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## "BUTTER MONEY" ACT

The whole Dominion has commended the federal government's new policy of distribution of surplus butter to the poor and those in need of relief, and even the most practical economist has admitted that it is based on the proper principle—the answer to the question "Why should one part of a rich country go hungry while another part has wealth of food for which it has no market and which would ultimately go to waste?"

Possibly all who are familiar with the plan recently introduced by Ottawa have not regarded its real significance and envisioned how far reaching the act could be made. If it applies successfully to butter, then why not to wheat—and most important to New Brunswick, potatoes and fish?

We all must admit that there was something drastically wrong when in the years shortly after the crash of 1929 thousands were being expended by the governments both federal and provincial for food to be supplied to the needy. At the same time, farmers in New Brunswick who had been as hard hit by the depression as any others, saw markets offering 10 and 20 cents per barrel for their produce and in many cases were forced to haul hundreds of barrels of their crop out into the fields to dump them to rot. There were hungry mouths waiting in every province of the Dominion, while potatoes that could have fed an army were rotting on the ground.

It is a measure such as the already famed "Butter Money" act which could alleviate to a great extent such conditions should they occur again. In any event, though we are far from pessimists, there will in all probability be some relief in Canada. At that time, with the progressive government at the head of affairs, there is a possibility that our surplus potatoes, if we have such, could go to those hungry mouths.

With other modifications of the act it might similarly be possible that the western wheat surplus might be taken care of, as well as our fish.

One prominent newspaper has commented that the Butter policy is based on good common sense. Perhaps after all, common sense rather than the technical jumble of facts and figures is the shortest distance between points of unemployment, hunger and depression, and prosperity, health, happiness.

## CONDITIONS IN MARCH

Business conditions, according to preliminary statistics, registered improvement in March, the index of the physical volume of business moving up to 113.1 from 111.7 in February. When compared with the index in March of last year, an encouraging gain of nearly 4 p.c. was indicated.

Canadian production on a volume basis has held up remarkably well in the first quarter of this year and has shown strenuous resistance to world unsettlement, in several groups new records were established in the latest month. Copper exports, for instance, were the largest in history, while gold shipments to the Mint were also a record volume, since no less than 478,000 fine ounces were received. The cheese factories are making noteworthy efforts to regain the ground lost in the past two years, the output in March at 1,534,749 pounds having been greater than in any March since 1934. Production of creamery butter was also at a higher level. Exports of planks and boards were 155,338,000 board feet, which constituted the largest exports in any March since 1930, while shingles exported were greater than in the same month of any year in the post-war period.

Activity in the oil industry as measured by petroleum imports, indicated a more optimistic outlook for the forthcoming season, the volume being

some 7 p.c. greater than in the same month of last year. Automobile production in March showed a gain of 4.4 p.c. over March, 1938, the total output having been 17,549 units. External trade was also more active in March, exports reaching \$77.2 million, a gain of nearly 3 p.c. over the same month of last year. This advance is significant when we consider that wholesale prices have declined 12 p.c. from one year ago. Activity in the steel industry was at a much lower level in March, the production of steel ingots being 95,697 long tons, or 19 p.c. below the output in March of last year.

Newsprint production held up fairly well in the latest month, production having been 220,648 tons compared with 224,604 tons one year ago and 200,613 tons in February of this year.

## WHAT A BOON

A lotion which repels mosquitoes, black flies and other insects and yet which actually has a pleasant odour is the latest and an indisputable fact is the latest result of Collaboration between University scientists and an industrial company. The work on the part of the research specialists wasn't any too pleasant. They spent many hours in mosquito-infested swamps, trying many varieties of existing insect repellents and many new formulae. They finally discovered that, in every case, it wasn't the smell which kept mosquitoes and black flies from biting. They at length created a new formula and when they used it on their arms and face, it caused insects to stay away on every occasion.

To this formula, a pleasant perfume was added. Further tests proved the new lotion to be absolutely harmless for even the tender skin of babies. So it seems that this summer Canadians can successfully fight off all biting insects without fear of harming the tenderest skin.

## BY ANCIENT TRAILS

(Halifax Herald)

Fact and fiction—the latter in the form of folk fable and Indian lore—have been mingled to a nicely by Lowell Thomas and Rex Barton in their new book which is bound to have a wide circulation. The most obvious reason for this, of course, is the wide renown of at least one of the co-authors; but by far the most important is the fact that the volume, from the front cover to the back, is interesting textually and pictorially.

The starting place of the tour through the Province is Saint John, overnight by sea from Boston, but the course of the journey is not along highways studded with mileposts.

It follows roads history has made—Indian trails down which the Iroquois came to the land of the Malis, up rivers where great mills stand and "the finest salmon in the world" are found.

And the people—the descendants of Loyalists, the French Acadians, the Irish and Scotch—all are described, their history, their traditions, the strange tales that are told in country that has been long settled.

The Indian names—Nipisiguit, Kouchibouguac and the Kouchibouguacis, the Patapedia and Matapedia, Tobique, Richibucto, Buctouche, Shediac and Miramichi—dozens of them dot the pages of the book, and with each is a story of today or yesterday, of present pleasures to be had by travellers, of past adventures by the hardy pioneers.

In New Brunswick We'll Find it is a colorful book, not a travel guide, but an invaluable supplement to one. It is as interesting to a New Brunswicker as to one who has visited that Province. It should induce many to visit what may have been to them, as it was to Lowell Thomas, merely a vague part of Eastern Canada, but which is in reality one of the most beautiful and interesting sections of this whole Dominion.

