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IN A NUTSHELL

The difference between Mr. Mackenzie King and Premier Bennett on the tariff question is this: Mr. King always went in mortal dread of retaliation from the United States, with the result that the United States boosted their tariffs to such an extent that our potatoes and agricultural crops generally were practically prohibited entrance into the country. Premier Bennett, on the other hand, legislated for Canada, without reference to the United States, with the result that now the United States is coming almost on bended knee and suggesting there should be reciprocal tariff reductions.

WHAT FIGURES SHOW

It is significant that Mr. Mackenzie King in his Halifax address used many words but cited few figures to substantiate his criticism of the Bennett Government's tariff policies. The fact is that the figures show a decided improvement in Canada's trade balance. October of this year was the fifth consecutive month in which Canadian exports exceeded imports. Last month the exports of Canadian produce were of the value of \$53,537,917, whilst the total value of goods imported for consumption amounted to \$45,940,874, the excess worth of the exports over that of the imports being, therefore, \$9,597,043. The brightening trade outlook is even more gratifyingly reflected in the light of comparisons. For the first six months of the present fiscal year, April to September inclusive, the adverse balance of trade stood at about \$20,000,000, compared with a total of approximately \$30,000,000 for the corresponding six months of the previous fiscal year. For the first seven months of this fiscal year, Canadian produce to the value of \$351,054,815 was exported, and the imports entered for consumption were worth \$364,162,601. Whilst the unfavorable trade balance for the seven months is thus seen to be \$13,107,786, compared with \$76,973,052 at this time last year, the reduction has been substantially continued and present indications, in the informed opinion of the Montreal Gazette, inspire a hope that at the end of the fiscal year the adverse balance will be small if, indeed, it has not been by then converted into a slight export surplus. At all events, the step already taken towards restoring the trade equilibrium, the better wheat prices which are being sustained, and the general signs of increasing domestic trade, have combined to bring about a change for the better in the financial sentiment prevailing in the Dominion.

It is noteworthy that, concurrent with a reduction in Canada's total imports, both absolutely and relative to declining exports, United States trade with the Dominion has suffered to a marked extent. Canada was for several years prior to 1930 the United States' best customer, but exports from the latter country to Canada during the summer months were sixty per cent. below their value in the corresponding period of 1929, whereas exports from Canada into the United States declined only fifty per cent. during

the same period. Reduction in both imports and exports has, of course, been due largely to the general economic depression, but it may be regarded as equally certain that the reduction in Canadian imports from her immediate neighbor was caused by the upward revision discreetly made by the Federal Government of Canadian tariff rates, following upon the United States Tariff Act of 1930. In offsetting discriminations against Canadian imports, the moderately protective policy of the Canadian Government is apparently doing the work it was intended to do, fairly and effectively, without being prohibitory.

TO BENEFIT MARITIMES

A decided improvement in agricultural conditions in the Maritimes will be effected by the Federal Government's plan of connecting eastern and western Canada through the Churchill and Hudson Bay route. Hon. Robert Weir, Federal Minister of Agriculture, reports that he has been in touch with the Ministers of Agriculture in the Maritime Provinces with a view to using the Hudson Bay route to offset their disadvantage of domestic freight rates, and it is Mr. Weir's hope that in 1932 cargoes of coarse grains which are grown cheaper in the western Provinces will be brought through this route for delivery in the Maritimes. This will be good news to our agricultural producers in this Province, who have been seriously handicapped by reason of high freight rates on this commodity. In addition to this advantage, Mr. Weir believes there will be a demand for feeders and stockers to be brought to the Maritimes for finishing and shipping out through Maritime ports, for the English market at a time when that market is at its highest.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

"The Leader Issues a Stinging Call for More Effective Liberal Organization Truthfully Presented."—Patriot sub-heading on Mr. Mackenzie King's address at Halifax.

POOR PROPAGANDA

In its yesterday's issue our local contemporary succeeds in disproving its own statements with regard to alleged political discrimination in the administration of the unemployment grant in this Province when it quotes the Federal Minister of Labor as saying that where such discrimination is shown the Federal Government withholds the appropriation. No such hold-up in the appropriation has been necessary in this Province under the Stewart Government's administration. The fact is that the Provincial Minister of Public Works has supplemented the terms of the contract between the provincial and federal authorities by issuing strict instructions against any political discrimination, and these instructions are being observed.

Our local contemporary is also unfortunate in citing the employment system at the gravel pits. Whereas Conservatives with trucks never received a day's employment at the pits under the Lea Government's administration of the grant, there are practically as many Liberals now employed in that capacity as Conservatives. In all cases the Government's concern has been to distribute the employment where it was considered most needed, irrespective of politics.

In Charlottetown an independent commission, representative of both Liberals and Conservatives has been appointed. This commission recommends those who are in most need of work, and the men so recommended are employed. Where there is not sufficient work to go around, alternate gangs of men are employed for a week at a time. Political partisanship as alleged by the Liberal organ is impossible under such a system.

