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Cesspool Of Corruption Is Strong Language.

H. H. Stevens behind the privilege of parliament makes a slashing charge at the customs service of this country. He ought to be compelled to back up his statements. If they are true, then a thorough investigation should be made and the culprits punished. It is difficult for us to believe, however, that there is anything like wholesale corruption in such an honorable service. Doubtless there are customs officers, just as there are men in any walk of life, who do wrong things and who make profits for themselves at the expense of the public or of their neighbors. These are but few and our opinion is that the same obtains in the customs service.

It is to be hoped that Mr. Stevens will be specific in his charges and that the government will act quickly and thoroughly on those charges. They should be either proven or withdrawn.

King George Reads Speech From Throne.

Despatches from England yesterday make it seem as if King George was asking the different factions in parliament to try to agree among themselves so that the country might not suffer. This is not exactly correct. The speech is written by the cabinet and placed in the King's hands and it is the Conservative government of Great Britain that asks parliament to agree with them. In other words the government is asking the opposition not to oppose some measure, probably a protective measure, that they are about to introduce. The King is the mouthpiece for them.

Why Allow Criminals Free On Technicality.

Because of a technicality criminals, who have been regularly tried and convicted have been allowed to go free. Not only has the country been put to great expense for nothing but the people have been taught disrespect for the efficacy of the law. This is not by any means the first time that a judge has given that kind of judgment. Doubtless he thinks he is doing right but he is none the less a danger to the community. One particular judge is always singled out by lawyers who take up those cases because he seems to be the one who will lend them a sympathetic ear. He may be technically right from a legal point of view, but the people of the country do not see it that way. They think more and more that the law is an ass, when interpreted in such a manner.

There seems to be a difference between law and justice. Lay people are taught that the courts are courts of justice, but lawyers call them "law courts" which is quite a different thing and just what they often are. Chief Justice Hunter was sitting in a "law court" when he let those men go free and not in a court of justice.

Utilities Audit May Be Good Thing.

As long as it is not too costly an audit of the utilities department for the purpose of finding out if our utilities have been really paying should be enlightening. It is to be hoped if such an audit is conducted that the auditor will use plain English in his report and make it quite clear to the lay mind what he means. So many reports of auditors mean nothing to the average person because the average person is not trained in the ways of an auditor.

Take as an instance the average financial statement produced at a public meeting. Very few people realize what it means. They cannot even read it intelligibly. In this case the information is needed so that the people of Prince Rupert may know how they stand exactly in regard to the public utilities and it is to be hoped the audit will make that clear without any "ifs" or "buts."

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BETTER TIMES THIS COUNTRY

Royal Bank Monthly Letter Tells of General Improvement in Financial Conditions

LUMBER ONLY EXCEPTION
Fewer Commercial Failures and Merchants Depend Less on Borrowed Capital

The conclusion that the year 1925 marked a decided improvement in the economic condition of Canada can now be supported by a variety of statistical evidence, the figures of foreign trade, bank debits, railway loading and earnings all show an increase over those of the previous year, says the Royal Bank monthly letter.

The chief source of improvement is to be found in the increased productivity in the primary industries of agriculture, mining and fishing. The total yield of wheat, provisionally estimated at 422,327,000 bushels, is the second largest crop in history and compares with 262,000,000 bushels last year. There were substantial increases also in the coarser grains. The preliminary official estimate places the total value of the field crops of 1925 at \$1,112,694,000 as compared with the final estimates for 1924 and 1923 of \$995,235,900 and \$899,226,200 respectively. The increase is largely accounted for by the value of the wheat crop \$466,755,000 which is the largest on record. The crop was exceptionally well distributed and with more balanced relations between agriculture and the other industries, the farming community is in a better position to support general trade activity than it has been in several years.

Foreign Demand

A change for the better has come over the live stock industry. Cattle receipts at the leading markets were heavier and stockyard returns show a substantial increase. There was a keener foreign demand for Canadian cattle and the export of animals and animal products both in volume and value exceeded those of the previous year.

Dairying continues to make gratifying progress, especially in the middle west. The production of creamery butter and cheese was larger and is estimated in the aggregate to have returned the largest revenue in the history of the industry. Exports of butter from Canada for the twelve months ended 31st October 1925 were 30,813,735 lbs. against 21,415,324 lbs. in 1924 and 12,214,984 in 1923. The fishing industry in the Maritimes had an exceptionally good season. A larger number of vessels were engaged and the total landed value of the catch was substantially in excess of the previous year. The total salmon pack of British Columbia was approximately 1,625,000 cases of all grades, a little less than in 1924 when a record was established. The sockeye pack was slightly larger than last year and export demand was stronger.

Mining Advance

A great advance has been made in the mining industry both in the development of established fields and the discovery of new mineral areas. Gold production for 1925 reached a record value of \$35,768,000. Lead and zinc show large increases and the market for these two metals has been strong. A marked improvement is also noted in the production totals of nickel, copper and cobalt. Asbestos production increased but coal, owing to protracted labor troubles, showed a loss in tonnage from the previous year. The total value of Canada's mineral output in 1925 has been officially estimated at \$228,440,000 an increase of \$18,857,000 over the figures of 1924.

