the coast. The Trans-Canada Highway is important, but there are many highways leading from it that will be equally profitable to you.

HITLER DOCUMENTING REPLY TO ROOSEVELT

Chancellor Hitler's reply to President Roosevelt's appeal for a pledge of non-aggression will be nothing if not documented, observes the New York Times. He has been rather pointedly asking a large number of nations included in the list of thirty-one named by the President whether they consider themselves menaced by Germany. As any direct reply that they did consider themselves menaced by Germany would be tantamount to a flat declaration of distrust and unfriendliness, they have naturally avoided it. Some of them have replied that of course they do not consider themselves menaced, and have pointed to previous pledges of Germany applying to them. Others have replied that of course they do not consider themselves menaced—and that they are prepared to resist any invasion by force. The position of some of these nations has been aptly compared by one British newspaper to that of an intended victim of gangsters who feels a revolver in the small of his back and is bidden to assure the passing policeman that he needs no assistance and is only having a pleasant chat with his good friend.

Chancellor Hitler is thorough, but apparently not thorough enough. If he is going to answer the President's plea in this manner, then in order for his answer to be effective he will have to show a perfect record. If any one of the thirty-one nations mentioned by the President is not questioned by the Fuehrer, is omitted from his reply, or does not give the answer hoped for, the exception will spoil the dictator's case. As long as one European country is menaced by totalitarian invasion the peace of the world is not safe. Hitler's case has

already been marred, apparently, by Rumania's disconcerting frankness in making the obvious reply that she does not see "how any one can feel secure" in present-day Europe.

Whether or not other nations give the replies expected from them, the course that Germany and Italy ought to take is clear. If they have no intention of attacking any nation, there is no reason whatever why they cannot give the blanket pledges that the President has asked of them. If they feel that England, France and the United States ought to give similar pledges at the same time, the contemporary declares that the latter would be only too willing to oblige.

MR KING'S DUTIES

The Opposition parties, Conservative, C. C. F. and Social Credit, have between them much more power than the Government to say whether His Majesty the King will prorogue Parliament. It depends upon the extent that the passage of legislation is facilitated or retarded. But one thing is fairly obvious; if the business is not completed, there cannot be the two-day adjournment which members of some of the smaller parties have suggested, presuming that the Prime Minister is to be present.

Mr. King will travel with Their Majesties during the royal tour. It is the usual practice for the King, when travelling on formal or state occasions, to be accompanied by one of his constitutional advisers as minister in attendance.

Since His Majesty is appearing as the King of Canada that duty devolves upon a Canadian minister. When the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York (the late King George V and Queen Mary) visited Canada in 1901 they were accompanied by Sir Wilfred Laurier, then Prime Minister, and Lady Laurier throughout their tour.

Mr. King will accompany Their Majesties, but not merely to follow this precedent. A royal visit imposes special responsibilities upon all Canadian but especially upon the government and most of all upon the Prime Minister. Upon him will rest the burden of deciding without undue delay any action required by the various exigencies which may arise.

SPARING THE ROD

(Montreal Star)

Straight speaking by Chief Judge Perrault from the Bench last week, when he suggested a good spanking in the woodshed for two youths instead of seeing them go to jail, is indeed worthy of consideration, coming as it does at a time when authorities are seeking to curb juvenile delinquency.

The two arraigned before Chief Judge Perrault were brothers, 16 and 17 years of age, charged with breaking into a shed and stealing tools. Only their ages saved them from a severe sentence. But the Judge probably imposed one equally as stiff when he said to them: "Because of your youth, I am letting you off with time in jail, and I think your father should give you a good hiding when you get home."

The argument of sparing the rod and spoiling the child has long been heard, and probably always will be. But here in Chief Judge Perrault there seems to be a real champion of proper parental punishment when the necessity arises. To be temporarily marred in the woodshed is better than being permanently stigmatized by prison bars.

NEW BUSINESS

New business obtained by the construction industry was considerably in excess of the same months of 1938, a gain of 18.4 per cent or nearly \$3,096,000 having been shown in contracts awarded, while building permits registered declines. The output of electric power continued to maintain its long-term upward trend, and averaged six per cent better at 4,600,000,000 kilowatt hours compared with 4,300,000,000.

Commodity export trade was \$144,172,000 compared with 3,133,215,000, a gain of 8.2 per cent. Considerably more gold is going to the United States this year. Fish, cheese, canned salmon, planks and boards, wood pulp, shingles, automobiles and copper all showed encouraging gains in value or volume. Imports on the other hand, at \$84,000,000, registered a recession of 13 per cent with large declines in raw cotton, bauxite, as well as many other items. Consequently, the favorable balance of trade in the first two months of 1939 was more than \$60,000,000.

The general index of employment on the first three reporting dates of this year averaged 3.2 per cent lower than on the same dates of 1938, declines in manufacturing, logging and building construction as well as in other items more than offsetting gains in such items as mining, highway construction, trade and transportation.

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Bright Lad

A brightly dressed young man presented himself at a recruiting depot and expressed his wish to join the Army.

The sergeant in charge asked him the usual questions and entered the answers on his sheet.

