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New Markets

AN ENCOURAGING sign in the development of Canadian markets is the agreement signed with Venezuela.

For too long now, Canada has been playing for the big markets in the United States and Britain and giving little thought to smaller markets in smaller countries.

One great advantage with many small customers is that they are not all apt to "go broke" at the same time.

With the development of markets in the smaller countries, the fact that one of them becomes temporarily embarrassed for the wherewithal to pay would have little effect on Canada's national economy.

The move is one that should be greeted with extreme gratification by Canadians and one that should be encouraged.

ON CRITICISM

EVERY person, and particularly every business person, should know two things about criticism—how to give it and how to take it, says the monthly letter of the Royal Bank of Canada.

Neither is an easy art. We are likely to be very pert at criticizing others, and reluctant to accept advice.

There are many kinds and degrees of criticism. The business man out of whose good judgment comes a suggestion for a change in method of production is displaying a constructive kind of criticism.

Criticism can be used and met constructively or destructively. It can be the means by which men receiving it climb, or it can be used to bolster the critic's vanity.

Criticism in its highest sense means trying to learn the best that is known and thought in the world, and measuring things by that standard.

Society could not exist without criticism. Discontent is the first step in the progress of a man or a nation.

Criticism is the essence of democracy. Rigid social systems like Communism will never tolerate it.

But all critics, whether social, business, art or personal, should look at all sides of a case before judging. They might have inscribed over their desks a few words from Burns' To the Unco Guid:

"Ye high, exalted, virtuous dames, Tied up in godly laces, Before ye gie poor Frailty names, Suppose a change o' cases."

FRIDAY THE THIRTEENTH

TODAY is Friday the thirteenth. To some, the day may seem nothing more than any other date in the calendar.

It's just another superstition. This day is just Friday, as a week ago was and as a week from now will be.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE FOR TODAY

"If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things that belong unto thy peace."—Luke 19:42.



As I See It

By ELMORE PHILPOTT OLD DOGS AND NEW TRICKS

IN ANSWER TO my recent query about teaching old dogs new tricks, most readers say, "Yes, you can."

They mean this both ways. They say you can teach old canines and they say you can teach old humans.

HERE IS WHAT a former farmer says:

"My dog used to follow me to town in Alberta behind the wagon and team. I would tie up the team in the feed corral. Instead of learning, right from the start, to lie behind the wagon I let the dog follow me up town. It did this for years. In fact it was around nine years old when I trained it to quit following me, and to stay with the horses."

"The old dog learned the new trick in one lesson. I scolded it for starting to follow me but I did not beat it or abuse it. I also gave it a scrap of feed when I ordered it to stay behind."

A CHEERFUL WRITER at the T.B. hospital at Tranquille writes about animals and humans. A. A. Derrick says that animals act mostly from habit and don't think very much.

"Many humans are habit followers too — they will smoke cigarettes even if it kills them. But the human brain can be made to think and learn as long as the body lives. Most minds can be interested in something that he or she wanted to do, had there been an opportunity. Older people often take their opportunities for doing this while younger ones let the opportunities slip."

"In my own experience I would not exchange the last ten years for any other ten years of my life in actually learning to my own betterment. I did not have as good opportunities as most young people have today. I have made money easier in the past ten years than at any time in my 77 years. People are happier, healthier and more useful citizens by keeping both body and mind active. The nation benefits most of all by not having so much 'deadwood.'"

HISTORY RECORDS thousands of cases where old men and women learned new things at an advanced age. But the trouble is that when ordinary folks read about them many say to themselves "oh that does not apply to ME. I am just an ordinary person. I am not a great man or woman like the one in the book."

That idea is the bunk. True there are many things which the ordinary old person cannot learn. There are many things beyond the physical strength of all older folks. But there is just about nobody on earth that does not have SOME possibility to learn something new and useful. There is just about nobody too old to get joy out of some new activity — if only they tried hard enough to connect with it."

YOU SEE THAT if you are forced to spend much time in hospitals (as I was after the first world war). The new patients almost always start out by wishing they were dead when they find out they are going to be bed-bound for long periods. Then (especially if there are good occupational therapists on the job) they begin to find new outlets for their interest. They learn all sorts of arts and crafts. It could be the same with old people. But unfortunately, too many of them just never get in touch with some new activity.

Union steamer Chilcotin, Capt. Harry McLean, is due in port this afternoon at 3:45 from the south and will sail at 10 p.m. for Masset Inlet points.

Ray Reflects and Reminisces

President Truman should be somewhere on or near the Pacific today to meet General MacArthur. The conference is to take place this week. Any time is quite OK with yours truly, so long as it is not THIS day.

The home for the aged and infirm near Terrace, now occupied by 140 men, has been fully described. Fortunate indeed are those who will spend their declining years there. Buildings and equipment have been already pictured, so here is the place to touch on environment. Seen from the home in the sunny freshness of a summer day, the verdant miles and tranquility of the Kalum Valley is a place of sheer loveliness.

Premier Stalin has sent a message to the people of Northern Korea, wishing them success in what he terms their struggle for independence. Once long ago the United States also had a struggle for independence. But they were spared the alleged friendship of a powerful dictator with an iron curtain.

If a can of salmon is costing twenty cents more, in Seattle, it is possibly timely to inquire what a pound of codfish is worth in Newfoundland, or how much a new of stewbeef in Calgary would set you back?

It is expected this year's crop will be large and low grade. Should this turn out to be a fact, there is reason to anticipate the use of the grain elevator at Prince Rupert this winter. Welcome news. But how much more satisfactory would it be if Rupert shared in the annual handling of wheat, with the other elevators. Instead of waiting for exceptional circumstances.

Nothing less than the end of the world seems to be having less difficulty getting into the thoughts of people today. There is a "jittery feeling." In an Ohio town last week, a clergyman in

Spending Millions At Powell River

POWELL RIVER—Powell River Pulp & Paper Co. announces that it will spend \$11,000,000 on plant modernization and extension.

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Dr. J. F. L. Hughes left on this morning's flight for a business trip to Vancouver.

White Rocks gas and whistle buoy in Browning Entrance has been reported not burning. This unwatched aid will be attended to at the first opportunity, the Department of Transport announces.

his sermon declared the end would come in an orange glow. Later, smoke from burning forests in Alberta and Mackenzie made it appear, in the States, that mid-day was early evening. Poultry went to rest. There were grave faces, and prayers. Nevertheless, the grand finish is as far off as ever, and life will doubtless be sailing smoothly long after Stalin, bombs, juvenile delinquency and the price of pork are forgotten.

HOTEL ARRIVALS

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Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Smith, 210 Sixth Avenue East, and daughter, Lorraine, have left for a two weeks' vacation at Santa Barbara, California. They will travel by car from Vancouver.

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