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Budget Criticism

The Manitoba Free Press, leading Liberal newspaper of Western Canada, discusses the Dunning budget in a spirit somewhat different to the eulogistic attitude adopted by the local Liberal organ. With the slogan "Freedom of Trade" at its masthead, this consistently anti-protection newspaper cannot altogether agree that the volte face of the King Government has been inspired by disinterested motives. The best that it can say for the new tariff schedules is that in contrast to the tariffs of many countries they represent "a moderately low competitive tariff."

We have no doubt that the Free Press says precisely what the local Liberal organ would like to say if it had the courage of its convictions; but having predicted a humiliating defeat at the polls if the Government should desert the "consumers" by increasing the tariffs on American steel and New Zealand butter, it has now either to swallow its predictions or deliberately ignore that part of the budget delivery dealing with those matters. It has chosen the latter course, doubtless out of solicitude for the feelings of its readers.

The countervailing duties imposed under the Dunning budget, however, go farther than anything proposed by the Conservatives. The policy enunciated by Hon. R. B. Bennett is not a "reciprocity of knocks" aimed exclusively at the United States. Mr. Bennett's purpose is simply to safeguard Canadian industries, to control Canada's markets for Canadians. This can be accomplished, not by countervailing or retaliatory duties but by general tariff rates sufficient to protect producers of this country, giving at the same time due preference to Empire products. The King Government, even in its attempt to placate the rising sentiment in favor of protection in its own party, has shown its incompetency; for the countervailing duties proposed will do United States little harm and Canadian producers little good.

Rural Mail Carriers Pay

Members of the Canadian Rural Mail Contractors' Association are continuing the efforts that they have been making for several years past to secure a revision of their relations with the post office department and an increase in their remuneration. They are the men (as a contemporary points out) who carry mail between post offices and railway stations and deliver it on rural mail routes. As the name of their association indicates, these carriers perform their duties in accordance with the terms of their individual contracts with the department. They are asking that this system be abandoned and that they be employed henceforth on a permanent salary basis and paid at the rate of \$70 a mile of their routes.

Certainly the mail carriers make a strong case in support of their request. The system of tender and contract, no doubt, is a useful one where large Government undertak-

ings and expenditures are concerned. From the Government's standpoint, it may be considered to work well when it is applied in the provision of rural mail services, if the cheapness with which those services are procured is the main consideration. The rural mail carriers assert that, from their standpoint, the contract system is far from satisfactory. By the nature of the competition for contracts to which it periodically gives rise, it tends, the carriers say, to reduce the amount of the remuneration they receive for their services below the amount of the expenses they incur in order to furnish those services. The average length of a rural mail contract route in this country is twenty miles and the average price that the Government pays the contractor is \$732 a year, out of which he has to pay the cost of feeding his horses and maintaining his vehicle or vehicles in running condition. In the United States the rural mail carrier is paid a salary at the rate of \$75 a year per mile of his route, is furnished with uniform and horses and vehicles or motor cars, and has two weeks' holiday each year with full pay. Furthermore, the carrier in Canada has no assurance of a long tenure of his position, inasmuch as he works under a contract of four years' duration and must tender again for the contract at the end of each such period.

The rural free mail delivery service is advantageous to the public both in the country and in cities and towns. It has brought rural districts into closer touch than they otherwise would be with each other and with urban centres. It is a factor in both social and business relations. The carriers who are employed in this service have to cover their routes six days a week, in all kinds of weather, the year around. They have to handle registered mail and to carry and sell postage stamps, money orders and postal notes, and so have to shoulder a good deal of responsibility. Such men, the public will agree, deserve to be adequately remunerated.

Eloquent Condemnation

There is one event following the King Government's volte face on the tariff issue that will go down in parliamentary history. It occurred when the Opposition leader rose to speak on the budget. Mr. Bennett dilated on the tragedy of broken pledges and charged that in enacting the countervailing duties on United States products the Government had abandoned its policy of non-retaliation. Proceeding, the Conservative chief-tain said:

"What is it, Mr. Speaker, that works havoc in human lives, that destroys the noblest of friendships, that blights all that is most sacred in our human relations? It is the loss of confidence that comes through disillusionment, through the broken pledges, the shattered ideals, the lost visions, the vanished faiths. Cruel indeed it is when that breach in confidence comes between man and man, between friends and friends, between race and race, between nation and nation; but when it comes between a people and its Government there is no saying what injury it may ultimately work. Is there nothing binding in conscience and in honor between those who rule a people and those who have permitted themselves to be ruled?"

There was much jeering from the Liberal benches as Mr. Bennett emphasized this rhetoric, and Mr. Casgrain, the chief government whip, took out his handkerchief and amid the laughter of colleagues pretended to be overcome with tears. But they changed their tune as Mr. Bennett proceeded to say that he had been quoting from a speech of Prime Minister King, delivered February 15th, 1924, after he had been in power for two years.

