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The Government As a Fur Buyer

The Auditor General's Report which was recently tabled in the House continues the story of waste of public funds, unnecessary and unbusinesslike transactions, unauthorized outlays, and schemes involving heavy expenditures by persons who appear to have been lacking in even an elementary knowledge of financial matters or who were devoid of any sense of their responsibilities.

The instances are many, but for the moment one will suffice to indicate that the statement made is no exaggeration of facts. A few years ago it was decided to permit the trapping of beaver as it was being found that during the "close season" they had considerably increased in numbers. For some reason which has never been satisfactorily explained the trapper was not permitted to dispose of his skins in the usual manner but was compelled to sell them to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries at a fixed price. At the time it was explained that the Treasury would benefit to a considerable extent by this arrangement and the prospective profits were even earmarked for a specific purpose.

The intention was no doubt estimable, but the results, as the following statement prepared by the Auditor General indicates, were lamentable.

Table with columns for Beaver Skins, Account for Year Ending Dec. 31st, 1922, and Expenditure. Includes rows for Balance from 1921-22, Balance from sales, Cash from fines, and Expenditure on Beaver Skins.

We do not deny that this loss may have been due in part to fluctuating prices in the fur markets, but that does not exonerate those responsible for the loss. The fur buyer on the street is in touch with markets abroad and can make the necessary adjustments in prices to guard against such a contingency, but apparently the Government made no such provision. The manner of the disposal of the skins by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries also calls for criticism, but with that side of the question we shall deal on another occasion.

Message Unsigned

We have received a telegraphic message from "Outport Man" in which an appeal against the proposed Act Respecting Alcoholic Liquors is made. The communication would be given space in our columns but for the fact that the writer has not seen fit to furnish us with his name.

Big Sale of Ladies' & Misses' Hats—Marvellous values. Prices 98c, \$1.49, \$1.98, \$2.49 and \$2.98. Come early and get your pick. Hundreds to choose from. RONALD CHAFE, opp. Railway Station.

Glencoe Nearing Humbermouth

RIVER SET OUT TO EXAMINE HULL

The steamer Glencoe, which was detained at Old Perceps yesterday on account of a heavy sea and dense fog, continued the run later in the evening and is making all points of call coming south before arriving at Humbermouth. The management of the railway have decided to replace the Glencoe with the Sagona for the next trip. The latter ship will sail from here on Monday next, and passengers leaving by Tuesday's cross-country express can make connections at Humbermouth. The damage to the Glencoe as the result of her running ashore have not as yet been ascertained. A diver for this purpose was sent out by a freight train yesterday and as soon as the ship arrives at Humbermouth a temporary examination of her bottom will be made after which she will proceed on to St. John's and undergo a thorough examination.

Photos of Our Exhibits on View

On exhibition at the store of Mr. T. A. MacNab & Co. of a number of nicely framed, labelled and arranged photographs of the Newfoundland exhibit at Wembley are attracting much attention and evoking favorable comment. Some of the photos give a general view and others show particular exhibits, etc. The pictures shown are the Nfld. Pavilion, Job's Cod Liver Oil, local bottled fruits, jams and vegetables, Colonial Cordage manufacturers, small game, Grand Falls exhibits of wood and its product, Caribou, Bell Island ores, copper ores, lead ores, eel grass, ropes and lines, the sealing industry, bank fishery, fishing village and the Humbermouth operations. Judging by the photographs the Exhibition Committee have succeeded in setting up an exhibit with the comparatively small amount of money at their disposal and from the amount of interest which it has aroused will undoubtedly prove of the greatest benefit industrially and financially.

Golden Wedding Day

Mr. and Mrs. George Buchanan are celebrating to-day the 50th anniversary of their wedding and are receiving congratulations from numerous friends. Mr. Buchanan, though past the allotted age is almost as active as he was thirty years ago, and is still attending to his duties as engineer at the Court House, a position which he has filled with entire satisfaction for the past twenty-two years. Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan were married by Rev. M. Johnson in the C. of E. Cathedral in the year 1874. The Telegram with their many friends joins in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan on the golden anniversary and hope they will be spared for many years to come.

