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EUGENE CONNELLY

Eugene Connelly, Editor of the Union Advocate is dead. His death after many months' illness will be learned with regret not only by the newspaper fraternity, but also by residents of the North Shore, where he had extensive business and where he was well and favourably known.

Mr. Connelly spent the earlier part of his life as a school teacher and also in the lumber business. He only entered newspaper life in 1928, when he became proprietor of the Union Advocate, one of the sturdy old papers of the North Shore. Although suffering much from ill health Mr. Connelly made a success of his business and conducted a good newspaper. His death creates a void amongst newspaper men on the Miramichi.

The Daily Mail extends sympathy to the wife and family of Editor Connelly.

ECHO FROM PRIMITIVE WEST

An echo of the primitive West was brought to light recently when a death certificate, filed with the authorities in accordance with regulations, showed the occupation of the deceased as "Medicine Man." He was "Doctor" Josiah Young, a Cree, who died on Christmas Day in his log cabin at Young's Point, near Demetery Lake, seven miles southwest of The Pas junction point on the Canadian National Railways for Churchill. Josiah Young was 78 years of age. He was a well-known figure in the north, and was referred to as "Doctor" Young, and often simply as "the doctor." He was buried in the Big Eddy cemetery of the Crees, following services in the Church of England mission on the reserve. The aged Indian represented the Cree of a by-gone day. He remained true to the gods of his fathers. He declined to surrender his independence in the treaty with Queen Victoria, made in those memorable months of August and September, 1876. He refused to accept treaty money. He would not become a ward of the government. He would not deign to live on a reserve. He spoke his native language and no other; and, more than that, he worshipped nature. So, with his wife, he lived apart from the reservation. He trapped for a living, meanwhile gathering herbs in the secret recesses of the Pas mountains; and he numbered among his patients white men and women, as well as red. Only in the way of such necessities as flour, tea, sugar, tobacco and beer did he come in contact with civilization. The treaty Indian is barred from buying beer. That "Doctor" Josiah Young was beholden to no monarch and no statute. He could buy beer, would enjoy his beverage, put down his glass, shoulder his pack, and trudge off into the forest. Upon the government certificate he remained himself—medicine man—the writing marking a closing chapter in a passing age.

WHY WE IMPORT FLOUR

It has astonished many Canadians to hear of the considerable importations of flour which have come into Canada in recent months from Great Britain. Figures for the last calendar year show total imports at a record figure, 97,000 barrels valued at \$365,000. In some quarters this carrying of agricultural goods to a Canadian New-castle is interpreted as another result of the queer antics resulting from Canada's wheat stabilization policy.

But nature more than the politicians is to blame. For this flour is of the soft, pastry variety of which Canada regularly imports a certain quantity to implement her own limited supply of soft winter wheat. The previous peak of importations was in 1929 when 85,000 barrels were imported from all countries, valued at \$58,000. Total imports from all countries in 1924 were 178,000 barrels valued at \$596,000.

The real news behind the British importations is that our source of supply has shifted due to the tariff barriers imposed against Canada-United States trade in recent years. Until recently practically all our imports have come from the U.S.A., but tariff walls now preclude this and make it cheaper for us to supply our needs from the far-away places like Australia and Great Britain.

No commodity in world commerce has suffered more from artificial barriers than have wheat and its running mate, wheat flour. Unfortunately Canada, in spite of the fact that this type of trade constitutes her economic life-blood must accept a not inconsiderable share of blame for the barriers she has placed in the way of freer trade in both commodities.—Financial Post.

SNAPSHOTS

A very nice musical entertainment was poorly attended this week owing to it being insufficiently advertised and bungled in the publicity.

Believe it, beloved, it changes our complexion from white to angry red when we hear people singing about the Isle of Ka-PREE. Not that it should make a bit of difference and maybe we are getting old and crotchety—but the name of the island is pronounced KAH-pree. There now, we feel better, having got that off our chest.

Whatever becomes of a paper napkin after you lay it in your lap?

Scientists now propose to produce soap from soft coal smoke.

A free man is one who will not submit to dictation except in the privacy of home.

