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THE PRICE SPREADS BILL

Referring to the Price Spreads Bill the Montreal Star says in part:

The Government measure, born of the Price Spreads report, to regulate trade and industry, pleases none of the extremists.

Therefore it must be pretty good.

Mr. Hanson, in introducing the bill, made it abundantly clear that the Government had gone just as far as the Constitution would permit. They would have liked to go much farther. But they had right before their eyes the stunning and nationally disruptive effects produced when the Roosevelt Administration induced Congress to go beyond its constitutional powers.

Trade and industry in the United States have been thrown into disorder. No one knows exactly what is the law or where he is at. Wage cuts are threatened here, devastating strikes loom there, confusion prevails everywhere—even in the halls of Congress. President Roosevelt aimed at a noble objective. His methods may have been right or they may have been wrong. But his stream-line Recovery express has been derailed, and its shattered fragments scattered over the landscape.

The Canadian Government—with much the same problems before them and much the same objectives in view—would have been criminally derelict in their duty if they had not taken ordinary precautions to avoid the same fate. What would you think of a motorist, driving a mountain road, who saw before his very eyes one car plunge to death because the road crumbled beneath it, and yet kept right ahead driving his own car along the brink of the same crumbling precipice?

The Canadian Administration though inspired by the outspoken radio addresses of the Prime Minister and itself the author, sponsor and perpetrator of the Stevens Enquiry, saw plainly that it would only be misleading the people, disturbing business for nothing and arousing false hopes if it played the pompous Pharisee and brazenly put on the statute books measures which promised the Millennium but could not be enforced. So the Ministers took the obvious course of finding out how far their constitutional powers went. They consulted the law offices of the Crown. They called in two independent K.C.'s, W. N. Tilley and Aime Geoffrion, and consulted them. Then they reluctantly but quite properly cut out of their "reform" measures certain provinces which these eminent authorities declared to be "bad law." The fact that they were in there, and had to be cut out, reveals how eager the Government were to go fully as far as the Constitution would allow. It would have been dishonest, cruelly disappointing, criminally deceptive and a disgraceful exhibition of political chicanery to have gone an inch farther.

GREEN HELL RAN RED

Three years almost to a day, Bolivia and Paraguay fought over possession of the Gran Chaco in what came to be known as the war of the Green Hell. In the miasmic wilderness 50,000 men were killed and 75,000 wounded. Not all were killed by bullet, shell and bayonet. Snake and insect bites tortured all and slew many in the steaming swamps.

Bad feeling between the two countries dates back to at least 1879, when an unsuccessful attempt was made to fix the boundary. Besides, Bolivia, landlocked, desired an outlet to the sea.

But the real fight was about oil. Oil! The Chaco Board swims in it. So the real fighting started on June 15, 1932, and has kept up ever since. An unestimated number of soldiers died of thirst. Their cry was for water, who fought for oil.

The United States and five South American nations brought peace where the League of Nations had failed.

Glad enough are both sides to quit, even though Paraguay does hold most of the territory. Mutual financial exhaustion and other economic casualties came as they do to all warring nations. These southern people didn't know any better. We northern people aren't very smart, either.

Some day man may learn that nobody wins wars.

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SNAPSHOTS
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The letters which are being circulated are interesting. They beat the chain letters all to pieces. They were started too soon.

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A fly flew into a grocery store; He lit on the counter, he lit on the floor,

He lit on the sugar, he lit on the ham. At last he lit on the grocery man.

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A Needham Street resident thanks The Daily Mail for its influence in having the street paved.

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That was a gay Saturday night at the lone woman's house on Brunswick Street. The boys, including the married one got fired out. They took the wine bottle with them.

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The young ladies who were hostesses at a recent social function should look after the interests of their guests enough to return the new white hat to the young man guest.

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A little oil in the back drain would stop the mosquito pest back of town. Prof. Tothill used to do this. What does our local improvement society think of this scheme.

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The crazy girl is still at large

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With consummate good taste an interviewing reporter asked the First Lady of France if she weren't afraid of American gangsters. To which she replied "Pas du tout," which is French for "horse-feathers."

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"There are some experiments," says a member of a faculty of a New York medical college, "which cannot be satisfactorily performed on animals." Just so. Imagine knocking a lion just below the knee-cap to observe his reflex!

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Japan admits her 14 demands are rigorous. There is nothing, though, in a rumor that China must raze the Great Wall, and put it into rock gardens.

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Nippon's files also show no apology covering the Formosa earthquake.

Miss Amelia P. Moore
Died Early Today At
Farraline Home

Miss Amelia P. Moore, aged 82 years, died at the Farraline Home this morning, following a few days' illness. Deceased was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Moore and was very well-known. Friends at the Farraline Home in this city and elsewhere in New Brunswick will learn with sincere regret of the death of this kindly lady. She was born in this city. Surviving is one sister, Mrs. William Sloat of Niagara Falls; three cousins, William T. Chestnut, H. G. Chestnut and Kenneth R. Chestnut, all of this city; one grand nephew, Richard Sloat of this city. The funeral will take place on Saturday afternoon with service at Farraline Home at two o'clock and Rev. G. W. Guion will officiate. Interment will be made in the Old Burial ground on Carleton Street.

Miss Moore had been ill with pneumonia since last Saturday. She was a member of the Brunswick Street Baptist church and a charter member of the I. O. D. E. in this province. She also was a member of the Ministering Circle of the King's Daughters. While she spent most of her life in this city, she lived for a few years in Vancouver. B. C. Miss Margaret Hall and Thomas Hall, of this city, are distant relatives.