An Inhumanity

A case which calls for immediate action on the part of the S.P.A. has been reported by several people in Toppit. On the ridge at the back of the settlement is a horse that is in a dreadful condition as a result of which it is starving to death. Its hind legs are terribly swollen and a festering sore on the fore leg prevents it placing the foot on the ground. The animal should at once be destroyed in order to put it out of misery, and in order to prevent other animals from being on the ridge becoming infected. It is surprising that the owner of the animal has not long ago been compelled to attend to the matter. This case was mentioned in the Report of the S.P.A. Secretary as long ago as July 26th when that official advised that the animal should be destroyed. According to the report, the Veterinarian who examined the horse was of the same opinion, but the owner dissented with their view. What we would ask is the object of the Society if its decisions can be disregarded by an individual?

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THE TRAINS.—Thursday's west bound express arrived at Port aux Basques 8:30 last night. The incoming express left Charlottetown at 8:45 a.m. and is due to reach the city at 3 o'clock.

Department Investigating Forests, Pests

The Department of Agriculture is, we understand, taking up the matter of dealing with the "looper" epidemic which is spreading rapidly in the neighborhood of St. John's. The looper, popularly termed the Spruce Bud worm, did considerable damage to the fir trees in the vicinity of Magby's Hill. Reports from other sections of the country indicate that the pest is getting its deadly work on both spruce and juniper. The destructive spruce bark beetle which was discovered last season on the Cowan property, Topsail Road, has not infested our woodlands to any great extent as far as is known. This pest was identified by Dr. Swain, Entomologist at Ottawa, who advised the Department here that if it had not spread far, an effective remedy was the cutting down of the infected trees and destroying them. This beetle breeds in the bark and emerges in June when the young begin their attack on other trees. It has been found that they generally confine their operations to mature trees. The Department has taken steps as advised by Dr. Swain, and on the Thomas Estate, Topsail Road, 100 infected trees have been felled. As far west as Dunscombe Lane and east as far as the Road de L'Anse, a few trees were found infested and were destroyed. East of Bowring Park the pest was also discovered, and the remedy applied. So far about 150 trees have been felled.

Magistrates Court

A taxi driver for a breach of the Street Traffic Regulations was convicted and fined \$50 with the option of 30 days.

A young man arrested yesterday afternoon at the instance of a woman living on Burton's Pond Road, charged with assaulting her and doing malicious damage to property was convicted and fined \$10 and costs.

The evidence showed that the defendant has been in the habit of terrorizing the neighbourhood when under the influence of liquor, and in this manner he occasioned the complainant on two different occasions using threatening language and attempting to do her bodily harm.

Canadian Sapper in Port

S. S. Canadian Sapper arrived in port this morning, bringing a general cargo from Montreal and Charlotte-town. The following passengers arrived by the ship:—E. S. Fraser, P. R. Cummings from Montreal, Miss J. Weir, Miss M. Harris, of Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Tetens who have been on a visit to the city since July 1st return by the ship sailing to-night.

Government Boats

Argyle left Argentia 3 a.m. to-day on Red Island route. Clyde left Campbellton 7.25 a.m. yesterday, outwards. Glencoe is now on her way to Humbermouth. Lyle left Port aux Basques at 9.05 last night for North Sydney. Malakoff left New Perlican 2.45 p.m. yesterday, outwards. Madeline left port at 10 a.m. Fortis left Puntchester 11 a.m. Thursday, going west. Prospero left Nipper's Hr. 5 p.m. yesterday, coming south. Sebastopol arrived at Aquaforte 5 p.m. yesterday.

Personal

Rev. W. C. McGrath of China Mission Seminary, Scarborough, will preach on the Foreign Missions at St. Patrick's Church to-morrow evening. Mr. J. T. Lamb, Jeweller, left by S. S. Digby for European markets to purchase goods. He will also take in the Exhibition. From our advertising columns it will be of interest to note that the old establishment of Alfred Field & Co., Ltd., is being represented here at present by W. H. Heske, who is now back to Paris from France's summer White House at Rambouillet in order to preside over a special Sunday council of the Ministers which up to early this afternoon had been an entirely unforeseen contingency in connection with the International Conference in London. Premier Herriot in London decided suddenly to-day to come back to Paris Saturday evening for a conference with his Cabinet. He will be accompanied home by Minister of War Nolle and Finance Minister Clementel. The fact that the Premier arrived at this decision suddenly after having remained for two weeks in London without taking advantage of the opportunity which meantime had been possible his return to resume contact with his colleagues has caused some speculation in political circles. The reversal of the pre-arranged schedule under which the Cabinet was

Majestic Theatre Announcement

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TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.

