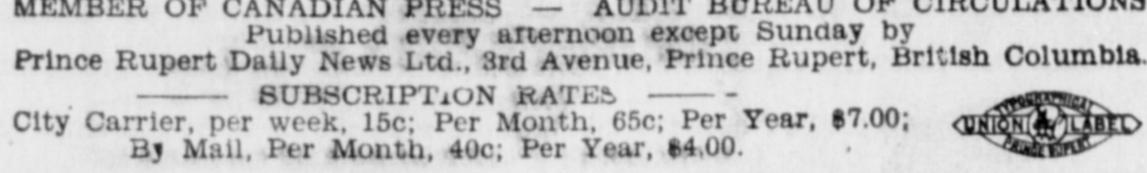
---- SUBSCRIPTION RATES ----



Austerity ...

A USTERITY they may call it but, taking the dim-The mest view possible of the prohibitions and restrictions placed on Canadian buying and living habits under the government's dollar-saving program, there is a long way yet to go in the cramping of living standards before the people of this country will be doing any real suffering.

We may have to put up a little longer with things we have already, change our buying ways a bit, deny ourselves a few things if we are to make ends meet on our personal budgets but, on the whole, it will amount to little more than getting back toward wholesome thrift after the splurge we have been having the last few years.

In fact, it will be a good experience for the most of us and, with no one really suffering from the things we are denied, we can well accept the suggestion of the Prime Minister that we look beyond the temporary adjustments, even if they might seem a little distasteful, toward the wider horizons and the long-run objectives on the road to which the new restrictions are only passingly incidental.

We have come through many worse things than these restrictions can possibly present in the way of trials or discomfort.

ORGANIZING MERCHANTS

THE MOVE of local retail merchants to reorganize an association is to be welcomed. Healthy competition by way of vying to give the public service and value does not remove the desirability of getting together to settle on certain common methods of practice and service.

Often matters come up in which the merchants are mutually interested and there is inconvenience, embarrassment and misunderstanding through having no central body representative of all which can get together from time to time to deal with such matters and make decisions.

IN NELSON'S MEMORY

AN EIGHT-ROOMED MANSION in Britain known as the Nelson Estate may soon fall to the highest bidder. It is costing more and more to keep as it should be kept and the increasing expense is too much. The Nelsons are the direct descendents of the victor of Trafalgar.

An appeal is now being made to save the estate for the nation. The land consists of 3,500 acres. Relics and reminders of the life and deeds of the admiral are numerous and of priceless value.

· It is indeed right that the memory of the man whose genius and devotion led to British naval supremacy for a century should be revered for-

But it does not follow that the same reverence need apply to those who, later, can claim kinship. After all, they are just people bearing the name of Nelson. The relics of a national hero can be taken care of in fewer than eighty rooms. Times have changed. The bread and butter questionrestoration of prosperity-count today. It is possible to think just as much of Horatio as ever and at greatly decreased cost.

TRADE AND COMMUNISM

N A RECENT ISSUE of "The Tribune", a Toronto Communist paper, there is an article on trade and trade expansion. It tries to point out that we are losing a golden opportunity and endangering our future by failure to open up trade with "the new democracies"-Russia and her satel-

Here is the way the Tribune puts it:

"There is an alternative for Canada—the only road to trade and peace—and that is, while naturally preserving trade with the Americas, to break away from U.S. domination by sending missions to the U.S.S.R. and the European states, '(that is the satellites)' to conclude mutually profitable trade agreements; to take the initiative in calling a Commonwealth economic conference where the resources of the Dominions and Britain can be used to help to build up the new democracies, '(Russia, YugoSlavia and Albania)' by selling our goods to them and importing from them."

Now this would all be very delightful if Russia believed in trading with other nations but Russia has peculiar conceptions in regard to trade. Never have we been able to do an important import or export business with that country, whether under the Czars or under the "new democracies" of Messrs. Stalin, Vishinsky and Tito.

From 1869, which is about as far back as our trade returns go, and coming down to the beginning of the war in 1939, there was only one single year in which our imports from Russia amounted to over a million dollars and only nineteen years in which our exports to that country amounted to over a million dollars. Trade with Russia almost dropped out of sight between 1931 and 1939-exports in one year fell to \$1,201.

In the same period from 1869 to 1939 our total imports from all countries expanded from \$63,000,-000 to \$658.000.000. Exports grew from \$56,300,-000 to \$970,000,000.

Smiles and Chuckles

That shrill shriek of laughter | They tell this story about a came from the fellow who saw politically appointed worker in he bureaucrats' simplified in- one of our larger cities. He had

just finished a leisurely meal come tax form. and was perusing the newspaper Mrs. Knowitall: "It is best for when his wife exclaimed: Had' a girl to marry an economical not you better be egtting back to

man, you know." the office?" Daughter: "I dare say, mother. But it's awfully trying to be engaged to one.' thought I was at the office.

Two little boys had just heard the story of William Tell for the USELESS . . . first time.

"Do you really think he shot the apple?" asked one. "Naw." said the other.

think he shot the bull."

