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THE RIGHT MAN

From the point of view of Canada's disabled soldiers, news that Major the Hon. Charles Gavan Power, M.C., is appointed Canada's Minister of Pensions and National Health is the best news to come out of Ottawa in more than five years. Major Power's parliamentary record of service in the cause of ex-service men is as good as his war record. It is saying much, but not too much, as fellow-members of the C.E.F. from Halifax to Vancouver can testify.

The list of the House of Commons battles fought by Major Power on behalf of the returned men of Canada is evidence enough that the member for Quebec South is the right man in the right place at the head of the Department of Pensions and National Health. More evidence of the same sort is in the record of Major Power's work as Chairman of the Commons Pensions Committee of 1930. Major Power did some of the best work of his parliamentary career in shaping and shepherding through the House the revised Pensions Act of Canada. For five years "Chubby" Power has watched from Opposition while red-tape artists did their best to defeat the purpose of the Act. His immediate task, that of making the Pensions Act and the Pensions Department serve the greatest good of the greatest number of Canada's disabled veterans, has not been made easier by the interval or the tape.

But Major Power takes to the job personal as well as parliamentary advantages. Chief among them are two. He used to be a private in the C.E.F., and has never forgotten the fact. He used to grouse when he was a private in the C.E.F., and he admits it. "Chubby" Power talks and understands the language of the men he is to serve, and he has with him in his Ministerial portfolio the good wishes of all the returned soldiers of Canada.

SWEATSHOPS IN HOMES

The only defenders of the industrial homework system are the manufacturers who use it to evade paying rent and factory overhead charges.

Ask schoolteachers in big cities about it. They will tell of little children too tired to sit up at their desks because they have worked into the small hours of the morning carding buttons or safety pins. Social workers find whole families working in poorly lit tenement rooms; weary mothers sitting up in bed as they stitch buttonholes; children who should be playing, smocking dresses or wiring artificial flowers. Their earnings, a miserable pittance, 3 cents or 4 cents even one cent an hour.

Now the taxpayer comes into this anti-social picture. A bulletin recently released by the United States Department of Labor in Washington discloses the fact that "many home workers were on relief rolls in 1934 because they were not paid enough to cover the cost of living." Which is just another way of saying that the manufacturer whose products are made in homes shifts the burden of manufacturing costs from himself to the taxpayers.

Unscrupulous employers, the department's survey declares, exploit these homeworkers who, rather than lose the work, accept appallingly low pay. The system, it maintains, "results in the jeopardizing of the health of women and children, the undermining of factory wages, and expense to taxpayers who must supplement by relief these low earnings and also bear the cost of homework inspection required by legislation in some states for protection of consumers' health."

A United States paper says: "There is nothing new in these findings, except the additional burden disclosed as falling on the already harassed taxpayer. Complete nationwide legal prohibition of the wretched system is the solution of the problem, urged by the department. An awakened public conscience should not rest until industrial homework is either abolished by legislation, or so effectively controlled that the work is done under decent conditions at fair rates of pay."

Have we the same conditions in our Canadian cities, such as Montreal and Toronto, etc.?

ACCIDENTS ON ELECTRIC RAILWAYS

There were four passengers, two employees and 49 other persons killed in accidents on Canadian electric railways in 1934. This total of 55 was an increase of 22 persons or 67 per cent over the 1933 total but it was smaller than the total of any other year since 1925. The 49 other persons included 26 pedestrians, 21 motorists and two others.

The number of persons injured amounted to 2,680, which was the smallest number since 1921. These included 1,602 passengers, 443 pedestrians, 207 motorists, 65 occupants of other vehicles, 101 conductors and motormen, 20 bus operators, 134 other employees and 108 other persons.

An analysis of the classes of vehicles involved in these accidents shows the following averages per million miles run: buses, 0.2933 persons killed and 20.416 injured; one-man cars, 0.5212 persons killed and 16.180 injured; cars operated by two men, 0.3934 persons killed and 28.039 injured. The bus mileage includes a small amount made by buses with two men in charge. Usually the heavy runs with dense street traffic are assigned to cars operated by two men on systems operating both classes of car and this would have an effect on the number of accidents per mile run. The injuries are not classified into major and minor, and consequently must be considered as approximately the same each year. It would be a mistake to consider the operators of electric cars and buses operated by the electric railway companies as responsible for all these accidents, but they were involved in them. Also several years' records should be analysed before conclusions are drawn as to the relative safety of each class of vehicle.

SNAPSHOTS

Straws show which way the wind blows.