ABSENCE OF KING'S SIGNATURE AROUSES COMMENT.

LONDON, Aug. 8. British and Soviet representatives signed the Anglo-Soviet Trade Agreement at six o'clock to-night in a small room at the Foreign Office. There was no ceremony, and only a few officials were present, as visitors and newspaper men were not admitted. Premier MacDonald and Christian Rakovsky, the Russian Charge D'Affaires in London, spoke briefly, both expressing gratification that the conditions had resulted in what they regarded as a decided step forward in the relations between the British and Russian Soviet Government. Premier MacDonald and Arthur Ponsonby, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, affixed their signatures for Great Britain, while Mr. Rakovsky, Adolph Joffe Tomski and M. Scheinman signed for the Soviet. Much discussion has been provoked by the fact that the name of the King is absent from the treaty. But to-night the likelihood was pointed out of the King signing the treaty if it is ratified, as the Constitution requires that this be done.

RESCUE EFFECTED, BUT RESCUERS PERISH.

MONTREAL, Aug. 8. Mrs. A. Jarry, her sister-in-law, Mrs. A. Beauchamp, Pauline Jarry, aged 12, and Claude Boucher, son of Dr. N. Boucher, all of this city, were drowned in the North River at Piedmont in the St. Lawrence this afternoon. The party was bathing and went to the rescue of some children who were playing on a raft. The children were saved but the two women, the boy and the girl were unable to get back to the shore and sank. All of them are from Montreal. A troop of Boy Scouts who were passing at the time went into the river in an effort to save the victims. They succeeded in aiding the children, who had fallen off the raft, but could not reach their would-be rescuers. The bodies had not been recovered to-night.

TEN YEARS DOMICILE GIVES BRITISH EQUAL RIGHTS.

VICTORIA, B.C., Aug. 8. Definite announcement is expected here soon by the immigration authorities to the effect that some relaxation will be shown toward British born subjects in Canada desiring to enter the United States. It has been proposed that all Britishers who have resided in Canada more than ten years may be allowed to enter the United States on the same status as a Canadian citizen. This would overcome the difficulties the United States immigration officials in Canada are experiencing with many enquiries from British subjects of long residence in Canada. Under the present system the British Government has allowed ten per cent. of its quota to British subjects in Canada.

EVERY FORTY-SECOND CHILD A TWIN.

OTTAWA, Aug. 8. Just about every forty-second child born in Canada, says January 1 is a twin. Vital statistics assembled from one province in Canada except Quebec shows that 47 pairs of twins—and one trio triplets were added to Canada's citizens in January, 1924. In the total birth registration of 12,224—one set of triplets occurred in Manitoba. Vital Statistics for Quebec are not available but the average probably holds.

FRICITION BETWEEN FRENCH PREMIER AND WAR MINISTER.

PARIS, Aug. 8. President Doumergue is coming back to Paris from France's summer White House at Rambouillet in order to preside over a special Sunday council of the Ministers which up to early this afternoon had been an entirely unforeseen contingency in connection with the International Conference in London. Premier Herriot in London decided suddenly to-day to come back to Paris Saturday evening for a conference with his Cabinet. He will be accompanied home by Minister of War Nolle and Finance Minister Clementel. The fact that the Premier arrived at this decision suddenly after having remained for two weeks in London without taking advantage of the opportunity which meantime had been possible his return to resume contact with his colleagues has caused some speculation in political circles. The reversal of the pre-arranged schedule under which the Cabinet was

PEPYS BEHIND THE SCENES.

August 8th.—My wife this day taken with a fit of melancholy, and will not answer me yes or no to my questions. So much frightened, I to foan for Dr. Blubb, who coming tells me there is naught wrong with the wretch, nor can he give her anything to cure her melancholy. But Lord, how cute is the woman, for coming on her suddenly I do see her gazing at a catalogue of the latest dresses, and so cured her instantly with the promise of one of them. The Prohibition Committee sitting this day, divers people heard by details but the principle unchanged. This Bill like to come before the House next session and may be passed this session. Indeed, apart from all private opinions, I do think it better that men should drink legally than that they should drink and break the law in the doing of it. Much wind all the evening, and the weather mighty oppressive, so I to stay at home all evening and to bed betimes.