The Canadian production of gypsum in February amounted to 5,331 tons in comparison with 5,517 tons in the corresponding month last year. Output during the first two months of this year totalled 23,794 tons as against 11,676 in the same period last year.

Canada's February output of copper totalled 4,218,288 pounds as against 48,257,536 in the previous month and 46,835,955 in the corresponding month last year. Production during the first two months of the year aggregated 89,475,824 pounds as against 99,290,090 in the same period of 1938.

"It may well be said, generally speaking, that America's production plant today is largely obsolete."—Alfred P. Sloan, Jr.

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### TIMES CHANGED

"De Quincey used to say that on a walking tour he usually found that the most interesting experiences came from walking aimlessly."

Health Magazine—Nowadays one might in that way get to meet interesting people in the accident ward.

### The Fatal "Rubber."

"Various identifications of the sites of Sodom and Gomorrah and the other five 'cities of the plain' in the Dead Sea region have been suggested." — The region where Lot's wife first turned to rubber and then to salt.

### Too Difficult

Gelatine doubles human physical endurance. Except when you try to get it to your mouth on a fork.

### Highbrow

"Frozen gasoline" would be something new to automobilists." Science Magazine. — The gauge filling station attendant would seem courtlier than ever, asking "How many lumps, please?"

### They Know

"The big question in the coming football season will be the same as the last several seasons — what do football players say when they go in to a huddle?" — Asks the co-eds.

### The Printer Again.

"Announcement was made last week of the engagement of Miss Arline Davies to Mr. Raymond Moore, proprietor of our local hardware store. Miss Davies is the daughter of Postmaster and Mrs. R. G. Davies of Bethel and was one of last season's most popular dubs." Country Paper. — I beg your pardon!

### Happy Thought

A crooner cancelled an engagement after receiving a threatening letter. Now there's an idea!

### As Usual

Judge: "You heard the altercation between the accused and his wife?"  
Witness: "Yes, your Honour."  
Judge: "What did the accused say?"  
Witness: "He listened, your Honour."

### Oh, Well

"Are you yawning?"  
"No, I'm giving a silent Indian war-whoop."

### Futility

Professor (after finishing a long problem): "And so we find that 'x' equals zero."  
Pupil: "All that work for nothing!"

### Everything Solved

An astronomer predicts the world will end in March, 1940. Well, maybe it is the best solution.

### Let 'Em Smoke

"There are fewer sopranos since women started smoking," says a doctor.

This is the greatest argument in favor of smoking.

### By Degrees

"I am 16 years old and want to grow a moustache. What is the best way?"

On the instalment plan — a little down each week.

The Canadian output of nickel in February was higher at 17,495,366 pounds, comparing with 14,611,017 pounds in the previous month and 16,008,523 in February, 1938. Output during January and February this year totalled 32,106,383 pounds as against 36,279,203 a year ago.

## TELLS OF MISTAKE THAT KILLED FOUR OF FAMILY

AULAC, N. B. April 27 — How a cradle lamp figured in intrigue during the Eddy Rebellion and brought death to an inn-keeper's family has been ignored by most historians. S. E. Withers says the true story was handed down from father to son in his family.

Jonathan Eddy led a small group in planning to seize this part of Canada for General Washington at the time of the American Revolution. Massachusetts promised him guns and provisions if he could recruit his own men. With a ragged band of 28 recruited at Machias, Me., he returned to New Brunswick and added to his force enroute until it numbered 180, including Indians.

He proclaimed revolt on the Isthmus of Chignecto, persuaded an eight-gun privateer to seize a ferry boat and later captured a British sloop. His men stormed Fort Beau-sejour here without success and finally were dispersed by reinforcements from the British garrison at Halifax. The rebel leader thereafter tried vainly to persuade Indians to join him in his lost cause.

As a renegade Eddy and his co-plotters used a tavern kept by a man named Wethered, who hated the English. The inn-keeper was an ancestor of Withers, according to the latter, and had fled from Ireland owing to political trouble.

The English discovered the plotters' rendezvous and under threat of death made Wethered promise to light a candle lamp in a certain window of the inn when Eddy next visited the place.

Withers' version of the developments is that his ancestors agreed in order to be able to warn the rebels away. That night, while he was discussing the problem with his family, a negress employed at the tavern was carrying a lighted candle lamp in another room, unknown to them. For a moment she let the lamp rest on a window sill—as fate would have it, the window designated for the signal.

Watching English troops were beside their cannon, guns boomed in the darkness. The tavern crumbled. Both of Wethered's legs were cut off. His wife and eldest son also died. The negress, uninjured, died of fright, according to the family story.

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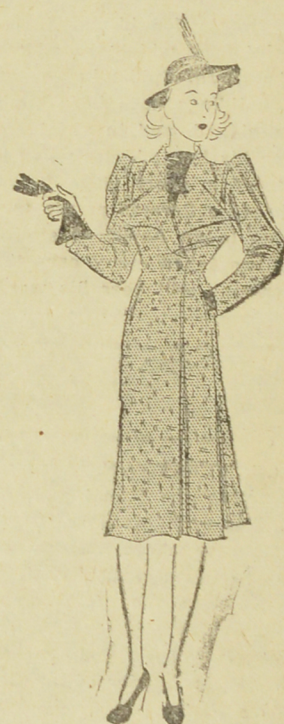
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