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EDITORIAL

OUR HIGHWAY

With action on the Alaska Highway through British Columbia as an international defence project, there is also good reason to suppose that the highway to the coast at Prince Rupert will be linked up with the undertaking we are advised in well-informed quarters that the Prince Rupert phase of the great undertaking is being seriously considered. Meanwhile, Premier Pattullo and his provincial government have not ceased pressing Ottawa for federal assistance for the Prince Rupert road as a national highway project. Possibly Prince Rupert's highway connection with the rest of the world may not be so far off in accomplishment as it might have seemed even though it has taken the menace of war to clarify its necessity.

SESSION OF LEGISLATURE

Owing to the all-important business of war effort, the announcement of the opening of the British Columbia Legislature session does not appear to be a matter of much moment. Nevertheless, war or no war, the provincial administration has its important task of carrying on. Possibly, its functioning is even more important than in peace-time when, from the public at least, it receives a good deal more attention than it does today. Even in furthering the war effort, the provincial governments have an important role to play. Therefore it behooves us to continue our interest in them.

Earlier in the year there was some suggestion that a provincial election might be held before long. However, we are assured now that nothing along that line is contemplated in the immediate future. The present Legislature has two years to go yet and there appears to be nothing at the moment that would warrant the government making an appeal to the people before the time has expired.

OVER THE TOP

By the time this appears in print, Canada's Second War Loan, the books for which close at noon tomorrow, will probably be "over the top." It took the small investors of Canada longer than usual to realize that, if Canada's bonds are not good, neither will be the money in the bank or in the "sock" for that matter. Also, it might have been pointed out but the fact was not stressed, that, if the people had not chosen to contribute voluntarily, the government had the power to get its cash requirements by less pleasant means. However, that, happily, will not have to be resorted to at this time. It is a point, however, that might be remembered because there is nothing to indicate that this will be the last war loan. Indeed, unless there is some unanticipated and sudden change in the situation, generally, we may anticipate there will be several more.

Meanwhile until tomorrow there is still the opportunity for people to avail themselves of this pleasant opportunity of helping to win the war. Those who are able to and have not yet done so should not delay longer.

For the very small investors there will still be the war saving certificates and stamps which are quite as good as the bonds and equally effective as far as helping in the war are concerned.

AUSTRALIA IS VOTING

Government Has Had Hard Going
And Labor Opposition Is Divided

CANBERRA, Sept. 21: (CP) — The Australian coalition government led by Prime Minister Robert Menzies, whose fate is being decided at the polls today, with labor groups as the opposition in the general election, has had a stormy career since it was formed in May, 1939.

A split developed between the United Australia Party and the United Country Party following the death of Joseph Lyons, prime minister and leader of the U. A. P. in the spring of last year. It hinged on personal antagonism between Mr. Menzies and Sir Earle Page, U. C. P. leader.

When Mr. Menzies formed a cabinet Sir Earle refused to cooperate and bitterly attacked the new prime minister in the House of Representatives.

Fate of the Menzies government hung in the balance for several months, since the U. A. P. needed support of the Country party to avoid defeat in the lower house. Obstructionist tactics by the U. C. P. didn't help matters.

When war broke out a coalition became inevitable. It was made possible by the resignation of Sir Earle as U. C. P. leader. His successor was A. G. Cameron. Finally, six months later, the coalition was formed. The partnership has been uneasy and the two leaders—both individualists—haven't pulled together smoothly.

Efforts by Mr. Menzies to get Labor to accept seats in an all-party government were without success.

Labor Split Too

The Labor opposition, led by John Curtin, also has its troubles. For instance, in New South Wales, three sections of Labor are contesting seats in the September 21 elections. All along, there has been a dissident left wing group of nine members in the House of Representatives. This group includes J. T. Lang, former New South Wales state Labor leader, who remains a stormy petrel of politics. This faction has compelled Mr. Curtin to move warily. Because of this, he rejected offers to enter an "all the talents" government under Mr. Menzies, though emphasizing Labor's support for the British Commonwealth in the war effort.

