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THE HOME BANK.

The interim report of Mr. Justice McKeown on the Home Bank has been the subject of widespread editorial comment in Canada. In Toronto, the Star is disposed to regard Judge McKeown's preliminary findings as important in relation to Home Bank depositors rather than as to the responsibility of former Finance Ministers. Noting that Judge McKeown says an audit in 1916 or in 1918, if ordered by the Government, would have resulted in either liquidation or amalgamation; that if made in 1916 it would have saved the depositors from loss, and that even if made in 1918 it is unlikely that any loss would have fallen upon them, the Star says:—

"This, and not Sir Thomas White's personal responsibility, is the vital issue. Incidentally it is gratifying to know that the report clears Mr. Fielding of all connection with the bank's downfall. The file of papers relating to the bank was not passed on to him when he took office. No complaint of its operations was made to him. Sir Henry Drayton made an 'incidental reference' to the bank's future in a conversation with Mr. Fielding, but there was nothing of an emergent nature even hinted at.

"The question that concerns the depositors, however, is not whether the present Government is free from responsibility, but whether all governments have been free from it. The Dominion does not divest itself of responsibility for the acts of one government by changing that government for another. In other words, responsibility, in a federal sense, is inherited by the present Government from its predecessors. The depositors do not have to prove neglect on the part of the existing administration in order to make good their case. Whatever the outcome may be the depostiors have succeeded in making their point."

The responsibility of any Minister of Finance was the responsibility of the Government of his day. Mr. Justice McKeown reported upon the questions referred to him for answer.

There is no hint at yet as to whether the Government has any idea of making good losses to the depositors. This question has many angles, and will be the subject of spirited debate in Parliament. The system of government bank inspection, soon to be introduced, will necessitate consideration of government responsibility in future. It is thought in Ottawa that the adoption of bank inspection will not commit this Government or its successors to any responsibility for the safety of deposits. That the Home Bank depositors will get any money from the Dominion appears doubtful enough at this time, though a contrary belief seems to have gained ground in Toronto.

NEW ENGLAND UNEMPLOYMENT.

The existence of much unemployment in the New England States, particularly in the textile and shoe industries, is emphasized in the monthly report made by the Federal Industry Survey. "More workers than jobs" is the dominant note in the situation.

In regard to Maine it is noted that cotton mills and shoe factories are nearly all on part time, while some are closed entirely. "A surplus of workers obtains in many sections," the report says.

In New Hampshire the slackening in operations continues, many factories and mills being closed entirely, while others are on part time. There is a surplus of workers, who are finding it hard to obtain employment in other lines, though some are being absorbed in outdoor work. The railroad shops are carrying along on a part time basis, but woollen and printing plants are busy.

In Vermont the railroad repair shops are working five days a week. In parts of the state textile mills are closed, and others are on part time. Practically the same report is made regarding Massachusetts. There is a large number of unemployed which it is hoped will be absorbed by summer activities in some sections. Apparently things in Rhode Island are worse. Of conditions there, the report says: "Practically all industries are on part time operations throughout the state, with a surplus of workers existing in the textile, jewelry and machine plants. Some cotton mills which have been closed have re-opened and are operating three days a week." Of Connecticut it is said: "Operations in nearly all the plants throughout the state have slackened somewhat."

This account of New England industrial conditions carries the stamp of federal authority. If any further warning were needed for Canadians who think of seeking employment across the line it is thus afforded on the best of American authority.

There are more than 3,000 visiting Rotarians already in Toronto, and nearly 7,000 more are expected for the great international conference. Britain and Australia are strongly represented. The Maritime delegation is large. Rotary wields a mighty influence for good citizenship in these days.

WARNING THE DEMOCRATS.

That the Democratic chances of beating Mr. Coolidge are rather slim is evidently the opinion of the independent Democratic New York Times. Some Democrats have been saying that because of the discontent in the country and the tendency to vote "against the Government," the Democratic party this year can win with any candidate. The Times remarks that when people used to tell Lincoln that "any" general would be better than McClellan his reply was that he had not to name "any" general but "some" general; and the Times goes on to say that it will take "some" Democrat to defeat Mr. Coolidge: "The candidate to be pitted against him will have to be his equal in character, in steadiness and in the feeling of security which he gives to the country, and superior to him in the gifts of vigorous leadership. The Democrats ought not to lose a day in casting about to find such a man if they are to have any hope at all of defeating President Coolidge next November." Mr. Coolidge, in the estimation of the Times, is undoubtedly a formidable candidate. Existing business depression is against him, but in that respect it suggests that things may improve before the autumn.