Don't blame the rich guy. He would not act superior if other people didn't act inferior.

It wouldn't do to enforce all laws. Somebody must stay out of jail to support the others.

In ancient Egypt they barged languidly up the Nile; in the Gay Nineties they dawdled downstream in a canoe; today they rush through the foam in a speedboat. But he is still saying the same old snappy things—and she is still listening, as though it were a brand new story. His line hasn't changed a bit—and her technique hasn't improved a jot.

J. D. Chapais Passed Away At Victoria Hospital

James D. Chapais, aged 62, passed away at the Victoria Hospital early this morning, after a lingering illness. He was born at Milltown, N.B., and resided in Fredericton for the past eighteen months. His wife died two years ago at McAdam Jct.

The late Mr. Chapais resided at McAdam Jct. for eighteen years. Surviving is one daughter Mrs. Frances A. Wallace, of this city; two brothers Clarence and Edward, of Dennisville, Maine; also six sisters, Miss May Chapais, of Boston; Mrs. Michael Purcell, of Milltown, N.B.; Mrs. Emma McLean, of Milltown Maine; Mrs. Florence Funnell, of Franklyn, Maine; Mrs. Walter Anderson, of Calais, Maine; Mrs. LeRoy Davidson, Calais, Maine.

The remains are resting at the home of Mrs. Genevieve Carten, 36 Shore Street and private service will take place at 2.30 with Rev. Father Milligan officiating. The remains are to be taken early in the morning to St. Stephen, and the body will rest in the vault at Calais until spring.

Premier's Health May Delay the Elections

(Continued from Page One) ways. For the Ministerial party as well as for Mr. Bennett himself, it is a bad "break".

Meanwhile the Liberals are prepared to do everything to expedite the business of the session. Mr. King Thursday suggested that "all the social legislation might be put through this week". The social insurance will go through today and perhaps the eight-hour day measure. The prognosis again points to the possibility of early prorogation.

Harvey Lady Taught Boy King at Siam

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ward and had become a close friend of Professor F. B. Sayre, a son-in-law of the late President Wilson of the United States, Professor Sayre taught law at Harvard.

"It was through him that I met the Siamese royal family," she said, having become private teacher to Professor Sayre's children. The Harvard educationist had spent several years in Siam in an official capacity and often entertained the Mahidols. The latter met me at the Sayre home."

Impressed by her handling of children, the Crown Prince asked her to enter his household as tutor to his children for the contemplated around-the-world trip, to culminate in their return to Bangkok.

She tells of that journey, and said there was no great fuss over the Siamese royal family until they visited Europe. They were accorded a big reception in England and were honored with a private train. Officials of state paid them homage and Miss Davis stated the Mahidols saw that she was accepted as a full-fledged member of the household and treated with every courtesy.

On arriving home the Mahidol family moved into a palatial Predumavoran residence which had just been completed. It was known as the Phra Thinang Chawri Palace and was very modern. In the vicinity of 375 servants were employed there and the palace was very large. The servants were housed on the grounds. These extended to about 300 acres.

Surplus of Princes

The Canadian woman was treated just as splendidly at Bangkok as on the world tour and she liked it better as she became accustomed to the native customs. Everything was strange at first and she was amazed at the surplus of princes in Siam. She said there were hundreds of princes in that country. Polygamy had once been common among the men who could afford to maintain several wives. Only the first wife was wedded with a ceremony and remained the head of the household. Polygamy however, was dying out and both King Prajadhipok and the Crown Prince had but one wife.

The late Prince Mahidol employed several of the less important princes and sought to help his royal countryman by arranging their western education. Miss Davis found him a well-groomed man of splendid taste and bearing. He had an unusual personality and dark eyes with always a promise of laughter in them. He had a fair complexion for a Siamese. In every respect the new boy king appears to take after his father, she added.

The princess, with whom Miss Davis still corresponds, was somewhat of a dark-eyed beauty with fine regular features. Like her dead husband she was a graduate of an American university and very western in her manner. She made Miss Davis feel very much at home. The late Crown Prince was also an Oxford graduate and the parents wanted their children to derive the same educational benefits. The kiddies were very occidental in many respects, the oldest being brilliant linguists. They spoke English, French and their native tongue fluently. Little Ananda particularly was well advanced in English.