RECIPE FOR LONGEVITY

SHANGHAI, June 13—Kwang Ching chan, of Hengshan, China, now 100, ascribes his old age to the fact that his married life lasted only two years. His wife died when he was 43, since when he has remained single.

CHURCH COLLEGE
INQUIRY DEFEATEDMove to Close Two Presbyterian Institutions
Turned Down

MONTREAL, P. Q., June 13—Possibility the Presbyterian General Assembly might order an inquiry into teaching in the church's theological colleges was definitely removed here last night following almost unanimous approval given the Board of Education report which found "no reason for complaint or anxiety touching the teaching in the colleges".

At an all-day session yesterday in which the college question was the feature, the Assembly not only supported the board in its recommendation regarding teaching but refused to grant a proposal from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Presbytery for closing the two colleges—Knox at Toronto and Presbyterian at Montreal—and denied the request of Picton, N. S., Presbytery for a new committee to deal with college matters.

Adopting the report of Presbyterian College, the Assembly approved the recommendation naming Rev. Frank W. Beare, formerly of Toronto, to the vacant professorship of church history. It defeated an amendment which proposed to give Rev. John McNab of Toronto the post.

Another important item on the day's agenda was the recommendation of the committee, headed by Rev. Dr. Stuart Parker of Toronto, studying a proposal to enlarge powers of Synods. Earlier in the week the Assembly decided to pass the first of the committee's two recommendations. It provided for another year's study of the recommendation.

After lengthy debate yesterday the second recommendation carried. It provided each Synod which should decide to do so should be authorized to collect funds throughout the church, up to 25 per cent of the average grant to that Synod in the years 1934 and 1935, these funds to be used within the bounds of the Synod collecting them for home mission work as a supplement to the grants made by the board of missions.

CANADIAN WOMEN
STRESS DANGER OF
LIQUOR TRAFFIC

TORONTO, June 13—The constantly increasing dangers of the liquor traffic in the Dominion were stressed when all conference branches of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Church of Canada, including branches in Newfoundland and Bermuda, went solidly on record for prohibition at their ninth annual meeting here recently. The resolution from the London conference branch urged the support of local option campaigns or other means to protect the young from this menace, and suggested a course on prohibition and the evil effects of drink, which could be given in every public school and could have a place in secondary schools.

An immediate work program was asked in a resolution from the British Columbia executive in a resolution against relief camps, contending that the continuance of these camps is not helping the unemployed men but is making them dissatisfied with life, breaking down their morale, and unfitting them for good citizenship.

Announcement was made that the Canadian Government had reduced the cut in its grant to Indian residential schools from 15 per cent to 10 per cent. Last December a delegation representing the churches conducting work among the Indians in Canada, the Anglican, Presbyterian, United and Roman Catholic churches, waited upon the Canadian Prime Minister, R. B. Bennett, asking this reduction in cuts. The Orient is no longer the Far East, it is the near West, and Japan is our next-door neighbor, declared the Rev. E. A. Armstrong, who has recently returned from a trip around the world, visiting the missionary fields of Honan, China, Korea, India, and Japan. More reinforcements are needed in foreign missionary field.

Mr. Justice A. T. LeBlanc is in the city today attending the sitting of the New Brunswick Appeal Court. He is a guest of the Queen Hotel.

OUR MAIL BAG

SURVEY JOBS

Editor Daily Mail,
City.

Dear Sir:

In reading reports in your paper about young men being sent out on survey and mining parties, I notice that these include young men who have recently graduated. This is nice and encouraging and helps the different professors place their classes in positions.

What about several graduates of 1933 and 1934 and other years, who have been loafing around the streets trying to get work for the past couple of years? Why not make provisions for them? There is one young man here whose people are in moderate circumstances. They made sacrifices to put him through college. He could not get a job. Then he went to Normal and got a Grammar School license. He has loafed ever since with the exception of a few days supply work in the city schools, and a day or two shovelling snow. His people have paid taxes in Fredericton for four generations. He has an application before your School Board now and I'll bet you a jug of rum that he will not get the position, although he is qualified morally and every other way. This is only one case of several right here in town.

What do you think? Is it any encouragement to a hard-working man to try and educate his boys and girls here?

Yours truly,
June 13, 35 DAY-WORKER.

Geneva Faces
Big Problem

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dealt with by a separate co-ordinating organization under the direction of James G. MacDonald of the United States, High Commissioner for Refugees and its needs too are urgent.


In order to augment its funds the Norwegian Government has under consideration a scheme for issuing surcharged postage stamps, the amount of the surcharge to be transferred to the Nansen Office.

The commission emphasizes the special value of the gesture of international solidarity which certain governments would be making if they carried out a scheme on the lines of that of the Norwegian Government, although for geographical or other reasons they are less directly concurred with refugee questions than some other governments. In so doing, they would be associating themselves in a practical manner with a general philanthropic movement which the League has always promoted and encouraged.

The good work done by the League in the past—notably in regard to the settlement of a million Greeks from Asia Minor in Macedonia and Thrace—hardly needs to be recalled. But there is much more to be done in inducing governments to treat refugees with consideration and to enable them to become useful citizens.

Public cordially invited to visit Home Economics and Manual Training tomorrow, 2 p.m., York Street School.

Mr. Justice Grimmer of Saint John is a guest of the Queen hotel today. He is here attending the adjourned sitting of the New Brunswick Appeal Court.



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MOORE—At the Farraline Home this morning, Miss Amelia P. Moore. The funeral will take place on Saturday afternoon with service at the Farraline Home at 2 o'clock, and Rev. G. W. Guion will officiate. Interment will be made in the Old Burial ground, on Carleton Street.

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