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The Party Ltd.

A recent decision of a Montreal superior court may have a profound effect on the organization of political parties in this country.

Mr. J. P. Chauvin, Progressive Conservative candidate for Hochelaga in the 1949 Federal election was promised by his "party chieftain" Ivan Sabourin that the party would pay all his usual election costs.

In this case the promise was only for a candidate's election expenses, but party members habitually make promises of much vaster extent, little thinking that they can be held personally liable for their fulfillment.

Unless the decision is reversed on appeal we may expect to see the various political parties in this country hastening to secure for their members and agents the protection of incorporation as limited companies.

Government Tyranny

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, former Prime Minister, recently addressed the British Columbia branch of the Canadian Bar Association and, as was to be expected, gave them something to remember in respect to Government tyranny.

"As long as the whole accent is on eagerness to save our lives we shall surely keep on losing them. That is why the emphasis must be shifted from hopes for a secure world to determination to achieve a free world.

"In this day and generation our most essential pre-occupation surely should be to keep right in the front of our minds, every hour of every day, the lesson which history has plainly taught, that of all tyrannies of man over man the tyranny of Government is the easiest to create and the hardest to destroy; that while we must guard ourselves, against enemies from without whom we can identify and meet, we must also guard with equal zeal against the well-meaning, misguided persons living right among us who would lead us into dependence on the paternalistic State—the paternalistic State which is always ready to gather us in ever-increasing debility and stagnancy under its lordly wings.

"Speaking before this gathering of lawyers, I can invoke with a firm confidence the great name of Brandeis, who adorned until recently the Supreme Court of the United States. In a celebrated judgment he declared that the final end, the embracing end of the State was to make its people free to develop and expand their faculties; and, to ensure the survival and the sovereignty of that principle, he urged that they must never for a moment forget the transcendent truth that liberty is the secret of happiness and that courage is the secret of liberty.

"The ringing, imperious call of this time is that we recapture the spirit of Brandeis, of Jefferson, of Spencer, of Burke and many more luminous figures who have enlightened and inspired our past."

No Santa Claus

By decree of the Russian occupation, no Santa Clauses or angels may be manufactured this Christmas season in the Soviet zone of Germany. Instead, dolls dressed to look like members of the Communist Youth Movement are to be placed on sale in East German toy shops.

As an exchange points out, no substitute for either Santa Claus or the sweet-faced angel dolls that Germans make so beautifully could be as dreadful as a doll wearing a uniform and carrying a Communist flag. Undoubtedly, German children will prefer the old, disreputable toys, which their mothers bring down from the attic, to the new Communist occupation issue. If the demand for their youth organization dolls is slight, perhaps the Russians will be persuaded that Santa Claus, being an idea, cannot be eliminated by proclamation.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow, 24th Sunday after Trinity.

At long last some public action is being taken to lay the foundation of a museum in the Capital City, without the aid or initiative of City Council or City representatives in the Legislature.

The Korean war is now definitely one of "power politics", being waged for control of great hydro-electric installations which supply power to large sections of Manchuria.

To those who would query the value of by-elections which cannot effect the Government's tenure of office, the information made public about the conduct of public business provides a more than sufficient answer.

The Island has lost a great hockey coach in "Murph" Chamberlain but hockey here has gained immeasurably by his work. One and all will hope that he also will profit fully by his remarkable achievement.

On Tuesday Canadian and American officials will meet in Washington to plan a unified civil defence programme. We may well reach a point where aid can be efficiently given from across the border in cases of disaster.

A news item from Cheyenne, Wyoming, records how one politician disposed of his pre-election pledges. In a newspaper advertisement, after thanking his supporters, he announced: "All promises made in the heat of the campaign are hereby retracted; they are null and void and of no further value."

The Holman's have generously got behind the beautification movement with a special prize of \$100 to each of the outstanding homes in the three counties. This will add zest to the now popular beautification contest originated by Lieut. E. W. Johnstone of Burlington, whose own beautiful home is already an attraction for tourists and other visitors.

The old order of joint meetings was for each candidate with one supporter to speak, making four speeches in all. If a candidate did not choose to exercise his right, he could give his time to some other one. Now evidently the time of the joint meeting is to be occupied by a host of speakers to the detriment of the candidates and the electors. This is almost certain to kill the efficaciousness of joint discussion.