She spoke of the heat, insects, reptiles lepers theatres native dances and many other conditions existing in that country, and of how she had to get used to the many strange things she encountered while there. So privileged a character of the family circle did the Canadian woman become that she was allowed to enter the royal stables and feed one of the famous sacred white elephants a piece of sugar cane. Whenever she forsook the palace to visit the native haunts she was accompanied by Chow Chrome, the chief attendant of the Crown Prince.

She occasionally came in contact with other members of royalty and paid a visit to the Queen Mother's Palace every morning—the Crown Prince's father's widow. Miss Davis added "she was very kind and friendly but had not the culture of the western world."

"After completing the course of elementary studies laid down for the royal children, I returned home. The boy who was to become king was very

OUR MAIL BAG

BOUNTY ON BEARS

Mouth of Keswick, N. B., March 9th, 1935.

To the Editor of The Daily Mail,

Fredericton, N.B.

Sir:

Please find space among the columns of your daily paper to express my opinion regarding the proposed bounty on bears. It is the opinion of certain members of the New Brunswick Guides Association that bears are very destructive to big game. If this is so it is a grievous fault, since but in 15 years of experience in woodsmanship I have never seen where a bear has killed, wounded or in anyway harmed a deer. However, on several occasions I have seen where dogs have chased deer. It is not uncommon to find deer hides, feet and other waste parts thrown behind brush piles in the late summer. Then there is that bright light in a back field, a rifle shot or two, and the result is well known. Do bears account for this? No, indeed, it is the work of the poacher, and there are far too many for the good of the big game.

The bear is an herbivorous as well as a carnivorous animal feeding on berries, insects, grass and fruit, as well as on meat which has usually been killed by a poacher or some other animal.

The late Adam Moore once stated that in his vast experience as a woodsman and guide, he never knew of bears doing any mentionable damage to big game. Mr. Inglewood Flower, a noted New Brunswick Sportsman, once said in an article in a sporting magazine that, "The common domestic bull is more dangerous than the black bear". Townsend Whelen, a noted American Sportsman says, "The black bear is the only species of American big game that I have not shot, and I never want to".

The black bear is the most amusing, ludicrous, human and understandable of our wild animals, and in captivity it makes a most interesting pet. It is the best of the performing bears, and is very clever in learning tricks. It is entirely harmless, except on rare occasions, and it should be protected by proper game laws and permitted to survive. I take this occasion to enter a plea for the protection of these animals from the proposed ruthless slaughter.

Thanking you Mr. Editor, I remain, Yours sincerely, F. J. DUPLISEA.

Miss Helen McCracken Honored at Junction

(Special to Daily Mail)

FREDERICTON JCT., Mar. 9—Last evening, in the B. Y. P. U., Miss Helen McCracken, the efficient treasurer, who is soon leaving to enter the Chipman Memorial Hospital at St. Stephen as a student-nurse, was presented by Rev. H. G. Westrup, on behalf of the Union, with a handsome suitcase accompanied by a very appreciative address. Miss Violet Graham was chosen treasurer in Miss McCracken's place.

The devotional paper was given by Mrs. Irvine Hawkes, Rev. Mr. Westrup speaking on the same subject.

Lee A. Mersereau gave a paper on A Trip Across Canada. Other speakers on the same subject were: President Miss Annie Redstone, Allan P. Stuart, Gordon Westrup, Harry C. McCracken, Charles Howe, H. H. Stuart and Rev. Mr. Westrup.

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sad at the parting and promised to see me again one day in the future."

Miss Davis has not been following her profession since then. Educated in this province and attending Provincial Normal School, Miss Davis said she had gone to Western Canada to teach. She also received normal school and university training in Alberta and taught some time in that province.

Later she went to the United States. She tells of positions she held with schools in Florida. Just previous to entering the Sayre home she had retired from active school work because of ill health. At the time of her breakdown she states she was principal of Gifford Junior High School at Avon, Mass.

In closing the interview, Miss Davis

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