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SATURDAY, JULY 15, 1922. PRESIDENT BEATTY TO THE BOYS.

Every Canadian boy and young man and every Canadian parent should read the address which Mr. E. W. Beatty, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, delivered recently at the Shawville Boys' Farm and Training School and which we reproduce today. It is fairly overflowing with the kind of advice that can come only from a man of his unusual type and it is a frank whole-souled effort on the part of a man who is qualified to tell boys entering the world with ordinary chances of success how best to get along, what to do to step up the ladder and how to carry on when they find themselves attaining high places in the industrial, commercial or public life of the country.

EUROPEAN WAR DEBTS.

Le Temps of Paris has evidently concluded that it is useless longer to entertain the hope that the United States will come to the financial relief of its associates in the German war and forgive them the sums advanced to them in 1917 and 1918 to enable them to continue the struggle. There were in the United States, as well as in other countries concerned, points of view of the Montreal Gazette, those who thought that the war outlays should be regarded as a common fund to which each nation would contribute according to its ability. In Europe most who took this ground were thinking of their home interests. It is only now that it is being understood how near to financial collapse were the belligerents when the armistice was won. Each nation is loaded with debt, the interest charges being so heavy that the burden is more than some of them can hope to bear. If they could get rid of the obligations they had incurred to the United States, they would look to the future with something akin to a renewal of confidence. The propriety of the United States voluntarily offering to forgive them their debts has been freely hinted at, even in England; and in the United States itself students of trade have advocated such action, as something their Government could afford to do and also as something that would bring returns through the relief of trade, national and international, that would follow. To the U. S. Congress, however, and evidently also to the people of the country, ten thousand million dollars, is ten thousand million dollars, and not lightly to be given up; nor is this attitude likely to change. So those in Europe who feel that they cannot carry on under their national burdens, accepting the U. S. intimation that Europe should settle its own affairs, turn to Great Britain for the relief that is not to be obtained elsewhere. That, in effect, is what Le Temps' position means. Almost from the start of the war Great Britain was making advances of money to her allies. The financial statements submitted to Parliament on May 1 last in connection with the budget propositions, showed that on March 31, beside £150,000,000 loaned to the colonies, there were owed on war account by the different allied countries the following sums:

Table with 2 columns: Country, Amount. Includes Russia, France, Italy, Jugoslavians, Other states.

Great Britain obtained no advances which can be offset against this vast sum. France loaned the London Government nothing; the other allies could not lend. The chance of getting anything back from Russia, whose ambitions lay behind the immediate cause of the war, are so slight as to be negligible. What is owed by France cannot be demanded for some time yet, when three years after the complete establishment of peace have elapsed. Interest may be demanded after October, next. Italy is striving hard to adjust her financial position; but is less able to pay than France. The Jugo-Slavs, Portugal, Greece and Rumania are unable to pay even if they had any inclination that way. Still they all received Great Britain's money, and are in honor bound to pay, as Britain is bound and intends to pay what she owes to the United States. The British Government is proceeding as if the debts are uncollectable, and will come through with credit unimpaired. Her friendship may leave her, with a terrible debt to bear which her statesmen thought would be shared by others.

THE PROBLEM OF DOMESTIC SERVICE. That the number of persons engaged in domestic service is steadily decreasing despite an increase in the general population is shown by the latest United States census statistics. A tabulation of the returns made under the heading "occupational classes" is analyzed as follows: "Chambermaids diminished 28 per cent., personal attendants—ladies' maids, nursemaids and valets—27 per cent., handmaids and laundresses not in laundries, 25 per cent., dressmakers and seamstresses not in factories, 47 per cent., dressmakers' apprentices, 63 per cent., general servants—maids-of-all-work and butlers—decreased in number a trifle more than 29 per cent."

OBITUARY. Thomas Lawson. St. John, July 15.—The city lost a well known and highly respected citizen yesterday when Thomas Hanford Lawson passed away at his residence, 11 Horsfield street, at the advanced age of eighty-four years. Mr. Lawson was employed in the Government Savings Bank in this city for forty-three years, but had retired from his duties there about two years ago. He is survived by his wife and three daughters, Mrs. P. E. Williams, of this city, and Mrs. E. R. Daniels and Miss Edna F. of Worcester, Mass., also six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

NO PAUSE IN GROWTH CANADIAN BUILDING

1922 Half Yearly Total Sets New Record in Volume of Work Performed

One of the most encouraging features—and there are many of them—in Canadian building statistics for the first half of 1922, is the steady expansion which has occurred, month by month, in the value of work performed. Starting with the small total of \$8,392,000 in contracts awarded during January, the figures compiled by MacLean Building Reports Limited, show a swiftly rising tide, with culminations in the \$35,620,400 record for June, the latest month under review. The progress of the industry may be set forth as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Month, Total. Shows increasing values from January to June.