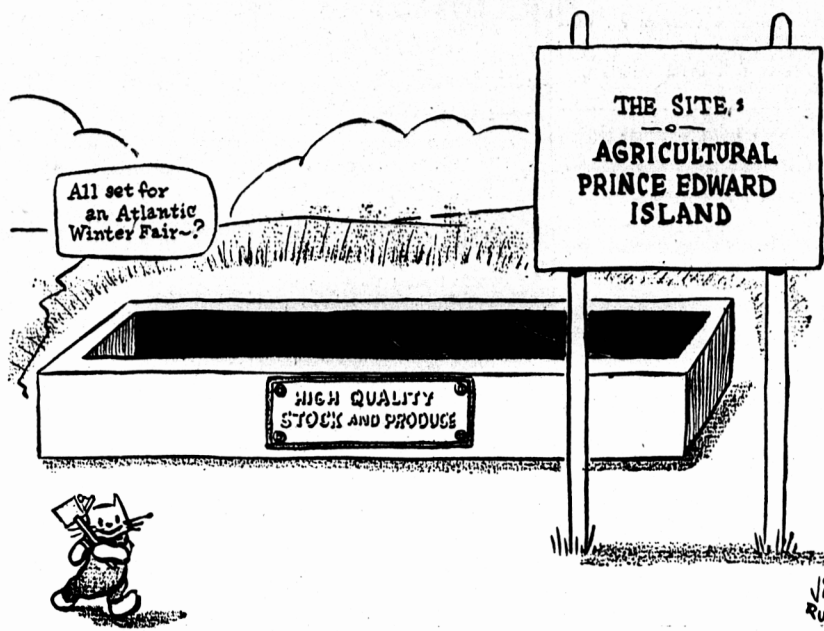
Our new Health Centre in Prince St. marks another step in advance in socialization of our medical service, a policy steadily being followed by the Government. In the present instance the health of animals as well as man will benefit from the combination of the public health laboratory and the agricultural laboratory and their equipment.

Sir David Wilkie, Scottish painter and etcher, born this date 1785. The most distinguished of British genre painters, he entered the Royal Academy Schools, Edinburgh, at the age of fourteen, and four years later produced "Pittessie Fair", his first important picture, followed by "Village Politicians", "The Blind Fiddler", "Rent Day", "The Chelsea Pensioners", "The Penny Wedding", and many others. He was elected A. R. A. in 1809, R. A. in 1811, appointed limner for Scotland in 1823, and knighted in 1836. He visited Scott at Abbotsford in 1817, and painted "Sir Walter Scott and Family." Later he visited the Holy Land, and died on his way home, being buried at sea in 1840.

Egg prices on November 10 this year and previous years. The prices quoted below are for Grade A Large. At Montreal and Toronto the prices are those at which graded shipments are selling to wholesalers. At other points quotations are prices to shippers for ungraded eggs.

Table with columns for Year (1950, 1949, 1948) and rows for Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Edmonton, Regina, Charlottetown, and various provinces (B.C., Alta., Sask., Man., Ont., Que., N.B., N.S., P.E.I.).

Foundation For A Showcase Of Our Own



Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.) MR. HENSLEY'S MISSION

On June 15, 1867, Hon. John Hensley, Attorney General, was authorized to proceed to England on behalf of the Prince Edward Island Government for the purpose of raising £50,000 loan from the Union Bank of London to be applied in payment of lands purchased, or to be purchased, from absentee proprietors; also to apply to the various proprietors of township lands, resident in England, Scotland and Ireland, and to ascertain from them the terms upon which they would be willing to sell their lands to the Government.

Following his arrival in London Mr. Hensley addressed letters to Colonel Cumberland, Lady Georgiana Fane, Viscount Melville, and Miss Sullivan, and (through Colonel Cumberland) to Lady Wood and Miss Fanning, stating that he was authorized to ascertain whether they were willing to sell their estates to the Government, and, if so, upon what terms, and requesting a personal interview in order to explain the position of matters in the Island, and the views of the Government on the land question.

He received from Colonel Cumberland a letter dated 13th July, 1867, from Buxton, informing him that Lady Wood and Miss Fanning were then in Paris. Replying to that part of his letter which related to the proposition to treat with him and Mrs. Cumberland for the purchase of their estates, Colonel Cumberland wrote: "All I can say is, that we are not disposed to part with our Estate on the Island except on terms which would yield us the same amount of income we are at present deriving from it. Indeed I do not see how it can reasonably be expected we should do so on any other; but, if such were offered to us, we should only be too happy to dispose of all our interest."