TENSION IN INDIA SUBDUED.

LONDON, Aug. 8. Despatches from India state that the tension between Hindus and Moslems which caused serious rioting in Delhi a fortnight ago, has partially subsided though the situation is being carefully watched by the authorities who are taking extra precautions to prevent a renewal of rioting on the occasion of the forthcoming Muharram Festival. Meanwhile a controversy has arisen in India as to whether the military were responsible for firing on the rioters and killing some of them in the Delhi affair. Two of the Vernacular papers (Tej and Argum at Delhi denounce the official statement that no rioters were killed by military fire.

AIRMEN OPPOSE ABANDONMENT OF FLIGHT.

REYKJAVIK, ICELAND, Aug. 8. World flight of the United States army aviators who already have completed 21,000 miles in their efforts to put a girde about the earth seemed in danger of being abandoned yesterday owing to ice conditions off Greenland which are declared to be the worst in twenty years. Lieut. Lowell H. Smith who is in command of the flight and Major Crumming of United States Army Air Force were called into consultation by Rear Admiral Thomas P. Magruder on board the cruiser Richmond. The conference was called to consider the question of calling off the flight for this season. Both Lieut. Smith and Major Crumming argued that there still were hopes for completing the projected hops from Iceland to Greenland and thence to Labrador.

BRITISH TRADE STATISTICS.

NEW YORK, Aug. 8. British imports and exports both showed considerable improvement for the first half of this year compared with the corresponding period of 1923, the Bankers Trust Company announced to-day. The total value of imports was \$98,823,297 pounds over first six months of last year. Exports were valued at \$88,464,802 pounds, an advance of 5,781,715 pounds for a similar period of 1923. Re-exports at \$4,128,131 pounds were also up 10,264,247 pounds in the six months.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE SUSPENDED OVER WEEK-END.

LONDON, Aug. 9. The work of the International Conference called for the purpose of putting Experts Reparation Plan into effect is being virtually suspended over the week end while Premier Herriot returns to Paris for a Conference with members of his cabinet. M. Herriot it is understood, desires to have defined finally the stand French delegates shall take regarding the demand of Germany for evacuation of the Ruhr and the question of maintaining Franco-Belgian railroad men in Rhineland system which Germans also protest.

Old Editions Bring High Prices

LONDON, July 18 (A.P.)—A first edition of Swift's "Gulliver's Travels," dated 1726, was sold at Sotheby's auction room recently to an American for \$3,825, a new high record for the edition. A first edition of Thackeray's "Vanity Fair" brought \$1,235.

An Arrest Made

In connection with the smashing of the wind shield of a motor car which occurred on the Freshwater Road, the police have arrested a 17-year-old resident of that section. The charge of doing malicious damage will be preferred and the hearing will take place on Monday.

Pearline for easy washing.

WINDARD'S LINIMENT FOR RHEUMATISM. LET'S REMEDY.

Automobilist Chokes Wildcat

SNARED WITH BAILING WIRE DEVICE. GRAND JUNCTION, Colo., Aug. 2 (A.P.)—Victor Douglas, a miner, was driving with a companion in an automobile near here recently when a wildcat crossed the road in front of them and climbed to a ledge on the cliff above the road. Douglas snared the beast with a long stick and baling wire. The enraged cat sprang, but Douglas dodged and was able to keep it from closing in on him by whirling it around him at the end of the wire. Finally Douglas began to grow dizzy and giving the wire a final swing, he hurled it against the cliff and dashed for his car. But the bobcat did not move. The men found it had been choked to death.

Free State

SEEKS TO BUILD UP FOREIGN TRADE THROUGH EUROPE. DUBLIN, July 30—(A.P.)—The debate on the estimates recently in the Dail showed that the total cost of the Free State Ministry of External Affairs is \$231,246. Of this amount \$142,945 is spent on foreign representatives. The main purpose of the latter is the improvement of Free State foreign trade, which, it is claimed, has increased to \$806,245. The representative at Washington is approved as a special case and Minister Desmond Fitzgerald said it was expected that the Washington office would pay for itself. The cost of passports from the United States is to be \$10.