Dr. Frances Fish, who was in the City yesterday says that she gained five pounds in running as the Reconstruction candidate, but the dear girl lost several dollars.

The Sage joins The Straight Furrow as political propaganda that did more harm in the recent election than good, points out the Trenton Courier-Advocate, adding: "When will sponsors of such programs as The Sage realize that Canadians are not blind and that insulting drivel does not pay?"

A Fredericton man recently told The Daily Mail that he had a cousin in "Ontario or Australia or somewhere up there." He is as bad as the girl who thought that Ethiopia was situated between Afghanistan and eastern Saskatchewan.

The news from the Provincial Liquor Control Board regarding the five dismissals from the staff seem to be censored as does other information from the same source.

There are many things about this Commission about which people would like to know.

Man's work is never done. Just when cartoonists have solved their problem by attiring Selassie in muslin jodhpurs, word comes that his barber has outfitted Hitler with a new hair trim.

Complete equality can only be accomplished by lowering the successful to the level of the failures. Wealth can be divided permanently by making all people poor.

When was the old cannon removed from its dangerous position in front of the A and B Club House.

Licenses to operate sawing-machines in the City should contain a clause to the effect that such machines shall not be operated earlier than 7.30 in the morning and not later than 7.30 in the evening. Some thoughtless people have been known to start a sawing-machine at six o'clock in the morning, or earlier, thus robbing children and parents of needed sleep and rest.

This puts us in mind of a local government agricultural official who used to get up in the morning at four o'clock and start hammering on a new hen house.

MR. JUSTICE GRIMMER IS 77 TODAY

Three more decrees were granted at this morning's session of the New Brunswick Court of Divorce and Matrimonial causes with Mr. Justice Grimmer presiding. The successful petitioners this morning were Ethel Elizabeth Belmore, Dipper Harbor; Wilbert James MacDuff, River Glade, and Don Lorne Banks, Devon.

Previous to the opening of court this morning, Justice Grimmer was honored on the anniversary of his 77th birthday. The eminent member of the Bench was born in St. Stephen October 31, 1858. E. C. Atkinson, on behalf of the members of the Bar, congratulated the Justice on the happy occasion and wished him many more happy birthdays. He paid tribute to the Justice's long and creditable service as a member of the law profession and congratulated him on his service on the Bench.

Justice Grimmer expressed deep appreciation of the honor showed him, saying he was "gratified for the Divine Power which has given him the strength to carry on his duties." He expressed the opinion that "the eyes of all members of the Bar were on the Bench and it was the duty of the members of the Bench to carry on their duties in such a way as to maintain its prestige in the eyes of the bar."

He said he has endeavored to do his duty with the able assistance of the members of the bar. "As soon as I am unable to perform my duties of office I will retire and let a younger man take my place," said the Justice. Reginald D. Keirstead, Saint John, barrister, gained a decree with costs and custody of eight children for Ethel Elizabeth Belmore, Dipper Harbor, from Hanford W. Belmore, Saint John.

A decree was ordered in the case of Wilbert James MacDuff, River Glade, vs. Jennie Tracy MacDuff, Nasonworth.

Don Lorne Banks, of Devon, was granted a decree with custody of one child from Mildred Victoria Banks, of London, England.

Municipalities Delegates Confer With Government

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Chiasson, councillor; Kent, L. P. A. Robichaud, M.P.-elect, county secretary, J. A. Pineau, councillor, and P. Voutour, councillor; Kings, R. H. Pearson, warden, John J. Richardson, councillor, G. O. D. Otty, county secretary; Madawaska, J. W. Verrette, warden, county secretary T. D. Herbert, and Gaspar Boucher, M. P.-elect; Northumberland, Warden J. D. Shanahan, Coun. Fred Menzies, County secretary W. H. Teed, A. B. McKinnon, Municipal administrator and Hidulph Savoie, M. P.; Queens—E. S. Brodie, County secretary; Restigouche—L. Bernard, County secretary; Saint John County—James W. Brittain, Mayor, Couns. E. Claude Seeley, John L. O'Brien, Robert McAllister, Glen Morrison, W. A. Ross, County secretary Harry D. Hopkins, common clerk; Victoria—J. E. Andrews, County secretary-treasurer, Coun. M. J. Dionne, and Councillor Tweedale; Westmorland—G. A. Taylor, Secretary-treasurer, Councillor Charles E. Cormier; York—J. S. Scott, Secretary-treasurer; Bathurst—Dr. C. J. Veniot, Ald. J. A. Audet; Chatham—Mayor D. P. MacLauchlan, and D. Deamond, Councillor; Dalhousie—R. G. Edwards; Devon—Town Clerk W. A. Haines; Edmundston—Ald. John J. Daigle, and Thos. Guertette; Fredericton—Mayor W. G. Clark, Ald. C. Hedley Forbes, and E. C. Armstrong, relief officer; Marysville—Ald. H. R. Pettigrove; Moncton—George G. Robinson, C. H. Blakney, M. P. P.-elect, Mayor Thomas H. King; Newcastle—Lewis Nicholson and Mayor J. W. Maloney; St. Andrews—F. L. Mallory, town clerk; St. Stephen—Oliver Arnold, town clerk, and J. R. Polly; Woodstock—Mayor E. R. Jones and Ald. H. D. Hay; Sunbury—Coun. W. C. Lawson, M. P. P. elect.

