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The Object in View

In a series of articles now running in the New York Sun, Mr. George F. Wright, associate editor of the Montreal Star, is giving the American public informative facts and figures in connection with Canada's new tariff schedule and the effect on American exports of the higher rates adopted by the Bennett Government. Mr. Wright introduces his articles with a brief historical survey of the tariff issue in Canadian politics, the economic factors involved in the election of the Government on July 28 last, and the effect of the Bennett tariff policy particularly upon American import manufacturers. He points out that in 1928 Canada's total imports from the United States (largely manufactured goods) were valued at \$925,651,549, while its exports to the United States (largely agricultural products, raw materials, pulp and newsprint and metals) amounted to \$513,124,958. In 1929 the imports of the same goods were \$333,608,305 and the exports \$545,253,711. During 1929 Canada's imports from Britain were only \$194,776,063 and her exports to the mother country were \$291,937,702. That is to say, during last year Canada bought four times as much in manufactured products from the United States as it did from Britain.

"The framers of the new tariff," Mr. Wright explains frankly, "hope that practically all of the import trade will go to Canada and that instead of an output of about \$42,000,000 from Canadian factories employing 11,000 persons, they will have an aggregate trade of between \$75,000,000 and \$80,000,000 after a few years. This means an increase of man power in Canadian factories of between 200 and 250 employees for every million dollars worth of this trade transferred from United States to Canadian factories and a proportionate loss to the United States in volume of trade with Canada and in men employed to fill these trade orders."

In an editorial comment on Mr. Wright's opening article the New York Sun says: "These articles may not be pleasant reading for those American manufacturers who find new and higher hurdles in the path of their export trade. But the facts must be faced and without resentment. The Bennett Government has taken a leap from the tariff book of the United States. Canada seeks to build herself up industrially as we have done."

And in this effort of Canada to "build herself up industrially" the Government has initiated a "buy-in-Canada" campaign which should make a patriotic appeal to all our citizens, irrespective of party. Liberal or Conservative, we are all desirous of seeing this country forge ahead industrially. We may disagree as to the policy best adapted to further that end, but there can be no question as to the importance of the object in view, or the sincerity of the Government in seeking to achieve that object.

To Relieve Unemployment

Having done little or nothing to relieve unemployment, the Labor Government of Great Britain has prepared a rather elaborate scheme involving the expenditure of more than half a billion dollars on works of various kinds. The estimated cost of the schemes already approved by the unemployment grants committee is \$202,245,000 and schemes accounting for \$135,800,000 are in operation. Work on the other schemes, it is stated, will start as soon as the necessary preparatory work is completed. The largest individual items in the Government's program are:

- 1. Five-year roads construction to cost \$157,000,000 on which contracts to the amount of many millions sterling have already been signed.
2. Improvements to railways, docks, water works and gas works involving an expenditure of \$133,500,000.
3. Complete reorganization and consolidation of Great Britain's electric light and electric power stations, to cost \$67,500,000.
4. Important projects to promote industrial and economic development in the colonies, to cost \$34,500,000.
These total \$392,500,000. The balancing is to be done by the United States

ance, bringing the total up to \$598,730,000, is made up of innumerable municipal undertakings in the way of local improvements and extensive housing schemes.

Sparing the Rod

Undoubtedly, says the London Times, we have reached a very interesting stage in the eternal problem of bringing up children babies in what Meredith called the "comet-stage" are now rarely, if ever, to be seen. Long clothes have vanished. The mother who considers herself really modern arranges her child in a minimum of clothing; and even in the early infancy bonnets are taboo. The child who has reached the walking stage now goes not only bareheaded but often bare-footed too, and in the summer at least, his clothing is reduced to a single garment. This one might expect in an age of sun-bathing. And now we are told that "spare the rod and spoil the child" is "one of the most diabolical rules ever introduced into child training," and that it is the parent and not the child that should be seen and not heard. We shall have to wait for a generation to be able to compare the effects of such a form of upbringing as is illustrated in these comments with old and tried systems; but in the meantime we may be constrained to wonder what heights of perfection we might not ourselves have attained if our own parents and theirs also had been reared in the same atmosphere as that which is now penetrating the nursery.

Press Comment

Newspapers throughout Canada are still commenting upon the significant turn-over in the Second District of Prince, as evidenced by last week's election returns. The Toronto Mail and Empire thus sums up the situation:

"The Liberal candidate made the error of introducing federal issues and of calling upon the electors to register a protest against increased duties on agricultural implements. The Liberals still have 23 members out of 29 in the local House, but their cause must be slipping when a member of the Government cannot be elected in a constituency which has always gone Liberal for half a century."

Editorial Notes

Probably inspired by his wife, a Toronto miniature golf fan suggests the following combination of work and sport: "Leave the furnace door open and try shooting the coal in, lump by lump, with a niblick."

It is understood, says the Vancouver Province, that "countervailing" rates will not be adopted by the new summer resort hotel Hon. Charles A. Dunning has been engaged to manage.