In a subsequent letter to Col. Cumberland, Mr. Hensley gave the following instances of terms on which proprietors had sold land to the Government:

The Worrell Estate, an estimated area of 70,000 acres, cost £23,500 currency, about 4s. sterling per acre, and was paid for in debentures bearing interest at 5 per cent, payable annually—the principle payable in ten years. The Selkirk and Montgomery Estates, together, cost £17,366 5s. 9d. currency, paid one half in cash, and the other half in debentures, payable in ten years, with interest at 5 per cent per annum. (The Selkirk Estate comprised 62,059 acres, the Montgomery Estate 15,347 acres.)

The Cunard Estate, area 212,000 acres, cost £79,500, currency, or £53,000 sterling. £5,000 was paid at the time of executing the deeds of conveyance, debentures being issued for the balance in three instalments of £7,166 13s. 4d. each, payable on 1st Jan. 1867, 1st July, 1867, and 1st Jan. 1868, with interest in each case at 6 per cent; balance of £26,500 payable at the expiration of ten years from date, of purchase, bearing interest at 5 per cent and secured by the Government.

On Aug. 7, Mr. Hensley received a letter from Lady Wood and Miss Fanning, stating that they regretted being unable to furnish detailed information regarding the area of the land owned by them, the amount under lease, gross annual rental, and probable arrears of taxation—"information which they themselves have been very desirous to obtain for some time past, and which it is quite necessary they should possess before they can decide upon the terms upon which they would dispose of their property to the Crown." They agreed to urge upon their agent, Mr. Charles Wright, the necessity for their being furnished with this information.

On July 13, Mr. Hensley interviewed at Fulham, near London, Miss Sullivan, owner of about 70,000 acres on Townships Nos. 9, 15, 22 and 61. She expressed herself as then unwilling to part with her estates on the Island, but determined to visit them personally, and then finally to decide what course she would pursue. On July 16, Mr. Hensley called at 7 Portugal Street, Park Lane, London, upon Viscount Melville, proprietor of 10,023 acres of land on Township No. 29, and 1,152

The Poet's Corner

A GRAVE A grave seems only six feet deep And three feet wide, Viewed with the calculating eye Of one outside. But when fast bound in the chill loam For that strange sleep, Who knows how wide its realm may be? Its depth, how deep? —John Richard Moreland.

The Age-Old Story

God shall redeem my soul from the power of the grave, for he shall receive me.

acres on Township No. 53. His Lordship discussed the matter very freely, and finally, although he could not name a price at which he would sell, agreed to direct his agent in Prince Edward Island to get me on my return, the information on all points respecting his Estates, as to the area, annual rent, and probable amount of arrears, etc. to enable me to take the views of the Local Government on an offer to purchase his Estates, which offer His Lordship expressed himself as willing to receive."

Subsequently he received from Lord Melville's agent, J. R. Bourke, the following statement: "On Lot 29, 10,023 acres, rental £587; arrears due 31st Dec. 1866, £3,616. On Lot 53, 1,182 acres, rental £68; arrears due 31st Dec. 1866, £281."

On July 29, 1867, Mr. Hensley went to Yeovil, in Dorsetshire, and had an interview with Lady C. Georgiana Fane respecting her estate at Crapaud, on Lot 29, which comprised about 9,000 acres. He urged her to offer her lands to the Government, "but found her unwilling at that time to part with them." He also interviewed Sir Graham Montgomery, proprietor of a portion of Lot 34, a result of which he expected a communication from Montgomery's agent, Hon. T. H. Haviland.

"I did not apply to the Rev. John MacDonald," Mr. Hensley wrote to the Government at home, "because I had reason to believe that his interest in that portion of Townships Nos. 35 and 36 from which he receives now his rents amounts to a life estate only, and therefore, that he could not dispose of it absolutely in fee simple, as contemplated by the provisions of the Land Purchase Act."

It was not until 1875, under a new Land Purchase Act following the Island's entry into Confederation, that the question of absentee proprietors' estates was finally disposed of. Under the terms of union a sum of \$900,000 was placed at the disposal of the Island Government for the purchase of the estates, which were then resold to the tenants and new settlers.

BIG INCREASE Australia received 370,000 permanent migrants from abroad between 1947 and 1950.

