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BACK LOCAL INDUSTRY

Prince Rupert people should back the local industry and insist that if licenses are to be distributed to the canneries, the Seal Cove cannery shall get its share. True, it did not operate for salmon last year but neither did Cunningham's. This industry is the only one of its kind in the city of Prince Rupert. Also if it is operated in the salmon canning it is likely to operate in canning clams and every little counts. We want every industry we have and must as a city be willing to back those operated here.

IMPORTANT CONVENTION

The Conservative convention now in progress at Winnipeg is one of the most important gatherings of public men that has ever been held in Canada. The Conservative party is now in opposition and during such a period is the time to formulate policies and discuss affairs. The opposition has not the responsibility of a government. Its business is to oppose and criticize and to take a part in improving legislation which is being passed by the government forces. It looks for weaknesses instead of for strong points. Now and then, however, it has to forsake that policy and let the country know that it still is a constructive force. Therein lies the value of a convention. There it selects leaders, formulates policies and passes resolutions and the leaders from different sections meet each other and the rank and file meet the leaders. That mixing with fellow politicians is one of the important features of the gathering. They learn the necessity of mass action and get rid of provincialisms by rubbing up against their fellows.

ALL SHOULD REGISTER

Those residents of the city who are not registered property owners must register as householders if they wish to vote at the forthcoming election. The fact that they have paid their taxes does not entitle them to be on the list. There is more to do than that. They must appear before one of the city officials and make a declaration. It is a simple thing to do, but quite necessary. Possibly next January they may find they very much wish to vote but unless registered they cannot do so. The time to register is now. Today or tomorrow is the time, before it is forgotten.

GOOD SUPPORT FOR LEADER

Sir Robert Borden urged his fellow Conservatives to give good support to the leader when he is chosen. That is what some of the Conservatives of British Columbia seem not to have done. They urged Dr. Simon Fraser Tolmie to take the position and then when he had commenced his work, there was a movement to unseat him and replace him with the former leader, W. J. Bowser. That smacks rather of the methods of the Mexicans. They are never satisfied and are always ready to change leadership. The only way to make a success of a party of any kind is to stick to a leader when he is chosen, unless he proves later that he has not the ability for the position. Dr. Tolmie has as yet had little chance to prove himself. The weak spot in his leadership is that he is not in the Legislature and does not seem to be willing to risk his present position at Ottawa in order to assume his proper position in this province.

SUPPORT RIDLEY HOME


Support is being asked from the people of Prince Rupert for the Ridley Home. The place is different from anything else. It is simply a home to which children may be sent by parents residing outside the city, too far from schools to be able to take advantage of them. It also takes care of children who have no homes. It is self-sustaining, so far as the general upkeep is concerned, but the buildings are provided free of cost. Money is now being asked to provide new buildings in order that the scope of the institution may be extended.

The difficulty with the Ridley Home is that its work is carried on so quietly that many people hardly know that it exists and others do not understand what it is for. A visit to the cottages would be the best means of finding out about it. It is pretty sure that anyone who investigates will decide that this is something worthy of support.

A bachelor is bound to become self-centred because he has to sit at home and argue with himself.

Guard the children's health

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BUSINESS IN CANADA GOOD

Royal Bank Optimistic Over Present Situation Throughout Country

BETTER THAN STATES

Employment in This Country Above Average and in U.S. it is Below

The excellent wheat crop in the west is the outstanding factor in the Canadian agricultural situation. Alberta expects to harvest the largest crop in the history of the province, and the reports from Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Ontario are sufficiently favorable so that there is little question but that this year's crop will be nearly 100,000,000 bushels larger than that of 1926. Fall wheat is now being planted and the farmers of Ontario apparently intend to plough twice as large an acreage as was ploughed in the fall of 1926.

Naturally, the prospect of good business in the farming districts is having a satisfactory effect upon wholesale and retail trade and manufacturing. The situation is exceptionally satisfactory.

The manufacturing situation is classified as excellent because a high level of activity prevails in almost every manufacturing industry in the Dominion. While the newsprint industry was working at higher capacity in 1926 than in 1927, the capacity of the industry has been much increased in the past year; production is increasing in Canada, and decreasing in the United States. Electric energy generated has attained new high levels during the year, but rapid expansion in this industry can no longer be considered exceptional in Canada. There might be some question as to the classification of the forest industry but for the fact that the bad times in the lumber industry have already been discounted and that the actual volume of business in 1927 is well ahead of that recorded in 1926. The continued low level of the price index of lumber and animal products is the only important unfavorable element in the general price situation.

The expansion in various lines of Canadian business which has taken place in the past few years may be measured in a number of ways; but to secure any very accurate picture of the per capita productive capacity of the country, it is necessary to have statistics showing the aggregate value of all the different products manufactured as well as the value of field and mine and forest products. Statistics of this type are not available until they are too old to be of much more than historical value.