The left-wingers are mainly concerned with domestic political issues including restoration of Mr. Lang to party leadership in New South Wales.

Possibility of a deadlock after the election is foreseen by some observers. The government is expected to retain a majority in the lower house. But in the Senate it must capture 14 of the 19 vacancies to hold its majority.

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Messenger "13" Gets In Movies

Winnipeg Boy Caught Eye of Director and Is Given a Part

WINNIPEG, Sept. 20: (CP)—Ray Beque, youthful Winnipeg Canadian Pacific Railway telegraph boy, delivered a telegram the other day and became a movie actor.

Ray was spotted by a director of the film "49th Parallel," now being "shot" in this area, as a perfect double for Eric Portman, one of the leading men. Offered the job of playing the part of a Nazi aviator, Beque speedily accepted. He says lucky charms had nothing to do with his good fortune. He is listed as No. 13 on the C.P.R. records.

Scottish Grouse Intrigue Gotham

Even With War On New York's Fancy Eaters Get English Pheasants, Too

NEW YORK, Sept. 20: (CP)—The Nazi "Total Blockade" of the British Isles hasn't made any appreciable change in the menus at Twenty One Club, sometimes known as Jack and Charlie's, where Manhattan's gourmets don't mind paying fancy prices for imported delicacies such as Scottish grouse, English sole and pheasants.

Jack Kreindler, one of the partners in the West 52nd Street lounge for cafe society, said he has been receiving shipments of pheasant and sole quite regularly and has been notified that a shipment of 500 brace of grouse is en route. Due to the secrecy surrounding ship movements, he was not certain when they would arrive.

Last fall Jack and Charlie's sold 650 brace of grouse to their patrons, the price to customers being about \$5 a bird. Import prices are lower this season, due to exchange and the fact that the demand is slower in the United Kingdom and other markets.

AMBITION TO BUILD

TORONTO, Sept. 20: (CP) — Most Rev. James Fielding Sweeney, who is dead here, served the Church of England in Canada for 52 years before retiring in 1932 as Archbishop of Toronto and Metropolitan of Ontario. Broken in health, he relinquished supervision of Canada's most populous diocese after a prelacy of 23 years.

Capable and courageous, Archbishop Sweeney brought to his high post a dignity and impressiveness that made him an outstanding figure in any assembly. Throughout his long term of office, the short, bearded churchman displayed a tremendous capacity for work and study.

His incumbency was notable for the long — and in the end unsuccessful — struggle to complete St. Alban's Cathedral, the foundation stone of which was laid by Archbishop Sweatman in 1887. In season and out, as bishop and later as archbishop, Bishop Sweeney sought to implement the pledge, made at his consecration in 1909, to complete this structure.

The cathedral project, an ambitious one, proposed the erection of a large Gothic structure, 343 feet in length, in a residential section in the northwest centre of the city. The choir of the cathedral was built early in the '90s. During his term as head of the diocese, Archbishop Sweeney raised approximately \$125,000 which was spent on the foundation and crypt. For many years part of the foundation has been roofed over in the hope of completing the superstructure.

From its inception the plan for a pretentious building failed to elicit the support expected by its original sponsors. Subscriptions were slow in coming and, after the Great War had dealt the project a severe blow, a disastrous fire in 1929 practically put an end to hopes cherished by the archbishop. Bitterly disappointed, he sought to revivify the scheme but, a month after the fire, the synod of Toronto voted 103 to 29 against it.

He retired September 30, 1932, only a few months after becoming metropolitan on the death of Archbishop David Williams of Huron. Two years later the synod decided to complete a portion of St. Alban's for use as a parish church. The episcopal seat was removed to St. James in the downtown area when it was named as pro-cathedral in 1935.

