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MALTHUSIAN THEORY

About 150 years ago Thomas Robert Malthus, an English economist, set forth the Malthusian theory of population—the doctrine that population tends to increase faster than food supply and that lack of food would limit the size of the nations of the world. Malthus looked at the oriental civilization of India and China, where famine and death for centuries followed failure of the rice crop and where an increase of the food supply resulted in a rise in the birth rate. Malthus believed that England's population at that time was close to the saturation point, and most of the learned world shared that view.

The population of England during the time of Malthus was about 6,000,000, and the overcrowding was one of the chief reasons given for the colonization policy of England at that time. But with the development of the factory system, the country's population expanded rapidly. By 1830 it had grown to 14,000,000. In 1931 England had a population of 37,000,000 a condition which Malthus would have regarded as impossible.

The course of history has disproved the Malthusian theory of population, just as it will disprove many of the beliefs of today. Any theory that is based upon a static society, which fails to consider the possible play of modern human ingenuity in meeting new conditions of life, is likely to be wrong. There are some men today, who like Malthus, predict that the automobile population of the United States is growing faster than the ability of nature and human ingenuity to provide food in the form of gasoline. These modern prophets predict that the time is not far distant when a shortage of gasoline will starve the automobiles off the roads. But, as a matter of fact, if the early Malthusian oil economists had been right, the nation's petroleum reserves would have been exhausted before the automobile was born. America would still remain in the horse and buggy era. In 1889 David T. Day, head of the U. S. Geological Survey, solemnly declared that the nation's oil would last only a few years and that the light of the kerosene lamps throughout the world would be dimmed. If anyone in those days had declared that from the bowels of the earth would come the fuel and oil to make the operation of 30,000,000 horseless vehicles on the nation's highways, that prophet would have been laughed down.

A quarter of a century later, in 1915, the U. S. Geological Survey issued a report saying that the total oil reserves in the United States amounted to only 7,500,000,000 barrels. The survey was so bold to say that that covered all of the oil in the nation. Yet during the next 20 years nearly twice that amount—14,260,000 barrels of crude oil—was taken from the earth. In 1921 the same agency reported 9,000,000,000 barrels available. But in the 12 years following, there was produced in excess of 10,000,000,000 barrels of oil. In 1934 the Geological Survey, undaunted, raised its estimate of petroleum reserves to 13,250,000,000.

CABINET CHANGES

From what is known in this part of the Dominion of the reputation of the two new members of the federal cabinet, Prime Minister Mackenzie King is maintaining the high standards which have marked the selection of his Ministers.

Hon. J. C. Elliott, whose ill-health forces his retirement from the cabinet, has proved an efficient postmaster General and regret will be felt at his retirement. Succeeding him, however, is one who may be expected to give a good account of

himself in that office. Norman A. McLarty, member for Essex West, is a lawyer of wide experience and recognized ability and is given credit for having drafted the Home Improvements Act, which resulted in such a stimulus to business. A resident of Windsor, his appointment gives recognition to that growing city, and continues the representation of Western Ontario in the Cabinet.

James A. MacKinnon, member for Edmonton West, who enters the cabinet without portfolio, has been prominent in business in Edmonton and had taken a leading part in Liberal affairs before consenting to run for office. The fact that this wife is a native of Prince Edward Island gives him a link with the Maritime Provinces.

FORT BEAUSEJOUR

Set aside as a national historic park in 1926, Fort Beausejour in New Brunswick continues to be a popular centre of attraction. During the six-month period ended September 30, 1938, a total of 20,200 persons visited this historic fortress compared with 18,000 in the corresponding period a year ago. Visitors to the fort and museum included many tourists from the eastern and middle United States, as well as from various Canadian provinces.

Fort Beausejour, situated on the long ridge between the Annapolis and Missaguash rivers, overlooking Cumberland Basin, is among the notable historic places in New Brunswick. It was built by the French under de la Jonquiere, Governor of Canada, between 1751 and 1755, but before its actual completion was taken in 1755 by the English under Colonel Robert Monckton, who re-named it Fort Cumberland. Under English rule the defenses of the fort were greatly strengthened, and it figured in the American Revolution of 1776 and the war of 1812-14.

Considerable restoration work has been carried out at Fort Beausejour by the National Parks Bureau of the Department of Mines and Resources, Ottawa, and many important historical facts relating to the fort have been commemorated by the erection of suitable memorials. The original pentagonal earthworks are still in a good state of preservation, and one of the former sentry boxes has been partially restored. Near the entrance of the fort is a museum containing many historical relics and exhibits relating to the surrounding country.

December exports of Canadian planks and boards totalled 157,262,000 feet of the value of \$3,298,775 compared with 156,875,000 at \$3,475,130 in the previous month and 133,294,000 at \$3,090,659 in December, 1937. Douglas fir planks and boards accounted for well over half of the December export, with the volume of birch, cedar, pine, spruce and hemlock running to considerable amounts. Total exports of planks and boards during the calendar year 1938 were 1,667,088,000 feet valued at \$35,887,481 compared with 1,358,352,000 at \$45,449,194 in 1937.

