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## The Week at Ottawa

by Frederick Edwards

Unless Japan comes to her senses in a trade way, there is danger of commercial relations between Canada and that country being more seriously dislocated. Prime Minister R. B. Bennett has sent the Japanese minister here a firm note declaring that unless the discriminatory surtax of 50 per cent. ad valorem against Canadian goods is discontinued, the Dominion will be under necessity of considering the Anglo-Japanese commercial treaty no longer applicable to Canada.

In such an event the Dominion would be free to take any other steps that would be in the national interest.

The Anglo-Japanese commercial treaty has regulated trade between Canada and Japan since May, 1913.

On Friday Mr. Bennett will make the first of his four radio speeches which are being eagerly awaited by the Canadian electorate. The other three will be made September 9, 11 and 14. Immediately afterward the Prime Minister leaves on a four-weeks' speaking tour which will take him clear across Canada, in the course of which he is scheduled to deliver fifteen public addresses.

Some amusement was created here through the failure of Social Credit Premier William Aberhart to meet his first real problem in Alberta. When he took office he found the treasury empty, with pressing demands for \$18,000,000 to carry on the business of the Alberta government and maintain its credit. So he SOS-ed Mr. Bennett by long distance telephone from Edmonton. He had found that all his theories on Social Credit did not include the actual raising of \$18,000,000 in cold cash. Mr. Bennett comforted the harassed Mr. Aberhart by assuring him that the Dominion government would do all in its power to help Alberta solve its economic difficulties. Mr. Aberhart now plans a trip to Ottawa to present his case for a loan from the Federal government.

Campaigning is gathering momentum. Among the highlights of this week's political speeches was that of Hon. Lucien Gendron, the first he has made since his appointment to the Cabinet as Minister of Marine. He told the Wright County Conservative picnic at Aylmer, Que., that the depression was receding under Mr. Bennett's administration and appealed for the Government to be given a mandate to complete the splendid job it was now doing.

Opposition criticism notwithstanding, Finance Minister Hon. E. N. Rhodes' housing scheme is being accorded excellent reception. The minister reports that leading institutions are being swamped with applications for loans, as well as inquiries as to the working of the scheme. About half the applications are from private individuals who wish to build homes and the balance from contractors who intend to build for sale.

Further trade concessions are being made by Canada to two sister-Dominions. By exchange of notes most-favoured nation treatment is extended to New Zealand and Australia, placing these dominions on the same footing for some commodities as foreign countries to which Canada has given this concession— notably France. This means the lowest tariff imposed on imports from outside countries will now be applied to similar imports from Australia and New Zealand, if that tariff is lower than the British preference or the intermediate rate. In effect, it continues to these dominions the advantages of the lowest rates established with other countries since the Ottawa Agreements of 1932.

On recommendation of the Dominion Marketing Board, the Minister of Agriculture has approved the Burley tobacco marketing scheme, which is of considerable interest to Ontario tobacco growers. It is expected the board, by crop appraisal and provision for negotiating between producers and buyers, will be able to achieve price stabilization.

## Travelled 9500 on Holiday Trip

(By Sam McDonald in The Flesher-ton Advance)

In talking to Mr. Sam McDonald of Toronto, formerly of Eugenia, on his 9,500 mile trip through Western Canada and the United States we requested him to write about his experiences for the benefit of Advance readers. He kindly consented and the following is the answer to our request:

During the past summer, in company with Burrows Heard and Harold Cook of Toronto, I had a very enjoyable motor trip from Toronto to Vancouver, B.C., southward along the Pacific coast to Tijuana, Mexico, returning by way of death valley, Boulder Dam, Salt Lake City and Chicago. In all we passed through five provinces of Canada and 15 states of the United States of America.

Leaving Toronto on July 4th we travelled a distance of 4,460 miles to Vancouver, B.C., crossing Western Canada, via the southern route. Ninety miles east of Regina I visited my father's brothers, Neil and Archie McDonald, who live at Froude. This section of the province had no crop whatever last year, but looked very promising in early July of this year. I found the Flesher-ton Advance a weekly visitor here and read the news from back home.

While camped at Banff, Alta., I met a school teacher, Mr. Turnbull, from New Westminster, B.C., who was born at Durham and recalled many people with whom I was acquainted. We were very fortunate in seeing the annual Indian parade of over six hundred Indians, men, women and children, dressed in tribal costume, many of them decked in war paint. They presented a colorful spectacle. Banff has many hot springs and we enjoyed a swim in one of them. The water was so hot that no one was allowed to remain in more than twenty minutes. We also visited beautiful Lake Louise, Moraine Lake, crossed the Great Divide and followed the Kicking Horse Pass as far as Field.

In order to reach Vancouver we crossed the Rockies and Coast Ranges by means of the Simpson Pass, through Cranbrook, along the Kootenay Lakes, to Nelson, Trail and Princeton, following the Nicola, Thompson and finally the Fraser River to Vancouver. This was a very dangerous, yet scenic route, the road leading up and down the sides of mountains, in some places reaching an altitude of 5,400 feet. For the most part it was only the width of the car, and guard rails were out of the question. On Friday, July 26th, we left Vancouver and one week later were in Tijuana, Mexico, a distance of 2,200 miles. At Seattle, Wash., we saw 27 battleships and several submarines which were taking part in an annual celebration, known as "The Potlatch."