On the face of the situation today there is visible no Democrat who can fill the specifications outlined by the Times, and it would seem that the convention is unlikely to produce such a leader. Nevertheless, there are Democrats who are both strong personally and well known throughout the country, and the nomination of any one of them, together with the political unrest which is so prevalent at present in the Republic, will make the contest one of considerable uncertainty, though the odds will favor Republican success.

ADVICE FROM THE COAST.

The Conservatives during the session at Ottawa have made it clear that they would like to have a general election, but neither the Liberals nor the Progressives appear to want one, and it was a common opinion after the passage of the budget that there would be no general contest for a year or two.

Hon. Mackenzie King is now receiving some advice on this question from the Vancouver Sun, which complains that elections affect business and which is therefore anxious to get all the elections "out of the way." It says that the pending United States presidential struggle is upsetting business in Canada as well as in the United States, and that the British Columbia provincial campaign is disturbing business there. This leads it to think that Hon. Mr. King "should find it advisable to bring on a federal election this fall and get it over with." The Vancouver journal argues that a fall election would be beneficial because "it would get the election fever burnt out of the Canadian public at one fell swoop, so that in the shortest possible time the whole of Canada could get down to real business." It urges the Prime Minister to come out with "a definite national policy and national programme," and it says that this would enable him to "go ahead and run the country instead of fooling along with government by compromise. So long as elections of any kind are in the air, this Dominion is going to find it difficult to get down to real productive and constructive work."

The people of Canada generally are not suffering from "the election fever" which the Sun observes in its territory. Also, it is the habit of governments to go to the country when they think the conditions are favorable rather than "mercy to get it over with."

As to the result of a federal election, the prophets are many, and the doctors differ. It is so even with regard to the outcome in British Columbia. All three national parties claim to have what the Sun describes as "a definite national policy and national programme," and before the elections come there will probably be a period of somewhat intensive preparation during which all three will be striving to educate the population as to the virtues of their medicine. Just now it looks as though the Sun would not get the fall election it thinks so desirable.

Hon. Mr. Crerar and Hon. A. B. Hudson have not been invited to become members of the cabinet, says Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King. That is to say, not yet.

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Maritime interest in the Olympic tests in Montreal is of the keenest. The work of our athletes will be the subject of daily despatches to The Times-Star from a staff reporter on the ground.

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The British Prime Minister is to meet Premier Herriot this week, "and the result, I trust," he says, will be complete friendship between Great Britain and France. I hope that before long we will have established peace."

Press Comment

INSPECTION OF BANKS.

(Hamilton Herald.)

It is true that Government inspection would make the national Government responsible to the public in a measure for the proper management of the chartered banks. That would impose serious obligations on the Government in cases of bank failure; but the pressure of that responsibility should have the effect of making the inspection rigorous and painstaking and therefore an effective safeguard against disaster.

A MEAN VIEW OF IT.

(Kingston Standard.)

If you want to know how many relations, friends and acquaintances you have take a nicely situated summer cottage; you will find out. They will drive out to see how you are getting on, and arrive in shoals just in time for a meal. Most of your time will be taken up in ordering provisions, cooking these, and washing up the dishes. You run a sort of hotel at which the guests don't pay. It's a great life if you don't weaken and spend your week-ends at home.

HATS IN ELEVATORS.

(Richmond Times-Despatch.)

When a man takes off his hat in a crowded elevator he runs the risk of breaking, denting or smashing it. Let that go; let him ruin his hat, if he wants to. But he subjects everybody else in the elevator to discomfort; his lifted arm holding his silly hat takes up considerably more space than his arm hanging down at his side. Even the angel whose presence has caused him to look almost the idiot he is suffers from the general discomfort. It's an unmitigated nuisance, this habit of ours, so there isn't a grain of sense in it from the practical viewpoint.

From the sentimental viewpoint it is also glaringly senseless. A group of men and women stand together in a small hall or vestibule, waiting for some elevator to descend to take them. All the men keep their hats on, of course. Then they pack themselves into the elevator which, by chance, has come to a stop. And every man takes his hat off! He doesn't think of taking it off in a 'bus, though that is closed; he doesn't think of taking it off in a street car, though that is closed; he doesn't think of taking it off in the hall of a building, though that is closed. Then why, why in the name of the governor's staff, or the coroner's jury, or any other time-honored absurdity, does he take it off in an elevator?

A PLATFORM OF THE DEAD.

(New York Times.)