Exports of Canadian cheese in December amounted to 75,745 cwt., going largely to the United Kingdom. In the previous month the total export was 125,357 cwt., and in December, 1937, 27,783 cwt. During the twelve months ended December, exports totalled 809,891 cwt. compared with 839,563 in the calendar year 1937.

DAY HILL

DAY HILL, January 26—The Mission Band was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Hagerman. There was good attendance.

Little Carol Major, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Major who has been ill with pneumonia, is much improved.

Mrs. Harry Keetch and children, Kenneth, Ivan and Inez, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Parent. Miss Mildred Ellegood was recent guest of Mrs. George Major.

Harley Keetch is spending a few days at the home of his brother, Fred Keetch.

Miss Pauline Bragdon of Hartfield is spending a few days with Mrs. Fred Keetch.

Mrs. Seely Stairs recently visited her mother, Mrs. W. Dunlop, Cullerton.

Miss Mildred Ellegood was a recent guest of Mrs. S. Stairs.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Hagerman were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. C. Stairs of Pinder recently.

Mr. and Mrs. MacDonald visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Young last week.

As I See It

Daily Foreign News Comment

By H. M. Paint.

STRAWS IN THE WIND

Many disturbing items appear in the news, which serve to remind us that the German Reichstag meets January 30th. Announcements of major importance concerning German and Italian colonial minimum demands for the present are expected to be made by Chancellor Hitler.

Switzerland, which has recently clamped down on Nazi activities among her German speaking cantons by means of raids, fines, and imprisonment for Nazi leaders of group and district organizations is expecting a major political event in the near future, observers believe. A group of Swiss financiers have established a unit trust in Canadian securities called, "Canascip", whose holdings are spread over 25 Canadian common and preferred stocks. It is believed that these gentlemen may perhaps be providing an insurance against Nazi expropriation. The action of the market in New York, Amsterdam and Berlin, seems to suggest that these markets are reconciling themselves to a major crisis in the near future.

Prime Minister Chamberlain has announced the creation of a voluntary defence force embracing the entire nation, only 48 hours after Chancellor Hitler's decision that all able bodied men in Germany must undergo training. The British press of all shades of political opinion warns that unless the national response is satisfactory, conscription is inevitable.

Sir John Anderson warned his hearers in a luncheon address:

"This is not a campaign for civil defence only. It is designed to ensure the orderly marshalling of the man power and woman power of the country in a voluntary system to fulfill all the needs of the nation for active defence, as well as civil."

From Gibraltar yesterday we hear that Spanish insurgent planes were assembled near the Rock in considerable numbers and that all Spanish aerodromes were fully manned. The current fortress and naval exercises for the defense of Gibraltar are now being carried out. It is reported that several secret agents of General Franco were detected and turned back by British troops.

We hear that the new Siegfried Line which faces the French Maginot Line is considered now by Ger-

LORD BISHOP OF FREDERICTON ENTHRONED

William Henry Moorhead, Lord Bishop of Fredericton, was enthroned in his Episcopal Throne and received his Pastoral Staff, Episcopal Ring and Pectoral Cross yesterday afternoon during an impressive ceremony at Christchurch Cathedral.

Attended by high prelates and laity of the Church of England in Canada and the United States, the service was conducted with ancient ceremony and ritual.

Bishop Moorhead, the fourth Bishop of Fredericton, was seated in his throne by Venerable Archdeacon Cody of Saint John, Senior Archdeacon of the Diocese. Choir, Clergy and Bishops gathered at three o'clock for the enthronement ritual, which lasted until four o'clock.

The enthronement service was broadcast over the Maritime network of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, originating from Station CFNB. This was the first broadcast of such a nature ever conducted in Canada.

The apostolic phase of the Bishop's enthronement was taken as the text of an address by Venerable Archdeacon S. C. Gray of Fredericton. "An Apostle of Jesus Christ by the Will of God", was the Venerable Archdeacon's text.

Archdeacon Gray spoke of the episcopal office and the significance of its insignia.

The Bishop received the Episcopal Ring, the ensign of Episcopal dignity; the Pastoral Staff, a counterpart of the Old Shepherd's Crook whereby the Shepherd could assist those for whom he was responsible and drive off any who might attack his flock, and the Pectoral Cross, which will remind him continually of the Crucified Master.

Those attending His Lordship were his chaplains, Rev. Messrs. LeRoy and Alexander; J. J. P. Winslow, Chancellor of the Diocese of Fredericton; Dr. J. P. Wells, K. C., Chancellor of the Diocese of Quebec.

man experts to be impregnable. The line consists of a miles deep system of tank traps, barriers, trenches, gun emplacements, pill boxes and large forts.

Incidentally it is reported that 1,200 Czech field pieces which formerly guarded the Czech border against Germany now face the French on the Rhine from their new quarters in the Siegfried Line.