Soon after entering the State of California we came to the great redwood forests. The redwoods are giant trees and upon entering the forest I stepped around the base of one of them. To my surprise it was 23 paces in circumference, but we were soon to see a much larger tree than this, which was 250 feet high, 101 feet in circumference and its age was estimated at 4,000 years. The base was hollow to a height of 40 feet and was fitted up as a store with doors and windows. The floor space was 27 feet by 20 feet.

As we approached San Francisco the road led close to a large rock called "Black Bart Rock" where early day highwaymen held up stages in the days of the gold rush. While crossing San Francisco Bay by ferry, we passed close to the rock upon which is built the great San Quentin prison, which is surrounded by at least a mile of cold ocean water. The story is told of one person who made good his escape by swimming safely to shore.

Los Angeles is a city of 1,354,000 people and has many places of interest, such as Hollywood, Beverly Hills, great ocean bathing beaches and the Angelus Temple of Aimee Semple MacPherson, well known evangelist. From Los Angeles to San Diego, one passes through numerous orange and lemon groves, and oil wells may be seen in any direction. The "World's Fair" was visited at San Diego and another section of the navy was seen, including an airplane carrier.

Tijuana, Mexico, is a famous racing and gambling centre, but during our visit there all was quiet, as the great race track had been ordered closed by the President.

Our next stop was Boulder Dam, built on the Colorado River in Nevada. This is the greatest dam in the world, surpassing in size the Assuan Dam on the Nile River in Egypt. It is 750 feet high and is about 300 feet wide at its narrowest point. The lake forming behind it is already 32 miles long and 300 feet deep, and will be well over 100 miles long, as it has not yet reached one third its ultimate size. The purpose of this dam is to irrigate 2½ million acres of land and supply electric power. The steel pipe used to convey the water to the turbines are 32 feet in diameter.

The country surrounding this dam is desert, where nothing grows but sage brush and cactus plants. Grass is never seen except in the little towns along the highway, where one might see one or two grassy plots. Borax is the chief product of this Death Valley, and I secured a small lump 98 per cent. pure.

On this part of the trip we drove night and day, changing drivers frequently. At one a.m. it was 92 degrees in the car at one place, while at another the thermometer registered 102 at 3 a.m. Salt Lake City, Utah, where the early Mormon pioneers settled, is a very interesting city. There we saw the great Salt Lake, 75 miles long and 30 miles wide. It is almost 22% salt and is so heavy that one cannot possibly sink in it. Millions of tons of salt are exported annually.

The Mormon Temple block consists of four great buildings, the Temple, Tabernacle, Assembly Hall and Museum. The Temple required 40 years to build, the walls at the base of solid stone 15 feet thick. No one except a member of the faith is allowed to enter the Temple. The Tabernacle is 250 feet long, 80 feet wide and the roof is 10 feet thick and has not a single nail, wooden pegs taking their place. This was because nails were so scarce, as a trip across the desert by ox team required four months. The accoutrements are such that while sitting at the rear of the building one can hear a pin drop at the front. This Tabernacle is the home of the great pipe organ which we hear over the radio. While there we had the privilege of hearing it played during a service for the tourists, who numbered over 300 that day. In the museum we saw many articles of dress used by Brigham Young, leader of the early Mormon pioneers, who settled at Salt Lake City.

Our next stop was Chicago, travelling via Wyoming, Nebraska, Iowa, Wyoming is for the most part a desert State. There we passed through Cheyenne, oil and railway centre.

From Tijuana, Mexico, to Toronto is a distance of 3,000 miles, much of it being desert. We left Mexico on Friday, August 2nd, and arrived home the following Thursday morning, August 8th, with a stop of two days driving at night with but two exceptions, a night's rest at Salt Lake City and at Chicago.

The trip of over 9,500 miles was made in five weeks without mishap of any kind. We had only four flats and the car was never in the garage except for oiling and greasing.

## Attempt Made to Enter Flesher-ton Bank

An attempt to enter the Flesher-ton branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce was made some time between late Tuesday night and early Wednesday morning when the plate glass in the door of the bank was removed. It is not known whether or not they gained entrance but nothing in the bank was disturbed, the thieves probably being scared away while at their work.

The attempted break was discovered by Mrs. Robt. Alexander, and she immediately notified the manager, Mr. R. B. Heard. Mr. Heard immediately investigated but did not find anything was out of place or missing. The glass of the door was neatly piled outside the building beside the step as though it was laid there to prevent any noise of the robbery attempt. The job was apparently the work of amateurs as no professional would likely try the breaking of the vault and then the

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heavy safe inside the vault. Mrs. Geo. Goldsbrough resides in the apartment directly over the bank and she was not aware of anything out of the usual occurring. It was just two years ago that a successful robbery at this bank was staged and the thieves have not yet been brought to justice for their deed. The police at Owen Sound were notified of the attempted breaking and made an investigation but information as to who were the guilty parties is not available.—Advance.

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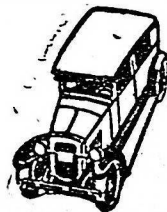
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