The Living Age reproduces a cartoon from a German paper showing a black shadow stretching across the map of Europe and Asia from the North Sea almost to the Sea of Japan. The caption reads that if the coffins of the 11,000,000 men killed in the World War were placed side by side they would make a continuous platform from Paris to Vladivostok. It is the blackest and longest shadow from war that has ever fallen across the earth. It is the most gruesome platform ever pictured before the eyes of the living. But from it appeal should be made for averting such another enormous disaster.

It is a platform, moreover, from which a plank might be taken which should be as a pledge to the thousands of miles of coffined dead that we are ready to take our part with other nations in trying to substitute some sane and civilized method of settling international disputes for one which has become as senseless as the ancient sacrifices of hecatombs of cattle and far more deadly than the barbaric individual combats. We have not only failed to do our share (despite all our philanthropic service of healing and giving food, shelter and clothing), but have sins of commission at our door. Congress has negatived, or at any rate jeopardized, the peace of the Pacific by the affront given our nearest Asiatic neighbors. It will take some unequivocal plank at Cleveland to make up for the shortcomings of the Senate in foreign relations.

ENGLAND'S TAX POLICY.

A rather curious contrast is presented in the matter of tax legislation in England and America. England has a Labor government whose fundamental precepts are distinctly socialistic, and yet its tax policy has been such as to win the enthusiastic commendation of English bankers. On the other hand, America without even a labor party in the field and with a Socialist party that can scarcely keep one member in Congress, continues to bait the big corporations with tax bills that are obviously designed as vote catchers.

England's Labor government has recently abolished the corporations profits tax. This was something neither the Liberal nor the Conservative governments previously in office dared to do. The Labor party certainly did not do this to please big business. They did it because they realized that the way to put the millions of unemployed to work was to retain all the capital possible in business, instead of taking capital out in the form of excessive taxes.

America's tax legislation is being dictated largely by representatives of sections of the country that pay a very small proportion of the income tax and scarcely any of the big corporation taxes. Their policy seems to be to makes the North and East pay the bills. Such a policy naturally is not displeasing to their constituents, and unfortunately many of the voters in the North and East who pay directly only small taxes are inclined to be, at the most, neutral.

The mistake they all make is that in attempting to put too big a burden on business they tend to kill the goose that lays the golden eggs.

TWO RIBS BROKEN.

L. D. Millidge, Cranston avenue, is now at the home of his son-in-law, Dr. F. T. Dunlop, 186 Germain street, suffering from two broken ribs received when he accidently fell off the veranda of his summer home on Long Island, Kennebeccasis River, last Friday afternoon. Mr. Millidge is recovering although suffering considerable pain.

CADETS' PARADE POSTPONED.

Because of the inclement weather the parade of the city cadets which was to have taken place yesterday was postponed until next Sunday. The parade next Sunday will be to the same churches, St. George's in West St. John for the Protestants and the Church of the Assumption for the Catholics.

SEEKS REICHSTAG CONTROL?

Admiral Von Tirpitz, of "submarine warfare" fame, and Prince Otto Von Bismarck, new delegate of the German-Nationalists, pictured leaving the Reichstag in Berlin. International rumors indicate an attempt to "stuff" the Reichstag with royalists and establish a dictatorship with Von Tirpitz as its head.

WHO?

(Forbes Magazine.)

Who teacheth thee to sing, sweet nightingale?
When silver stars illume the purple night?
Who streweth flowers upon the sleeping dale,
When Spring arrives to wake a new delight?

Who giveth thee thy fragrant breath, O Rose,
When raptured dewdrops cling to thy fair breast?
Who lighteth morning skies with golden glows,
When birds begin to call from cloistered nest?

Who clotheth hills in gorgeous autumn dress,
When Summer hath her charming colors lost?
Who sendeth earth this dainty loveliness,
When winds their trumpets blow to hasten frost?

Who telleth swallows in the southland fasts,
When northern climes are warm in sunny ray?
Who guideth pigeons through uncharted vasts,
When men must compass have to find the way?

Who holdeth planets in His hidden hand,
When puny mortals proudly boast of power?
Who raiseth up the meek to take command,
When men of high conceit last but an hour?

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

Purely Business.

"I rejoice that the world is filled with sunshine."

"An optimist, eh?"

"No; awning manufacturer."

The Bobbers

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But woman, pretty dove,
According to the present style
Wants little hair above.

First in The Field.

Speaking of "diabolic rays" and such things, wasn't it old Archimedes who destroyed the enemy's ships by concentrating sun rays upon them by means of concave mirrors?

Practical Definition

"What's a dilemma?" asked one small boy.