TO PLAN A RECEPTION

OTTAWA, Oct. 31—After two days' freedom from cabinet sessions during which ministers have been busy familiarizing themselves with their new responsibilities, Prime Minister King will probably have a meeting of the government tomorrow afternoon. One matter to be discussed will be arrangements for meeting Lord Tweedsmuir, Canada's new Governor-General when he arrives at Quebec Saturday. The entire government will journey to Quebec for the welcoming ceremonies.

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HALLOWE'EN HERE AGAIN, WATCH STEP!

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If you believe in ghosts or goblins, or that ominous black cats and witches on brooms stalk abroad tonight, you'll get a kick out of Halloween, which surely enough has arrived again. For tonight is the night when things occur in the supernatural world if we are to believe in the stories of Halloween. People all over the world tonight, are more interested however, in the things that happen in the natural world on this special night. Locally there will be parties, the usual Macabre costuming, the parade on Queen street in the early evening, private parties where apple bobbing is the chief sport, and of most importance the demonstration of the children; their insistent calls on homes for "apples, cakes and candy," in the early evening hours. While another significant part of the Halloween celebration is the wreaking of damage on fences, clothes lines and doorsteps, it is noticeable within the past sever layers that this part of the demonstration has been milder than in former years when sometimes serious damage was done to buildings and private property. The change is all for the good, of course.

As in other years the local police force will maintain a stricter vigilance tonight. Possibly an extra policeman or two will be on duty.

Salt Clay Road Formula Is a Very Simple One

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engineers compromised and phrased a "salted" highway formula which runs something like this:

"A controlled percentage of clay and gravel kept properly damp with calcium chloride or salt."

The calcium chloride mixture has been tried extensively in most provinces, but salt, engineers say, was first tried on a serious scale this spring in Ontario. The reason for using salt, they report, is because calcium costs between \$20 and \$30 a ton and salt can be bought for \$6. The experimental factor is the attempt to determine the proper percentage of salt, clay and gravel and to find out if the combination will hold up under winter conditions, and not be too slippery when it's raining.

There are many reports of successful salt highway construction in New York, Michigan, Vermont, Maryland, and other parts of the United States. The "salted" roadways in those States are reported to be providing hard-surfaced, nonskid tracks at a third of the cost of asphalt and one-twentieth of the cost of concrete. The engineers won't talk costs, but they do say that a good gravel roadway can be "salted" for under \$1,000 a mile. And they're out to find out whether these salt roads won't eliminate those famous holes corrugating the many roads back in the townships.

Butternuts Plentiful in York County

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famous for its quality, and is used in coloring many beautiful cloths. This accounts no doubt for Wilmot Guio's success in dispensing butternuts from that portion of York County at \$15 per barrel. While others were selling their butternuts for twenty five cents per peck, this embryo capitalist was reaching out for a wider and more profitable market.

Butternuts have never been exploited on a wide scale in this province although it is known that many parts of New Brunswick are lavish in butternut trees. The vicinity of Springhill seems particularly well grown, much of the market product coming from that vicinity.

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Eight are Dismissed From Liquor Bd.

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Kedgwick—Alexander Gauthier, succeeding Andrew Savoie.

Clair—Joseph Michaud succeeding Victor Michaud.

Caraquet—W. P. Leger succeeding Charles Poirier.

Tracadie—Joseph M. Doiron succeeding J. Clovis Savoy.

At the Shippegan store, Adelaire Savoie has been appointed manager to succeed Martin J. Robichaud, who resigned the position to contest the constituency of Gloucester County for the Conservative party in the provincial election.

Edward Cyr, manager of the St. Leonard store, has been dismissed but his successor has not been named.

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