Analyzing the above table on the basis of locality, it appears that Ontario leads conspicuously, accounting as it does for more than 56 per cent. of the \$132,452,000 half-yearly Dominion total, as follows: Ontario 47,556,500, Quebec 31,294,200, Alberta 4,969,000, Manitoba 3,682,200, Nova Scotia 2,857,600, Saskatchewan 2,656,400, P. E. Island 177,500.

Dissecting the Dominion half-yearly figures once more, this time from the viewpoint of the type of work undertaken, the forecasts made earlier in the year by MacLean Building Reports Limited, that 1922 would be a year of exceedingly active home building, are fully borne out. Indeed, the housing problem, for long a sore in the country's side, is at last being energetically attacked, as the following reveals:

Table with 2 columns: Residential, Commercial, Public Works and Other. Shows percentages for each category.

It is instructive to compare the trend of building over a period of years. The following figures are set forth therefore by MacLean Building Reports Limited, to show the half-yearly total, measured in monetary value, for the past six years. By this standard 1922 stands out as a year of signal achievement, rivalled closely by the present year. But 1920 was a year of abnormally high prices. To gain a truer perspective, accordingly, the actual volume of construction, irrespective of prices, the price index number of all building materials, as in the month of May for each year, has been set down alongside, in terms of 1913 prices. That is, 1913 prices are taken as the base of 100, and prices in May of the six years compared, are quoted in comparison with that base. From these two columns a third is derived showing what the volume of building has been each year by year, estimated in terms of 1913 prices. This estimate is, of course, not wholly accurate, inasmuch as the factor of labor costs enters into price, just as much as material costs. Nevertheless, the comparison is enlightening to a certain degree, particularly as it indicates that the present year has been one of really larger achievement than even 1920.

Table with 3 columns: Half-Yearly Total, Price Index, Compared 1913. Shows volume and price index for 1922 and previous years.

THE CHINESE TROUBLES. Pekin, July 15.—Military governors of the provinces who oppose the present movement in China toward democracy and reform are plunging the country into civil war to preserve their selfish ends, according to a declaration made to the provisional cabinet yesterday by President Li Yuan Hung.

THREE YEARS FOR STEALING BICYCLE

Had in His Possession \$1,500 Worth of Looted Jewelry When Arrested

Sarnia, Ont., July 15.—Archie Black, 19, of Point Edward, formerly of Sherbrooke, Que., was sentenced to three years' hard labor yesterday for stealing a bicycle, three years also for being in possession of goods alleged to have been stolen at Sherbrooke. The sentences are to run concurrently. Black was arrested here by Provincial Constable Oliver on June 9 and he was shot in the back as he attempted to escape. His value was found to contain two revolvers loaded and jewelry valued at \$1,500, all stolen in Sherbrooke and Montreal.

CAMERON OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED

Ralph Connor's Stirring Story of the Northwest Mounted at the Gaiety

"Cameron of the Royal Mounted," the special feature attraction which will be shown at the Gaiety on Monday and Tuesday of next week, is a story of the Canadian Northwest, drawn from Ralph Connor's novel, "Corporal Cameron." In the case are exceedingly active home building, are fully borne out. Indeed, the housing problem, for long a sore in the country's side, is at last being energetically attacked, as the following reveals:

Briefly, it concerns the experiences of a young man who leaves his home in Scotland and goes to Canada, where he joins the force of the Mounted Police, falls in love with a pretty little Canadian lass, and after a series of adventures succeeds in making her his wife. The story is one of fast-moving action, colorful backgrounds, and a romance as sweet as it is unusual. Members of the Royal Mounted have been impersonated by actors appearing in several of Ralph Connor's stories, but until the filming of "Cameron of the Royal Mounted," official authority had always been withheld. The influence exerted by the Rev. Dr. Gordon, now a Canadian statesman, and the fact that Henry McRae, himself a Canadian director, was endeavoring to present a monumental tribute to this famous body of men, succeeded in softening the hearts of the commissioners both at Fort MacLeod, where most of the scenes were taken, and at Ottawa, where the official authority had to be secured.

AN UNBORN CHILD PLAINTIFF IN CASE

Toronto, July 14.—In an unusual action entered at Osgoode Hall the unborn child of P. J. Smith and Mrs. Minnie Smith is a plaintiff with its parents in an action against E. T. Fox for unstated damages for injuries received in an automobile collision on May 27, 1922.

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The seventy-fifth anniversary meeting of the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick was held at Margaree, N. S., starting on Thursday, July 6, and ending on Sunday, July 9. Besides delegates from the Maritime Provinces Rev. Dr. William T. Gunn, Toronto, denominational secretary, and Miss Effie A. Jamieson, of the women's board of missions, of Toronto, were present. The secretary's report included statistics which showed that there were seventeen churches in the union in charge of ten pastors. During the year \$15,000 had been raised for all purposes.

COSTER WINS

New York, July 15.—Frankie Coster, Brooklyn bantamweight, received the judges' decision last night in a twelve-round contest with Midget Smith, of New York.

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