"Well," replied the other, "if your father says he'll whip you if you don't let your mother cut your hair, that's a dilemma."

The Complete Angler.

The novice at trout-fishing had hooked a very small trout, and had wound it in until it was rammed against the end of the rod.

Pupil—"What do I do now?"

Instructor—"Climb up the rod and stab it."—Dry Good Economist.

Used His Brains.

He was a clean-cut, wide-awake young chap and he wanted a job. "I have nothing at present," said the corporation manager, "but leave your name and if anything turns up you will be notified."

"May I ask if you have made the same promise to many others," said the applicant.

"Yes, quite a few," was the reply. The boy grinned and remarking that it was no monopoly, he went out.

A few days later a young man was needed in a hurry and seven telegrams were dispatched to seven waiting applicants. Hardly had these left the secretary's office when in walked Johnny on the Spot, holding his telegram.

"How in the world did you get it?" gasped the executive.

"Well, sir," he answered, "the other day as I was going out I stopped and got a job as errand boy. I thought it would be a good plan to be where I could get the news quicker than the others."

"You'll do!" said the manager.—Boston Transcript.

Alaska's salmon-fishing industry employs 25,000 men annually.

SEARCHES REVEAL BUT ONE DESERTER

The first officer of the Norwegian steamer Bestum was in the city on Saturday morning looking for sailors who deserted from the ship at Parrsboro, N. S. With police officers he managed to locate a boy who had shipped on the steamer M. H. Kongshaven. As the mate did not want the lad he allowed him to proceed. He reported that there were a few men missing from the Bestum, and although he watched near the Kongshaven all day he was unable to locate the deserters.

The Kongshavn sailed for Head of Kinsale, Ireland, in the evening after adjusting her compasses outside of Partridge Island.

NORMAL STUDENTS RETURN.

Amongst the Normal School students that returned to St. John on Saturday were Miss Phyllis Watters, Miss Devitta Smith, Miss Bertha Campbell and Miss Mary C. Kirkpatrick. Miss Kirkpatrick is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Kirkpatrick, librarian of the North End library, and has been most successful in her studies. She was on the honor roll in the High School list last year and her musical talent has won for her special recognition.

PROF. CUNNINGHAM TO SPEAK

"Recent Developments in the problem of Railroad Regulations" will be the subject of an address before the Canadian Club of St. John, the latter part of the month by William J. Cunningham, professor of transportation at Harvard University. The subject is one of considerable importance to St. John, and one on which Professor Cunningham is an eminent authority. He will be in St. John to attend the fiftieth wedding anniversary of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham, West St. John. He is at present attending the sessions of the Inter-state Commerce Commission which is sitting in New York, and will be adjourned for a few days at the time of his visit here

ONE BOAT ADRIFT, RESCUER FLOODED

The motor boat Silver Queen, owned by Percy Warren, 248 Britain street, broke from her moorings at Public Landing yesterday morning and drifted down the river. There was no person on board the boat at the time. The motor boat Richard Jr. went to the rescue. The Silver Queen was taken in tow, but not until she had reached Carter's Point. She was brought back to her moorings and safely anchored, but then the Richard Jr. got into difficulty. There was a high wind blowing which made considerable sea and the boat went broadside ashore. When she grounded she took a list with the result that the seas went over the rail into the cockpit and flooded the craft. Abe Day, of Public Landing, arrived on the scene with his horse, which he waded into the shaol water and with a chain attached to the boat hauled her from the bank to deep water. After the boat was bailed out she was found to be once more ready for service.

RECEIVE FIRST COMMUNION.

More than 100 children received their first communion in St. Peter's church at the 9 o'clock mass yesterday morning. Rev. James Cloran, C. SS. R., was celebrant and he was assisted by Rev. James Woods, C. SS. R. Father Cloran spoke briefly to the children. In the evening the exercises of the novena in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help were attended by a congregation which taxed the capacity of the church. Rev. John Murphy, C. SS. R., of Brooklyn, N. Y., was the preacher.

Some 35 boys and girls of St. Rose's parish received their first holy communion at a special mass at 8 o'clock Saturday morning of which the celebrant was Very Rev. C. Collins. Rev. W. J. Mallette assisted. The children sang several hymns during the mass.

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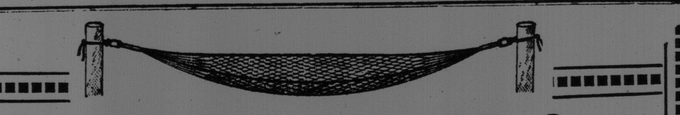

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