Just in Jest

Too Willing
Mabel: "Did you ask father for my hand?"
Jack (bitterly): "Yes, I asked him over the phone, and he replied, 'I don't know who's speaking, but it's O. K. with me'."

The Great Unread
According to a literary critic, 1938, saw some gallant efforts by a small band of novelists who will probably never receive public recognition. The thin, unread line of heroes.

The Reserve
The latest theory is that having one's hair cut will often cure a headache. But not if the sufferer patronizes our chatty barber.

In The Process
"How long did it take your wife to learn to drive?"
"It will be ten years next month."

Only Part
There are 200 retail stores and 20 restaurants in a twelve-acre underground city beneath Rockefeller Centre, New York. That's how- ever, it not New York's only under-world.

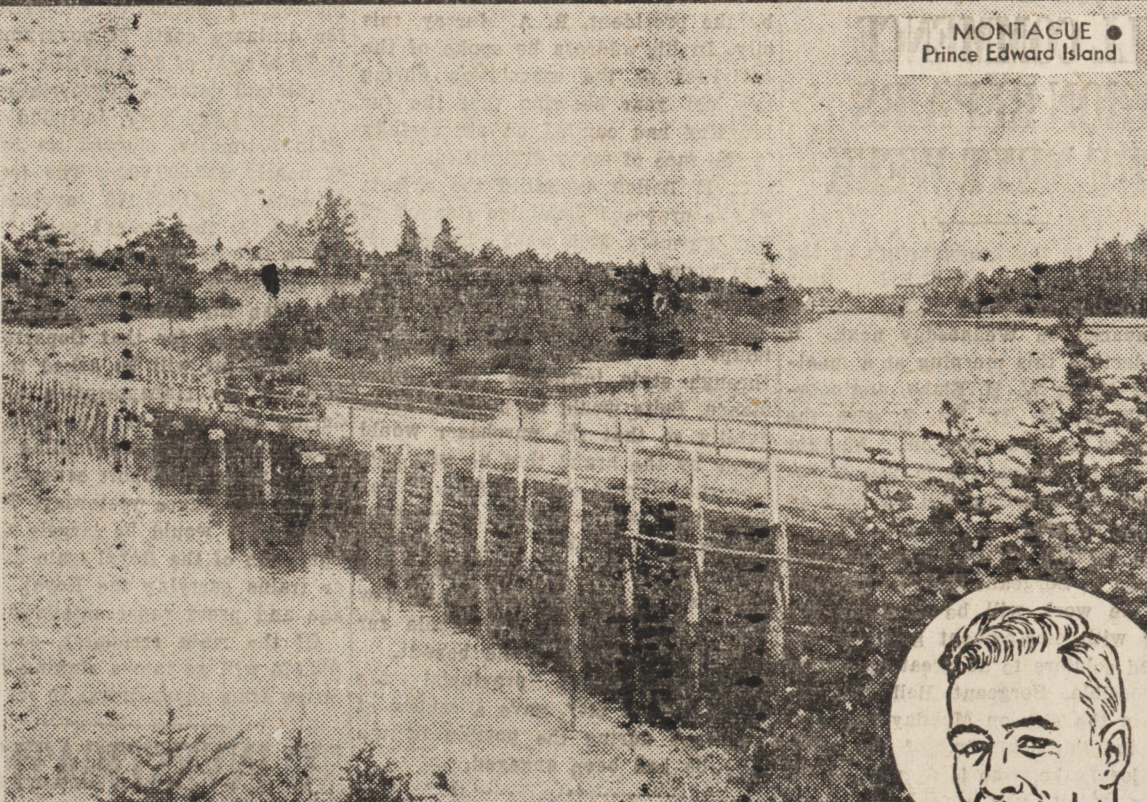
Profit By Music
"My son's saxophone lessons have been a very good proposition."
"Has he been able to get into a band?"
"No, but I've been able to buy the neighboring houses very cheaply."

He Bought It
"My office boy says that he remembers seeing his great-great-grandmother."
"Well, what a little liar!"
"No; he stutters."

Simple
"Mummy, if I were a magician, I should turn everything into chocolates," said little Doris.
"But you couldn't eat so many chocolates," said her mother.
"I could. I should turn myself into an elephant."

Exports of Canadian aluminum in December amounted to 98,648 cwt. compared with 111,736 in November and 56,139 in December, 1937. The amount to the United Kingdom was 62,785 cwt., and to Japan 17,274. The total exported during the calendar year 1938 was 1,314,611 cwt. compared with 997,216 in 1937.

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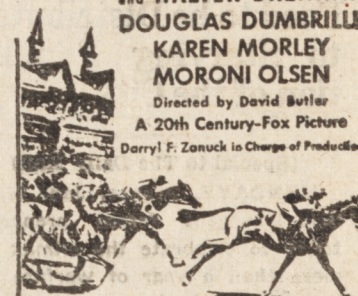
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