There is an old saying, of British origin no doubt that it is better that nine gully persons should escape punishment than that one innocent person should suffer the death penalty. Of twenty-two persons lynched in 1930 in the United States, two were innocent and the guilt of eleven others was in serious doubt, Mob leaders are not punished. Surely that is not a record of which any nation may be proud.

As long as the rich markets of the United Kingdom and its dependencies ruled from Westminster remained largely open to unscrupulous dumping from highly tariffed countries the British had no weapon with which to fight these high tariffs—no argument to use in asking for lower tariffs against her products. Once protected by a good, stiff tariff wall the Mother Country will be able to talk to the United States, France, Germany, Italy and other nations in their own language.

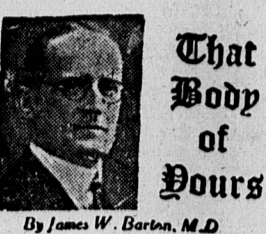
A Washington report says that in "the strangest will ever probated here" Mrs. Clara Lockhart, who died last week, provided for the entire income from her estate, valued at \$88,500, to be devoted to the establishment and maintenance of a home of refuge for stray dogs and cats and for farm animals such as horses, cows, sheep and mules, that are properly provided for. The despatch adds that her closest relatives are contesting the will, alleging that she was mentally incapacitated.

France has won the war of 1931. She owes her victory neither to her military strength nor to her diplomatic successes, but simply to her economic strength. French diplomacy and French gold have won many victories this year, and it is now also admitted that the visit of M. Laval to Washington constitutes a real diplomatic success, and that France has obtained satisfaction on all the points which appeared to her to be of vital importance. For this reason she will now do all in her power to bring about an entente with Germany, an entente which she considers to be the only way of ensuring peace in Europe; a delicate and difficult task because of the spirit which now reigns in Germany.

With all the zeal of a convert, Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, who was an adamant free trader till recent months, has urged the British Parliament to adopt protective tariffs without inquiry or delay. The British people, he says, have been discussing the principles of free trade and protection for 100 years, and the time has come for action. Every member elected to the new House, he declares, holds a mandate from his constituency and the majority of the mandates are for protection. Such is the substance of Mr. Churchill's first speech in the newly-elected House of Commons. For once at least, he expresses the sentiments of an overwhelming majority of his fellow-countrymen.

Addressing the Canadian Club of Vancouver recently Mr. N. W. Powell issued a warning that, if capitalists failed to bring about an early adjustment of the present situation, humanity would introduce a system to replace it. "I am not a Socialist or Communist," he declared, "but I am convinced that capitalism must step in and do its part." There is growing recognition of the fact, among thinking people, that the capitalist system is defective in many respects, and that its future usefulness, to say nothing of its salvation, must depend upon the application of some far-reaching reforms. People have become somewhat fed-up with the complacent assurances, so often issued by financiers, bankers, big business operators, and their official spokesmen, that the institutions which have grown up under capitalism are fundamentally safe and sound. The Egyptian pyramids and the old Chinese wall are safe and sound, but they are all of little service.

That the flow of gold across the Atlantic says the Manchester Guardian should stop is really just our contemporary would do well to confine its anti-government propaganda to matters about which the public is less informed than it is about the work under the unemployment grant, which the Stewart Government is carrying out with the full approval of the federal authorities, and in thorough keeping with the regulations governing the expenditure of the money.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

THAT CRAVING FOR SUGAR OR CANDY

The most intense craving overweight individuals seem to have is for candy or sugar. When we remember that candy or sugar are starches and that starches or carbohydrates are the energy producers and fat builders we can easily understand this craving. A physician undertook to reduce the weight of a woman of 35, height 5 feet, and weight 208 pounds. By restricting her diet and liquids her weight came down to 178 in five months. This was very gratifying but from this point there was no further reduction, and 178 pounds for a height of 5 feet was still considerably too much.

The physician was at a loss to understand why there was no further reduction until he saw his patient on two occasions with a large box of candies under her arm. She admitted that the craving for sugar and candy was simply beyond her power to resist.

The physician told her that he was going to allow her to eat some of her candies on one condition. The condition was that she was to cut down still another half on her bread, potatoes, and liquids. If she would do this he was willing to allow her to eat two chocolates at 10 o'clock, and two at 11 o'clock in the morning, and two at 3 o'clock and three at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. This meant nine chocolates every day, which was a considerable amount of starch.

What was the result? She again began to lose weight at the rate of one pound a week, because the reduction in the potatoes, bread and liquids was really more than the amount of candy eaten. Further, as the patient was getting some candy every day, at four different times during the day, it took away that awful craving which formerly wasn't satisfied until a pound or more was eaten.