Pulp and Paper

The pulp and paper industry had a fairly satisfactory year despite a tendency to lower prices. Newsprint production was well maintained, and for the first time on record the output of Canadian mills exceeded that of the United States. The total

output for the first eleven months was 1,313,121 tons, an increase of 112,469 tons over the corresponding months of last year. The expansion of the pulp and paper industry in Canada has been remarkably rapid. From 1919 to 1924 the capital investment increased from \$275,767,000 to \$459,457,000, while in the same period the total value of the output advanced from \$140,186,457 to \$223,749,645.

The improvement in the business and industrial situation became more pronounced in the fall and was fortified by the general increase in agricultural purchasing power, which gave a stimulus to all activity. The number of freight cars loaded, which is the best general index to the volume of commodities moving in trade, began to improve in the second half of the year and the loadings for 1925 exceeded those of the previous year both for merchandise and in the aggregate.

Mills Are Busy

The farm machinery industry has emerged from the depression of recent years and both domestic sales and exports have been in substantially larger volume. The cotton mills have been operating at a higher rate in recent months and the industry is in a much more favorable position with cheaper raw material. The situation in the woollen goods industry, however, continues unsatisfactory owing to foreign competition aggravated by depreciated exchanges. Other lines of textiles, including knitted goods and clothing have experienced a revival and reports as to the prospects for trade are almost everywhere better.

Buying generally, however, continues on a conservative basis, although here and there are indications of future commitments being made on a more extensive scale. Commercial failures for the year both in number and extent of liabilities, show a considerable falling off. There has been a movement toward consolidation in the wholesale trade and generally speaking the business of the country is in stronger hands; inventories are low and merchants are depending less than formerly upon borrowed capital.

Construction work has played an important part in the increased business activity. Building operations have been going forward on an enlarged scale and the total value of contracts awarded for the year is estimated at \$297,973,000, an increase of 7.8 per cent over the final figure of 1924.

Canadian Automobiles

The automobile industry continues to expand. The production figures of cars and trucks in Canada for the ten months ended October 1925 exceeded by 8357 the total production of 132,580 for the entire year of 1924. The industry has been benefited by the restoration of the McKenna duties in Great Britain and export business has increased over the previous year, as well as domestic sales.

During the year considerable progress has been made in the removal of obstacles which since the war have blocked the way to the development of international commerce and the general trend of world trade has been towards recovery.

THE MAN IN THE MOON

COURAGE is all right, but look what happens the courageous trout.

BRITISH Parliament opened yesterday and there was a gale blowing.

WOMEN may not be strong but one of them will succeed often in carrying off a big sturdy man.

IT'S just a week from next Sunday when St. Valentine will be with us once more. And on a Sunday too! When shall we have a party?

HE had a cold. She had one too. He said "good night." She said "kerchoo."

YOU have heard the old story that while figures may not lie, liars can figure. Well, I don't figure that's me so you don't need to say it is.

JUST around the time of the Burns' banquets a lot of people were asking what is haggis?

BRITISH COLUMBIA
The Mineral Province of Western Canada
TO END OF DECEMBER, 1924.

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Aggregate Value of \$859,427,386
Production for Year Ending Dec. 1924, \$48,704,604

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Victoria, British Columbia.

N.B. — Practically all British Columbia Mineral Properties upon which development work has been done are described in some one of the Annual Reports of the Minister of Mines. Those considering mining investments should refer to such reports. They are available without charge on application to the Department of Mines, Victoria, B.C. Reports of the Geological Survey of Canada, Pacific Building, Vancouver, are recommended as valuable sources of information.

Why not ask what is hash?

THERE were a lot of young folks at the new United Church ball this week. They were just gymdandies.

WITH a lot of the old men it's a consolation to think they were good when they were young.

"HURRICANE swept town," says a headline. Yes, I know several towns that would be better for sweeping, even if it had to be done by a hurricane.

Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert

February 4, 1916.

F. W. Wesch, Kitsumkalm rancher, writes a letter to the Daily News expressing satisfaction with the appointment by the city council of Frank Clapp as manager of the city market.

Major L. Bullock-Webster, who has been seriously ill at Vernon with typhoid fever and pleurisy, is now recovering and has been granted three months sick leave. He intends to proceed to England and rejoin his command on the continent.

C. O. Rowe had a narrow escape yesterday when a gasoline tank in his shop exploded blowing out the glass front of the store in the Kerzin Block. Mr. Rowe was thrown by the force of the explosion against some pipes and slightly injured his back.

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GOVERNMENT LIQUOR ACT.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO TRANSFER OF BEER LICENCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, on the 27th day of February next, the undersigned intends to apply to the Liquor Control Board for consent to transfer of Beer Licence Number 389, and issued in respect of premises being part of a building known as The Royal Hotel, situate at the corner of 6th Street and 3rd Avenue, in the City of Prince Rupert, B.C., upon the lands described as lots eleven (11), twelve (12), Block thirty-two (32), Map nine hundred and twenty-three (923), in the Province of British Columbia, from James Postulu, to James Zarelli, of Prince Rupert, British Columbia, the transferee. Dated at Prince Rupert, B.C., this 30th day of January, 1926.

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