"Occupation?" he inquired. "Well," said the young man, "I hardly know what to say. You see, my gun'vor died and left me a pot of money a year ago and I've just run through the lot. That's why I'm here."

"I see," replied the sergeant, thoughtfully. Then a broad smile broke over his face, and he entered in the necessary column, "Brass finisher."

Proof Positive

Mrs. Green crept up to her neighbor's fence. "Lizzie," she called softly, "have you heard—"

Lizzie ran up to the fence, her ears pricked up in eager anticipation.

"Have you heard the latest scandal about Mrs. Jones?" went on Mrs. Green.

"No I ain't 'eard a word," said Lizzie excitedly.

"Then there can't be any," stated Mrs. Green, as she went back to the washtub.

Not So Bad

"Tommy," said the teacher, "can you quote a famous African proverb?"

After a moment's desperate thought, Tommy smiled.

"Yes, sir," he said, brightly. "The darkey's hour is just before the dawn."

Solving the Problem

An Englishman, an Irishman and a Scotsman were cycling together, and called at a wayside tea-room. They asked for tea and boiled eggs. The maid brought in tea and set down four eggs before the three men.

The visitors asked for a few more eggs, but were told that eggs were scarce just then, and no more could be had.

The Englishman and the Scotsman said it was impossible to divide four eggs between three men. But the Irishman took one egg in each hand, and passed them across the table, saying as he did so:

"Here are two for you two, and here are two for me, too," as he retained the others.

Why Worry?

"Don't you know that tobacco is a slow poison?"

"That does not matter — I'm not in a hurry."

CIGAR SMOKERS GROWING FEWER

OTTAWA, April 28.—Cigar manufacturers could not establish to the Tariff Board's satisfaction that a reduction in taxes would arrest the decline in the sales of cigars in Canada.

The board, in a report tabled in the Commons by Hon. C. A. Dunning, Finance Minister, said that a reduction in taxation in the United States on cigars selling from six cents to 15 cents had not checked the sales drop.

"It appears that in both countries the smoking public has turned to cheaper cigars, and particularly cigarettes," the board found.

Consumption of Canadian-made cigars in Canada declined from 294,772,933 in 1913 to 136,275,442 in 1928, a drop of 53 per cent. The industry represented to the board that its survival depended on the revival of the class of cigar selling at 10 cents or more.

STORY OF JINX PEARLS RECALLED

NEW YORK, April 28. — An actress and writer, Millie Butterfield Carton has just died and the story of her pearl necklace which she would not wear because she considered it unlucky has been recalled.

In 1929, Miss Butterfield, as she preferred to be called, revealed that she had put into a safety deposit box a \$106,000 necklace which her uncle, the late Major General Daniel Butterfield had given her at the time of her marriage. She said that the pearls, believed by the family a "jinx" had been the cause of calamities and fatalities ever since she had known of their existence, and that neither she nor her daughter would wear them.

Miss Butterfield was particularly proud of the fact that she was the favorite niece of General Butterfield, who had served in the Civil War. She lived at General Butterfield's home, 616 Fifth avenue, where her uncle entertained the late King Edward VII, the late Prince Henry of Prussia, and other celebrities who visited New York.

Gen. Butterfield was a classmate of President Chester A. Arthur, at Union College. In later years Miss Butterfield told reporters and listed in her biography in "Who's Who in New York" the fact that Mr. Arthur had proposed to her, but the engagement was broken later by a deep attachment for a childhood sweetheart, Edward A. Canton, manufacturer of heating apparatus, of Utica N. Y. She was married to Mr. Canton in 1885. He died in 1928.

Miss Butterfield came to live with Gen. Butterfield when she was 16, and won several beauty contests conducted in the 1880's by Demarest's Magazine besides being associated with certain roles on the stage.

SKEENA TO CARRY KING AND QUEEN

OTTAWA, April 28 — The Canadian destroyer, Skeena, will carry Their Majesties to and from Prince Edward Island, June 14, it was announced by the Interdepartmental Committee on the Royal visit. The Skeena will be escorted by her sister ship, the Saguenay.

The voyage will be from Cape Tormentine, N. B., to Charlottetown and after four hours there, to Pictou, N. S., where the Royal train will be waiting.

WEST POINTERS AWARDED LETTERS

WEST POINT, N. Y., April 28. — One hundred and twenty-three cadets earned United States Military Academy winter sports insignia this year, according to special orders published by Brigadier-General Jay L. Benedict, superintendent. Twenty-nine major and 42 minor sports insignia, 39 monograms, 53 plebe class numerals and 19 sports manager's insignia are included in the awards announced.

Seven members of the basketball team, Cadets Walter Brinker, Frank Kobes, John Samuel, Riggs Sullivan, John McDavid, Al Gillem and Archie Vaughan, were awarded the major sports letter, and are also entitled to wear a gold star with this letter, emblematic of a victory over the Navy.

The indoor polo team, Frederick Boye, Jack Christian and Bill West, 1939 intercollegiate champions, also received the major sports award, as did the members of the hockey team, which defeated the Royals Military College of Canada for the first time in the series, and the members of the boxing team, Donald Hull, Tom Shanley, Walter Lavendusky and Harry Stella, winners of the 1939 Eastern intercollegiate boxing championships.

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