Editorial Notes

When Colonel Raiston, Minister of National Defense, told the Ottawa Women's Liberal Club the other day that the Budget will not be an issue in the coming election, he only meant that the King Government would like to forget it.

Notes By The Way

Former State Senator Eben S. Draper, candidate for the Republican nomination for Senator, has declared himself for the repeal of the 18th Amendment and the Massachusetts Volstead Act. No hedging about that.

Switzerland is trying to preserve its eagles—the most characteristic of its native birds. In recent years these birds have been almost exterminated by the peasants who claim that they are enemies of their poultry yard. To offset this the various Swiss bird clubs have come to the front with offers of indemnities to those who suffer loss from the eagles. In this way it is hoped to preserve the birds which have been a picturesque feature of the Swiss Mountains.

Alberta's annual contest for the extermination of crows and gophers is announced, with cash prizes totalling \$2,300. No one knows how many crows and gophers there would have been in this province if these yearly contests had never been held, but everyone agrees there are enough left to keep all the gun clubs and school-boys busy all summer.

The Japanese fishermen of British Columbia have sent a petition to Ottawa asking that the number of fishing licenses issued to Japanese in the province be not further reduced, and the B. C. Fishermen's Protective Association has passed a resolution endorsing their request. Here is a new state of affairs in B. C. and a decidedly hopeful one. Orientals asking for a concession and their Caucasian rivals backing them up. All the Japanese who have been receiving licenses are British subjects, and presumably, when we conferred British citizenship upon them, we conferred the rights of citizenship. It is rather an underhand proceeding to confer with one hand and take away with the other. But that is exactly what we have been doing in the past.

There are five vacancies in the Dominion Senate at present and at least fifty patriots willing to sacrifice themselves on the altar of their country by filling the achesless void.

"If Dominion status in the form enjoyed by the other Dominions in the British Empire" says the Calcutta Englishman, "is not granted within the next year or two there is, it must be admitted, the great risk of creating disappointment on a large scale. The risk, however, is small compared to the risk of attempting to put Dominion status into operation long before the country is ready for it and in flat defiance of all the evidence of the last ten years, and in defiance of all the probabilities of the next ten years."

Any one with an eye for the curious twists of history must be interested in the fact that Primo De Rivera, ex-dictator of Spain, was kept alive for many years past by insulin, developed in the New World, which was discovered by a man financed by the Spanish Court, nearly four and one-half centuries ago.

Vancouver ate 36,000 tons of potatoes last year, and according to a member of the control committee 9,000 tons of these were produced in the Yakima district. Twenty-five per cent of the potatoes consumed in the principal city of British Columbia came from the State of Washington. Why should this be? Is there any necessity for it? British Columbia, in the dry belt and in the Fraser Valley Highlands, can produce just as good potatoes as any Yakima farmer, and these potatoes are closer to market and have no duty to pay. Yakima potatoes pay a duty of \$7 a ton, \$7 a ton freight and inspection fee and yet can be placed on the Vancouver market, where they command \$5 a ton more than British Columbia potatoes.

The situation appears to be an anomalous one. There are three questions to be answered. Why should Vancouver consumers buy Yakima potatoes at all? Why should they pay more for them than for British Columbia potatoes? How can Yakima growers pay duty, freight and inspection charges and yet place their potatoes on the Vancouver market at a price which, when these charges are considered, British Columbia growers cannot meet? The first two questions have been answered in part at least by the member of the control committee referred to. Yakima potatoes, he says, are more strictly graded than the British Columbia product. They are of a more even and dependable quality.

It has been calculated that one person is killed on an average of every seventeen minutes day and night, throughout the year, by motor cars in the United States. Even this plan for reducing the population seems to have no effect whatever on the parking problem.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

That Body of Yours

ANOTHER METHOD OF EMPTYING THE GALL BLADDER.

When called to see a case of 'biliaryness' as it is frequently called, most physicians give something that will get the liver working or induce the gall bladder to empty itself.

Thus small doses of calomel, followed in a few hours by a dose of epsom salts has been the usual procedure. Other physicians go a step further and see that an enema or injection of warm water is also given.

The enema gives marked relief to many patients and it has always been thought that this was due to clearing away the wastes from the large intestine so that it would not be absorbed into the blood.

However it has been found that the enema has a more far reaching effect. As you know the gall bladder is now being drained or emptied by the use of epsom salts poured down a fine tube extending from the mouth down past stomach to beginning of small intestine.

Drs. A. L. Garbut and H. G. Jacob, New York, have found that instilling various solutions high up in the lower bowel may effect the secretion and help to make the gall bladder empty itself. The ordinary salt solution for instance may induce the flow of the bile from the liver and gall bladder into the intestine.

Just why the liver and gall bladder pour out bile when these fluids are injected into lower bowel is not known, but it is thought that these fluids actually stimulate the cells of the liver to action.