Lapps Turned Their Backs

ON ROYAL PHOTOGRAPHER. THE HAGUE, Holland, July 17 (A.P.)—Queen Wilhelmina, her consort, Prince Henry, and the young Princess Juliana have selected a holiday resort which is somewhat out of the usual where royalty is concerned. They are spending a month in Northern Lapland, well above the Arctic Circle, where they are living the simple life, making excursions on foot, sleeping in the Lapp reindeer camps and attempting in tourist hats like ordinary folk. The Queen has a passion for photography, but a violent dislike to being snaphotted herself. According to letters received here, the Queen found her dislike shared in an unexpected manner by the picturesque Lapp nomads whose objection to being "snapped" is based on religious grounds. Every time the Queen leveled her camera at them they at once turned their backs and fled. The royal party will return to Holland by way of the Norwegian fjords.

Australians Increase

Melbourne, July 3 (A.P.)—The population of Australia as of March 31 was estimated at 4,777,262. This is an increase of 241,898 over the last official census, taken in April, 1921.

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Alfred Field & Co. Ltd., Birmingham, Sheffield, London, Liverpool & New York. Take the present opportunity of thanking their Newfoundland patrons for the liberal patronage they have enjoyed during the past 50 years, and recognizing that the confidence established can be best maintained by demonstrating that they are fully prepared to cope with present commercial world conditions. With that object in view, MR. W. H. HESKETH, now on a world tour, has opened a SAMPLE ROOM AT 343 WATER STREET, where he, with MR. MACANDIE, the resident agent, will be pleased to meet Wholesale Importers. aug.11

Home Brew Privileges Sought

LONDON, July 18. (A.P.)—Great Britain is a beer-drinking nation, according to a petition prepared by the Chamber of Commerce of Glamorgan, Wales, which has asked the government to restore conditions pertaining prior to the war when farmers were permitted to brew beer for their families and workmen without payment of taxes.

British Rulers Meet Dominion Legislators

LONDON, July 18. (A.P.)—Among the many events in which King George and Queen Mary have participated during this busy season, that at Westminster Hall adjoining the House of Commons recently was probably the most interesting to them. Here they met, informally, virtually all the leading members of the Dominion Parliaments who are visiting the mother country. The gathering was the first meeting between the king and his empire legislators. There were no formal speeches, just a homely chat between king and empire rulers. The king and queen were received at the entrance by the Lord Chancellor, the speaker of the House of Commons, Labor Cabinet members and other high officials, after which they were presented individually to the various overseas representatives.

Here and There.

BUTLER CROCKS 40c. and up S. O. STEELE & SONS, LTD., opp. Seaman's Institute. AT THE G.E. CATHEDRAL.—The Rev. Edward Reid will be the preacher at the morning service at the Cathedral to-morrow.

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BOBN.

On August 8th, 1924, a son to Mr. and Mrs. John Peddie, 237 South Side. On August 8th, at the Grace Maternity Hospital, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Holmes.

IN LOVING MEMORY

of my dear wife, Ellen Collins, died August 2nd, 1923, aged 38 years. R.I.P. One precious to our hearts has gone. A voice we loved is still. A place is vacant in our home That never can be filled.

Far beyond this world of changes, Far beyond this vale of tears; We shall find our dear beloved one In that heavenly mansion fair.—Inserted by her husband and children.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mrs. Geo. Rumsden, of Carboneau, wishes to sincerely thank the Doctors one and all of the General Hospital, also the Sisters, day and night Nurses of Cowan Ward, and all kind friends who visited her during her illness at the institution.

WINDARD'S LINIMENT FOR RHEUMATISM.

LET'S REMEDY.



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Prince of Wales' Rink.

Special summer rates for Garden Party Dances, Boxing, Wrestling, etc. \$25 per night. (N. B. — "Regatta Night" is gone). Bookings may be made with the Royal Stationery Co., 130 Water Street, or with P. E. Outerbridge, Sec.-Treas. St. John's Skating Rink Co. Ltd. July 7th.