Viscount Snowden

(Montreal Gazette) The official announcement that the Right Hon. Philip Snowden has been created a viscount will cause no surprise. It was unofficially intimated before the general election in Great Britain, in part explanation of the fact that he would not seek re-election to the House of Commons, that he would go to the House of Lords; and his appointment some days after the election as Lord Privy Seal in the present Government was regarded as a preliminary to his elevation to the peerage. Nevertheless, the fact is not without a certain irony that the Philip Snowden who entered the Socialist movement as a missionary amongst mankind should end his political career in the House of Lords amongst Tories whom his harsh tongue has so often castigated. But facts are stubborn things, and a record of new facts lately has helped to bring to others besides Mr. Snowden's realization of the national danger that was threatened in Great Britain by such cut-throat socialism as was advocated by a party which so signally failed to comprehend the vast and complicated problems of the country's industrial and economic system. Mr. Snowden's repudiation of his old party is proof of a profound appreciation of the hard facts of government and economics. He started work in the civil service when he was fifteen years of age. The records show that this son of working Yorkshire weavers for his mother worked at the looms as well as his father was a very good clerk. He has, indeed, been good at everything he has under-

as important to the French as to American bankers. French investors are already beginning to lose their nerve and to withdraw their money from the banks and hoard it; and if that internal drain got going in earnest all the bullion which is now crossing the Atlantic would be poured into a bottomless pit.

The Socialists' denunciation of a tariff says an English Exchange can no longer be taken seriously now it is known that sixteen members of the late Cabinet voted for a revenue tariff. Quite apart from its importance for regulating imports and restoring the trade balance, a tariff gives a bargaining power which with our present regime of Free Trade this country altogether lacks, and which we must have to regain safety.

Prophets Of Gloom

(Vancouver Province) Dean Inge has been predicting a dire fate for the British Empire. "I am afraid," he says, "our part as a world power is approaching an end. We have been good enough, with some luck, to achieve a wonderful position in the world, but I am afraid we are not good enough to keep it."

The words of the Gloomy Dean need not be taken too seriously. It is a long long time since Joseph Addison summed up the pessimists of his own and succeeding days in a neat sentence in the Spectator: "Melancholy is a kind of demon that haunts our island, and often conveys herself to us in an easterly wind."

An industrious English compiler, hoping, no doubt, to cure the depression in part by the application of a counter-irritant, has been collecting some of the gloomier sayings of a number of dead and gone disciples of the east wind, and has been circulating them in a leaflet. For instance: William Pitt—There is scarcely anything around us but ruin and despair.

Wilberforce (about 1800)—I dare not marry; the future is so dark and unsettled.

Lord Grey (in 1819)—Everything The Duke of Wellington, on the eve of his death in 1851, thanked God that he would be "spared from seeing the consummation of ruin that is gathering about us."

Disraeli (in 1846)—In industry, commerce and agriculture, there is no hope.

Lord Shaftesbury (in 1848)—Nothing can save the British Empire from Shipwreck. The list recalls the happy Mr. Britling who, as Mr. Wells, his creator, described him, was indignantly proud of England and abused her incessantly.

taken in the course of a strenuous life. He was one of the strongest figures in the ranks of the Labor party, as he was one of the strongest figures in the Labor Government when a Labor Government was formed. Because he was a specialist in economics and finance, it was predicted that he would be the first Labor Chancellor of the Exchequer. That prophecy was duly fulfilled, and as Chancellor he has been compared to Pitt, Peel and Gladstone. His services in that high office earned for him the title "Iron Chancellor." Certainly he showed great resoluteness in lately bringing order out of a bewildering chaos in Britain's Government finances, in co-operating in curtailing public expenditure and in achieving a balanced budget. There has been no sentimentality about Philip Snowden as a Commoner, and as a peer we may be sure that he will continue to appeal to reason rather than sentiment. In the House of Commons he has completed a very difficult mission; and, in the House of Lords, if his health permits, he will, as a member of the Government, be able to take up a new mission and carry it out with his characteristic efficiency and thoroughness.



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Tell how his boyhood was one drear night-hour, How shone for him, through his grief and gloom, No star of all heaven sends to light our Path to the tomb.

Roll on, my song, and to after ages, Tell how, disdainful all earth can give, He would have taught men, from wisdom's page The way to live.

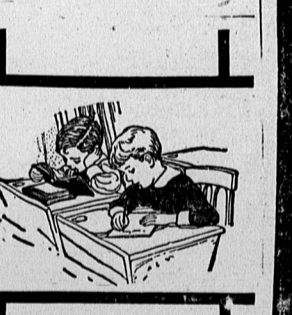
And tell how trampled, derided, hated, And worn by weakness, disease, and wrong, He fled for shelter to God, who mated His soul with song—

With song which away, sublime or vapid, Flowed like a rill in the morning-beam, Perchance not deep, but intense and rapid— A mountain stream.

—J. C. Mangan. During a service at St. Paul's Church, London, recently a playlet, "The Gardener," was produced by the Mystical Players.



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