Now the knowledge that an ordinary solution of table salt will thus stimulate the liver is going to mean much in the treatment of sluggishness, jaundice, and other liver conditions due to stasis or stoppage of the flow of the bile.

It is certainly simpler than the use of the drainage tube through mouth or nose, and is easier on the system than the use of calomel and epsom salts.

However there is one important point that must not be forgotten. The use of enemas or injections daily to remove wastes from intestines is a mistake.

The muscles walls of intestine are meant to grasp wastes and drive them downward and out of the body.

If enemas or injections are used too often the walls of intestine lose their muscular tone, often leaving the patient in a serious and embarrassing condition.

The thought then in a case of biliaryness, one sided headache, jaundice and so forth, the enemas of salt solution help to stimulate the liver and gall bladder and correct the condition.



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THE LAND WE LOVE

By FRANK LEIGH

DISCOVERER OF THE FRANKLIN EXPEDITION

Q. Who was the discoverer of the Franklin expedition? A. The discoverer of the long lost Franklin Expedition was Dr. John Rae who gained the award of £10,000 offered by the British Admiralty for authentic news regarding the fate of Franklin and his party. Dr. Rae shared this award with his men. In 1851 they made a journey of over 5000

Wagner's Tragic Widow

(Vancouver Province)

Cosima Wagner is dead at Bayreuth, where she had reigned, almost a queen, and where she had later languished, very nearly forgotten. Frau Cosima was one of the great romantic and tragic figures of our age. Her romance began before she was born, when her father, Franz Liszt, eloped from Paris with the comtesse were both geniuses in their way. He was a pianist and composer, she a writer or romances, under the pseudonym, "Daniel Stern," and they tired of one another before long, not, however, before Cosima and her sister had come into the world. Liszt went off with a new enchantress, and later abjured all earthly things and entered the church. Cosima grew up into a young woman of remarkable character and startling beauty. In the early sixties, she met Wagner, who was more than twenty years her senior. Wagner had been married before Cosima was born, and his wife Minna Planer, was still living. Cosima was the wife of Hans von Bülow, Wagner's great friend and the conductor of his operas. But neither of these things mattered. The two fell madly in love, Cosima became the inspiration of "Tristan and Isolde" and virtually took charge of Wagner's affairs. Von Bülow yielded his wife to his friend and the three continued for some years to live together under the same roof. How long ago that was may be guessed from the fact that Cosima's second daughter was named Eva after the little heroine of "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

Had Turbulent Life

Wagner had had a turbulent life before he met Cosima. His climb to fame had been a difficult one, and he had been exiled from his native Saxony for his radicalism and his interference in politics. Cosima brought him domestic peace and relieved him of a whole host of trivial details. She wasn't a musician, but she was a manager, and had great scenic ability which she turned to account in the production of the great operas. "She is a genius, he is a grocer," wrote George Eliot after meeting the Wagner in London in 1877.

Wagner was, of course, difficult to get along with. He was, in some ways, the littlest of great men, vain, self-centred, selfish and temperamental. He is said to have sulked for days when he got the Maximilian Order because the order went to Brahms, too.

Frau Cosima, a cultivated woman of amazing energy and organizing ability, staged Wagner himself as well as his operas. She got him the assistance and patronage of King Ludwig of Bavaria and helped him establish Bayreuth as the Mecca of music lovers. When Wagner died in 1883, she devoted herself to the perpetuation of his memory presiding over the famous festivals and turning Bayreuth into a sort of shrine.

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And she succeeded in her aim for a time. But the war brought evil days. "Parsifal," which, according to Wagner's will was never to be produced anywhere except in the Bayreuth theatre, and was to provide an income for Frau Cosima in perpetuity, didn't do what was expected of it. The war broke the Wagnerian spell, the crowds ceased to arrive for the festivals, the decline of the mark wiped out the family fortune and a visit by Siegfried Wagner, the son and heir, to the United States in 1924 failed to replenish it. Of late years, blind, poor, living only with her memories, Frau Cosima had passed her time mostly in her room at Bayreuth, over-looking the garden which contains her husband's tomb. And on Tuesday, she slipped away. She had lived ninety-two years. She had warmed both hands at the fire of life and had felt the chill of penury and the bitterness of neglect.

TARANTUM SCHOOL

Following is the standing of Tarantum School for month of April— Grade IX—Andrew Murnaghan. Grade VIII—1 Eunice Murnaghan, 2 James Murnaghan. Grade VII—1 Teresa Murnaghan. Grade VI—1 Stephen Murnaghan, 2 Rudolph Murnaghan. Grade V—1 Maurice Cummiskey, 2 Catherine Cummiskey. Grade III—Dennis Murnaghan. Grade II—1 Vincent Murnaghan, 2 John Murnaghan. Grade 1—Melvin Murnaghan and Dannie Holland. R. E. Wood teacher.

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