Proud of having a new arrival in his home, little Johnnie announced to his school teacher that he had a new sister and she had cost more than a hun-

dred dollars. "Goodness," the teacher replied, "isn't that a lot of money

for a tiny baby? 'Yes, but think how long they last!" was Johnnie's reply.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

sentence? "His work is com

2. What is the correct pro-

nunciation of "malpractice?"

pletely finished."

tility" mean?

bottoms, either."

5. What is a word beginning with "ve" that means "acting with great force?" 1. What is wrong with this

"You're right," he replied.

You know, for a minute

out one day and vaguely remem-

bered that he had to get hi

walked into a shop and saw som

counter. He looked at them an

Then he picked one up and

"Absurd," he muttered. "Abso-

lutely absurd. They have no

wife some preserving jars.

displayed upside-down on

said. Absolutely useless.

poked at the other end.

things have no mouths."

1. Omit completely. To finish means to complete. nounce both a's as in at, principal accent on second syllable.

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is misspelled? Sacrament, pre dicament, impedament. ity is worse than plain beggary. 4. What does the word "gen- Proverb. 5. Vehement.

PRINCE RUPERT YEARS AGO

November 20, 1922

S. D. Macdonald, president o the Prince Rupert Trades and Labor Council, was appointed to 140 years ago. the B.C. executive of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress. There were four other son and Victoria.

poured down the cliff at the of township development. I south side of the City Hall wandered from its regular course and flowed in the door of the jail. Chief of Police W. H. Vickers, his constables and the pris-All professors are supposed to oners used tin cans and buckets be absent-minded, but this one to keep ahead of the flood. was worse than usual. He was

Mayor Harry Rochester returned from a trip to Victoria on the Prince Rupert. He had been in the south attending convention of the Union of B.C. Municipalities of which he was an executive member. He declined to say whether he planned to run for office in 1923.

NO LONGEER PEST

SYDNEY, Australia, -Australia is beginning to turn her excessive rabbit population into something more than a liability. During 1945 and 1946 she exported 28,558,000 pounds of day rabbit skins and one factory alone cans 2,000 carcasses a day

PUP'S LITTER PUZZLES IPSWICH, Eng., ()-The case of a three-month old pup giving 3. Which one of these words 3. Impediment. 4. Dignity birth to five perfectly formed of birth. "Gentility without abil- puppies, each about one inch long, has veterinary experts puzzled.

SHOP EVEN OLDER HITCHIN, Hertfordshire, Eng. (P)-A rare specimen of an Eng-

lish chain-driven watch, discovered in a crevice of a mountain wall, was returned to the workshop where it was made

AFRICAN CIVICS

DAR ES SALAAM, Tanganmembers from Vancouver, Nel- yika, (P)-With arrival of a town planning expert from the United Kingdom, Tanganyika, A torrent of water which Territory is planning a program



"Here's something I have often thought about," remarked the Old Timer this morning. "Have you ever noticed that, in efforts at planned economy, there is a new emergency requiring temporary measures o more planning, arising almost every

It happened over and over again in the days when the Nazis were getting under way in Germany and when the Fascists were taking over Italy. New emergencies were always arising, and new decrees for their solution followed as a matter of course, usually excused as just temporary. But they always remained in force.

"It happened too in the early days of Mr. Roosevelt's administration in the United States, the days when the 'New Deal' was blossoming and all the theoretica economists and college

professors were called in to establish a planned economy. It was just one emergency after another, one more control after another, until finally the whole thing just about blew up, and Mr. Roosevelt went back to his original belief that free enterprise, within limits, would operate to take care of most of the country's difficulties.

"You can see it happening in England now where the planners are in charge—always a new emergency, a new 'temporary' measure to meet it, and the freedom of the people being whittled away more and more every day.

"All in the best of intentions, of course-like that easy grade on the road to hell.

I've yet to see a planned economy anywhere in the world that I would like to live in."

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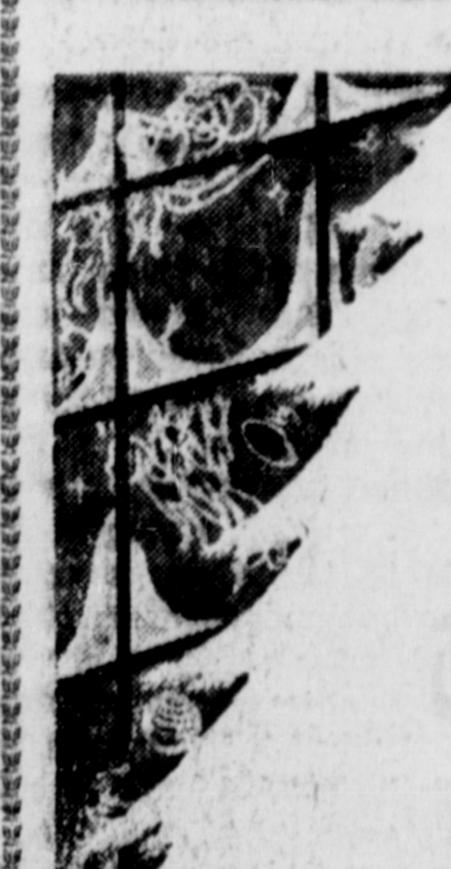


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