The Chicago Daily News publishes this good one: "Let other navies tag their ships with such awe-inspiring cognomens as Dauntless, Scorpion and Terror. The U. S. Navy simply christens its latest cruiser Chicago."

The heights by great men reached and kept Were not attained by sudden flight; But they, while their companions Jazzed, Were sleeping soundly through the night.

The Guardian is in receipt of the autumn number of "Virginia," a publication issued by the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce at Richmond. The issue is intensely interesting and is magnificently illustrated. Within twenty-two pages is packed an astonishing amount of informative literature dealing with Virginia past and present.

"The most encouraging thing," says Bernard Shaw, "about American civilization is the universal desire for money. Unfortunately, as the accepted capitalistic method of acquisition is to steal it, the United States

Notes By The Way

Canada and Australia may have their problems of growing surpluses in natural products, but nowhere in the Empire is the economic pinch felt as it is in Britain. Following the war, the United States and Germany literally gobbled up world trade. Ten years after the war, international trade was 20 per cent. greater than in 1913. In the latter year Britain did 14 per cent. of the world's trade. In 1928 her share had fallen to 10 per cent. There you have, at a glance, a picture of the tremendous transformation in competitive world conditions. Broadly speaking, we are looking forward to the day when Britain will extend preference to the Dominions in marketing agricultural and other primary products and some manufactures—for Canada must go ahead industrially.

Under the present circumstances, we can be perfectly certain that there will be an election in Great Britain, very soon, and that it will be upon no other important issue except Inter-Imperial Trade. The present Labor government, a minority in Parliament, elected as a Free Trade party, would certainly have to go to the country upon it, whatever answer it made to Mr. Bennett. For the moment then, and while we await the positive proposals of the MacDonald government, we can only be certain that Mr. Bennett has forced the practical issue of Empire trade into the absolute position of practical politics in the Old Country, and we can only rest confident that the door is not irrevocably closed.

The Brazilian government is the fourth South American administration to be overthrown this year by revolution; but in South America that seems to be the only way in which the Opposition ever has a chance to enjoy office, and the succeeding administrations are just as hard to dislodge, until another revolution comes along.

Chiang Kai-Shek was brought into the fold by his wife and mother-in-law, who have long been devoted Christians. It is conceivable that if the president of China manages to establish stable government in his vast army-ridden country, his adherence to Christianity and his friendliness to Christian missionaries may greatly facilitate the work of the church in that part of the world. Whatever the shortcomings of Christianity, the church has been a tremendous factor in the uplifting of mankind wherever its tenets have prevailed, and in the progress of civilization and the humanities.

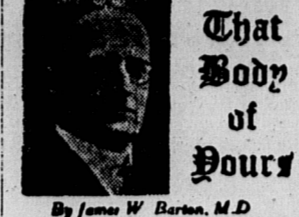
In spite of the fact that many millions of dollars have been spent in its construction, there appears to be good reasons to doubt whether the Singapore naval base ever will be completed. There was lack of unanimity concerning the need for the base and the desirability of proceeding with it when the work was started, and it still is lacking as the work goes on. There is a belief in some quarters that, even though the investment already made is heavy, it would be better to take the loss than to add to the sum the expenditures which must be made to carry it to completion, to say nothing of the cost of maintenance.

In days when surgery was cruel the surgeon depended on fire to check the flow of blood from a crude operation, cauterizing the wound for lack of knowledge of better methods. In a sort of cycle surgery has come back to this means of preventing bleeding, but the red-hot iron is replaced by a low-frequency current of electricity which rapidly coagulates the blood in veins and arteries and in a measure heals the wound as it is made. This new discovery makes possible the use of the electric "knife" in both making and healing the incision. If it comes up to expectations, it promises another major victory for the art and science of surgery by removing much of the danger following the actual operation.

According to a London despatch, H. G. Wells, the novelist, speaking at a conference of the National Council for the prevention of war the other day, prophesied the outbreak of war within a short time. Some sort of accident might happen next year or the year after. It is as close as that," he said. He criticized peace movements for failing to prepare an effective plan of operation. "You are going to be entirely ineffective when the time comes. The War Office is ready but your movement merely meets and talks."

"Fear is the great enemy of humanity—the root of most evils, but education is driving fear into the ground."—George Gordon Battle.

is the poorest instead of the richest country in the world, except in paper dollars."



By James W. Barton, M.D.

HEALTH LIKE A BANK ACCOUNT

I often speak of health as an asset; in fact good health is the greatest human asset. With good health you are capable of doing the things that your brain and ambition direct. Without good health you cannot accomplish the things you would like to do in life.

Someone has likened health to a bank account, which doesn't increase in size of its own accord. This bank account of health was given to you partly by your parents and partly by your own care, your own common sense.

However it is not like a savings account which increases as the years pass. It is like a current account which will not increase in size unless you make a deposit from time to time. And if you make no deposits but keep checking out all the time, the account will decrease and gradually disappear.