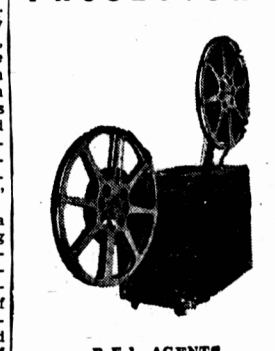
Language Co-operation

(Ottawa Journal) Recent Canadian naval despatches from Korean waters indicate that the R. C. N. so far is having very little trouble with the language problem in co-operating with military sea and shore units of other countries. In addition to frequent contacts with British and Commonwealth ships, the Canadian destroyers have business also with units of the French, Dutch and South Korean navies. Liaison with the South Korean navy, important on coastal operations, is relatively simple. An English-Korean officer is carried on board Cayuga, the Canadian division leader, to translate signals. In addition, Ordinary Seaman Akamitsu Kobayashi, a Japanese-Canadian member of Cayuga's ship's company, does naval chores ashore in Japan and in Korea where Japanese is widely understood. The Netherlands ships have an English-speaking liaison officer, as have the French.

The establishment of a language of command among United Nations forces in the Far East is essential to the efficient co-operation of a composite force. Since the supreme commander is an American, the form of language must necessarily be English. But the problem of language is more subtle than the mere adoption of a dominant language to be used for maintaining the continuity of command among national groups of many different tongues.

Military terminology varies widely between nationalities. Liaison officers of World War II often prayed for a common lingua franca in which the commander's intention in a combined tactical operation could be instantly perceived and translated into the proper technical orders. Lexicons and dictionaries were of little use where speed and lack of confusion were vital. Tragic blunders sometimes resulted from the inability of the dominant language of command to be translated freely into action. Canada is helping to solve the military language problem by inviting officers of the many nationalities represented in the North Atlantic pact to study at the national defence college in Kingston. Tactical and strategic problems are

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Notes By The Way

The D'Oyly Carte Opera Company has started a six month's tour of North America. The tour includes two weeks in Toronto and will be the first visit of the company to Canada since 1935. In Toronto the Company will play the Mikado, the Gondoliers, Trial by Jury, the Pirates of Penzance, Inland and Patience — UK Information Office.

A woman writes to an advice column, asking "What should I do when I find lipstick on my husband's shirt collar?" Our answer, remove as much of the pigment as possible with blotting paper and a not iron, and then rub the remainder gently with soap and warm water. Oh, and you might try sprucing up a bit, too. —Peterborough Examiner.

The horse is not able to keep up the pace set even on narrow city thoroughfares by the conquering motor car and truck. It is not so agile when the traffic light changes its color. It cannot weave in and out of traffic with the same daring ease that marked the automobile of today. In a world speed-mad this is a terrible indictment. Some of us, however, are apt to look back with regret to the days when the pace set by old Dobbin was fast enough for us. But such regrets are futile. Speed has come to stay with all its curses. The horse must give way, his steady disappearance made abrupt probably by traffic ordinances. — Woodstock Sentinel-Review.

The presence in Ottawa of Anthony Eden as the guest of the Governor-General recalls that Mr. Eden has long been accepted in the United Kingdom as the most likely leader of the Conservative Party should Winston Churchill retire. In his memoirs Mr. Churchill reveals the confidence he had in the then foreign minister. In 1942 the King had suggested the Prime Minister advise him on who should be asked to form a government. Mr. Churchill, however, before setting out on a flight to America which was fraught with considerable danger, Mr. Churchill wrote the King advising that in case of his death His Majesty should choose Mr. Eden, he wrote, "in my mind the outstanding minister in the largest political group in the House of Commons and in the

studied in English. In addition, Canadian officers have been sent to many foreign army institutions, and the R. C. A. F. has a similar program of its own. But the complete solution of the language barrier to full military coordination of United Nations forces is going to be a big job, and one which will test the cooperative aptitudes of all.

Advertisement for 'AGRICULTURE' by Hyndman & Co. Ltd., describing the importance of agriculture to the economy and offering insurance services.

Advertisement for 'PROFESSIONAL CARDS' listing various professionals such as Bell & Mathieson (Barristers, Solicitors), John P. Nicholson (LL.B.), Palmer & Haslam (Barrister, Etc.), Byron J. Grant O.D. (Optometrist), J. A. Carruthers (Optometrist), J. A. McGuigan (Notary, Etc.), and H. R. Doane & Co. (Chartered Accountants).