EMPLOYMENT

On August, 1927, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index number of employment for all industries reached 102.2—a new high level; the index of employment in manufacturing reached 93.9, the highest point since 1920. It is interesting to note that new high levels have also been attained recently in the employment indices for mining, transportation, construction, service and trade. On July 1, 1927, the United States Bureau of Labor statistics index of employment stood at 89.1.

Before an attempt is made to compare conditions in the United States and Canada, it is important to learn the meaning of these index numbers. The Canadian index number is a comparison of the volume of employment in the current month under discussion and that during January, 1920. The United States index number is a like comparison between the current month and the average volume of employment throughout 1923. In an effort to make a direct comparison between these two index numbers and to eliminate the seasonal factor from both indices, Professor Gilbert S. Jackson of the Economics Department of Toronto University compiled tables showing the average index number of employment by months in both countries from 1921 to 1925 inclusive.

BETTER THAN U.S.

According to these statistics, employment in Canada in August, 1927, was 13.7 above the average of the Augusts in 1921-1925, and employment in the United States was 2% below the average for these years.

From December, 1924, to the present time, there has been a steady and rapid rise in the level of employment in Canada, while from January, 1925, until July, 1927, the level of employment in the United States has not quite held its own.

It has been estimated that between 1919 and 1925, the number of wage earners in the United States in manufacturing industries declined 6.7%, while the quantity of manufactured products increased at least 25% in that period. On this basis it is estimated that output per worker increased 34% during that period.

It is difficult, if not impossible, to secure similar estimates concerning Canadian industrial production. Canadian industrial efficiency in 1919 was on a somewhat lower level than that which prevailed in the United States. Since that time, however, there has been a rapid increase in per capita use of electric power in Canada, and this would suggest that the increase in per capita manufacturing production in the past few years has been as great in Canada as in the United States. When the increased number of workers in industry is also considered, one has a remarkable basis for estimating the present level of Canadian manufacturing production.

Southbound from Alaska to Vancouver, C.P.R. steamer Princess Alice, Capt. Thomas Cliff, is due in port tomorrow afternoon.

Man in the Moon

LYING is a bad habit and truth telling is sometimes a vice when telling it injures your neighbor.

IT'S no wonder people do not believe in evolution in these days of speed.

BABE Ruth will be dropping out pretty soon and then I expect to get his place as the star knocker.

NEVER mind, children. Hallow E'en is coming pretty soon.

THERE'S a man down east who says he uses balloon tires because they are easier on pedestrians.

NATURALLY the dry bones of the tariff will be rattled a little at the big Winnipeg convention this week. How could a Tory party exist without a tariff?

ONE way to keep cookies and doughnuts safe from juvenile hands is to lock them in the pantry and hide the key under the soap on the washstand.

A PAPER down in New York published this: "John H. Dakin, from New York, is now in town. Factory experience enables him to do all kinds of repairing to both pianos and players."

PROPOSALS ARE DISCUSSED FOR PROVINCIAL AID IN SECURING PROTECTION OF SALMON, B.C.

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are permitted at all.

The important point to be considered in this connection, however, is the fact that the Japanese have placed their case in the hands of one of the leading lawyers in eastern Canada and this case shortly is to be placed before the Supreme Court of Canada for a decision. They are asking first for a declaration that the Dominion government has no power to discriminate as between British subjects in the issuance of fishing licenses, or alternatively that the Dominion government has no right to require anybody, whether he be naturalized or not, to take out a fishing license. In other words, that the right to fish shall be open to anybody and everybody who cares to fish. If the Japanese should win their case experts point out all that has been done in the past to make the salmon fishing industry to be a white man's industry will be wiped out and the Japanese within a very short space of time would be in possession of all the salmon fishing operations in B.C.

According to the data gathered by the Provincial Bureau of Information 98 per cent of the Japanese who come to Canada stay in B.C.

Apart from these considerations, it will be understood that Japanese workmen particularly in the fishing industry are content with standards of living and rates of wages which under no consideration would be satisfactory to the white man. This obviously makes it particularly difficult for the white man, the Canadian, to compete with the man from the Orient, and it also is well known that the Oriental is being brought and has been brought into Canada on the assumption that he works for a very low rate of wage with the understanding that his labor is being paid for by the promise eventually of Canadian citizenship, quite an important consideration.

MUCH AT STAKE

Incidentally at the present time regulations are in force whereby Japanese fishing operatives are not permitted to work in pilchard reduction plants and next year if regulations at present in force remain operative, no Japanese will be permitted to dry salt herring and operate salmon salting plants. If the Japanese are successful in their present campaign at Ottawa, however, it will be understood that these regulations will be disposed of completely.

Canning interests naturally are concerned about the outcome of these representations. They think and perhaps not without some reason, that there is a real danger of an important industry involving one of the great natural resources of B.C., passing out of the hands of the white man into the hands of the Japanese. They look upon this as a destruction of both considerable capital investment and a source of employment for the white man consequently they put much store upon the services which Premier Maclean and Attorney General Manson may render



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