Of course you know what I mean by depositing something in your bank of health. It means the watchful common sense care of the body; not eating too much or too often, but eating enough and often enough; not sleeping too much, but sleeping enough; and taking enough exercise—very few will ever take too much.

Checking out means that you do the foolish, the careless, the thoughtless things that rob you of some of that health you have stored up; eating anything, anytime, anywhere; trying to get along without enough sleep; and working your brain continuously and your body not at all.

One of the deposits must take the form of active exercise out of doors, as Dr. L. Langstroth points out, I believe this is where most people fail. Yet this deposit really pays a large dividend from a health standpoint. Gladstone, as you may remember, said, "Exercise of the body pays a larger rate of interest than any other investment."

We can't all chop down trees, as was his custom, but everyone of us can do something outdoors everyday, if only to walk a few blocks at a brisk gait.

So be careful of your bank account of health; it is your most valuable possession. Remember that if you make regular deposits you can likewise check out large amounts, which means being able to work hard or play hard.



SIC TRANSIT GLORIA

Not when the swallow, with her Quaker sweetness, And undulating flight, Prophesies summer's mellowing completeness And the pure joy of light.

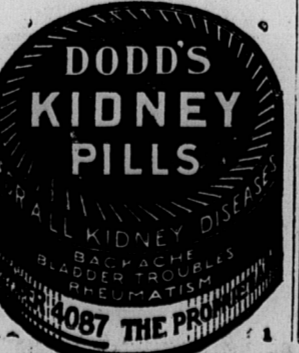
But when her twittering brood, grown lusty, And swift on pointed wings Has breasted the September air turned edgy With threat of sterner things.

Then comes the aching thought of ultimate loss, What youth and spring made dear, Sorrow of parting, loss not of our choosing.

The clanging knell of fear; Then would I follow through the autumn hazes To some pacific bourn, Where the mimosa blooms, with sun-flecked daisies And shrill winds do not mourn;

But for the vision, slow—how slow—advancing, A yellow daffodil, Brown catkins in the greening, cosses dancing, And a thrush's trill.

—M. I. E. Dorphin.



The Public Forum

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. This Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

THE "PAID MOURNERS"

Sir:—Early in the Christian era and for a period before, it was a custom for those who could afford it, to hire mourners to give the departed a noisy valedictory. Whether as an invigorator to the spirit of the dead, or to comfort the survivors is undetermined.

The barbarous custom has a survival in Canadian Liberalism, in which there is hope to excuse the dead and ease the sufferings of those who escaped the election tragedy. Amongst those paid wailers one R. J. Leachman sings his mournful dirges with more or less frequency in the local Liberal organ. In old times the "mourners" were declared to "go about the street." Nowadays the can wall more lazily, and better remunerated, in the columns of the press.

His latest dirge is over the Buy-At-Home appeal of Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Trade and Commerce, which brings life and employment to Canadian industry and death to the Liberal system of taking the bread from the mouths of our own people, to feed and enrich the workmen of foreign lands.

There is not a sane man in Canada nor in any other country, who will attack the buy-at-home principle. It is a slogan adopted by every country among civilized nations. Yet this Liberal mourner, Mr. Leachman takes it as a text for his latest lament.

He deals in figures. And asks some foolish questions. How are you going to get paid for exports, if not by imports? What a befuddler! If we export feed for a thousand workmen in a foreign country, to pay for their handicraft which we import, won't we send the same feed to the same workmen in Canada, if they manufacture the same goods in our own country?

"Declining imports means a decrease of employment," this wiseacre tells us. "Declining imports," when the decline is due to those imports being manufactured at home, means increased employment. A spectacle for his black crepe decorations, apparently unable to understand that a strong consuming home market, reduces exports in a like proportion to the commodities manufactured at home which correspondingly reduces our imports.

The Liberal mourner talks in millions of one kind of action—tariff actions and billions to build up. These things do not affect our international trade in natural products. We have to import our sugar, rice, tea, coffee, tropical fruits and

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Trumpets At Loos

(Exchange)

They have made a memorial to the missing British soldiers of the battle of Loos (September, 1915), and every evening for the next twelve months, they will sound the Last Post there. Relatives of one of the men whose name is inscribed in that place have made it possible that this should be done, in memory of him and his comrades, and the Imperial War Graves Commission sees that it is done. Twelve years after the war, and fifteen after Loos, the mention of these things still comes home to us.

They sound the Last Post, too, at the great arch of the Menin Gate, where it stands at the ramparts of Ypres. Every evening, solemn and slow and mystical, the trumpet calls over the fields of the Old Salient, where the larks sang and the poppies flowed among the guns of the Great War, and where one hundred thousand British men gave up their lives

47 Shopping Days To Christmas

In other words there are 47 days before that "Day of Giving"—the wise shoppers will start making the rounds of THE METROPOLITAN STORE NOW, in order to escape the customary crush of that busy season. Then, take into consideration another advantage, at this season, The Metropolitan Store has a stock on hand which has not been gone over by eager throngs, and that which is best, purchased by gift seekers. START YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING NOW AT THE Metropolitan Store

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