Divide Over Appointment
Archbishop Sweeney's elevation in 1909 from the rectorship of St. Philip's Toronto, to the Bishopric came as a result of protracted discussion in the synod over the appointment of a successor to Archbishop Sweatman. Controversy raged between the High and Low Church parties. The former desired the translation of Bishop George Thornicroft from Algoma and a deadlock ensued when the Low party insisted on naming Canon H. J. Cody, rector of St. Paul's, Toronto, later president of the University of Toronto.

Neither could be elected and the synod compromised by appointing the popular rector of St. Philip's. He had been in charge of the parish for 27 years. It was his only post as rector in Toronto. He had come from Montreal soon after his ordination in 1880.

Born in London, England, November 15, 1857, Archbishop Sweeney came to Canada 11 years later, his parents taking up residence in Montreal. Educated at McGill University and Montreal Diocesan Theological College, his ordination was followed by two years' work in a Montreal parish.

Highly regarded in and out of the church for his consistency and fair-mindedness, the archbishop's sermons were thoroughly sound on the fundamentals of the Christian faith. Mankind's need of the supernatural in life met with adequate recognition in his preaching and he was especially happy when treating on questions of applied Christianity.

Doctrinally, Archbishop Sweeney would be best described as a moderate churchman. His preaching was remarkably devout and fre-

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quently noted for its simplicity, especially in addresses to children at confirmations.

He could hit straight from the shoulder. With only a few sympathizers he faced the big Toronto synod in 1929 to put forward the claims of St. Alban's Cathedral. Despite the synod's strong disapproval of the proposal to go ahead with the scheme, the diocesan head declared the grand chapter of St. Alban's was an autonomous body and would proceed with the building.

Claimed Old Mandate

"I took a mandate to carry on from the synod of 1910," he told the synod. "I have asked to be allowed to continue until I die. After that you can do as you like. I feel I have opened my mouth into God and I cannot go back."

"The very men who are bringing pressure to bear, if I yielded, would despise me in their hearts. I would go down to posterity as a man who was a coward and wouldn't stand to his guns."

With characteristic straightforwardness, Archbishop Sweeney threw all his weight to the cause of prohibition of the liquor traffic. He issued a formal letter to the clergy of his diocese during the campaign of 1921 when importation was the main issue. It was a challenge to moderate drinkers in which he fought the personal liberty argument.

"Surely as followers of the self-denying Master it is reasonable that those to whom liberty has never meant license should be willing to impose upon themselves a self-denying measure in the interests of those whose moral strength is insufficient to resist temptation," he wrote.

He concluded his farewell sermon at St. Alban's with the words: "I commend you to God and to the word of His grace which is able to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified. God bless you with all the riches of blessing in Christ Jesus."

Following his resignation, Archbishop Sweeney, on account of poor health, made few public appearances. He continued to take

Veteran of War Would Go Again

Invalide Home From First Division.
He Wants to Rejoin C.A.S.F.

CAMP DUNDURN, Sask., Sept. 20: (CP)—Private William Moore who came to camp here with a non-permanent unit is one of the few men in Canada who is a veteran of the present war and has re-enlisted for service.

He went overseas with the First Division and was returned to Canada after receiving injuries. Since then his health has improved rapidly and when a machine-gun unit was being recruited he volunteered and passed the medical test. He is now trying to enlist in a unit of the Canadian Active Service Force.

Canada At War 25 Years Ago

Sept. 20, 1915:—Germans started a drive through Serbia to help the Turks against the Allies. Bulgaria opened her frontiers to German troops, war equipment and supplies to pass through to the aid of Turkey against the British and French.

BALKED PRISON TUNNEL

MANCHESTER, Eng., Sept. 20: (CP)—Shot by guards and police, one man was killed and another injured when they were trying to make a tunnel into a military detention prison.

great interest in public and church affairs but the death of Mrs. Sweeney in February, 1936, saddened his retired life.

Twice married, his first wife was Georgina Bostwick of Berthier, Que., who died in 1893. They had two children, Mrs. R. H. Edmonds and Mrs. C. P. Lieblich. In 1900 he married Catherine Boomer of Toronto.

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