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HEARTY WELCOME.

THE current week will be one of social and religious as well as political activity. Not the Provincial Legislature only, but the Diocesan Church Society and the Women's Auxiliary of the Church of England in this province, and the Presbytery of P. E. Island will be in session here. While it is true that many persons expect a heavy storm about this time, we feel sure that The Guardian interprets the hospitable feeling of the people of Charlottetown when it extends to the clerical visitors, the lay delegates from the country, and the politicians, a hearty welcome—and a pleasant stay in their capital city.

INTER-IMPERIAL FREE TRADE.

THE idea of Free Trade within Europe and protection against the world at large seems to be taking root among European nations. The wonderful success of that policy throughout the United States has evidently captivated the imagination and the reason of men in Europe. It is argued, it has resulted so well in the half-continent of America, may it not also promote prosperity in Europe? At present the neighboring nations of Europe are all divided fiscally by means of tariff walls. If these walls were obliterated and a high wall of protection erected around the whole of Europe, the industries of these European countries would be stimulated and their prosperity promoted. As for Great Britain, Canada and the other Dominions, they also, are being constrained towards a system of Inter-Imperial trade in which their industries will be protected while freedom of trade between themselves is maintained.

G. B. AND PROTECTION.

BY the changed circumstances of trade and the financial conditions that now prevail, the Government of Great Britain is being forced to change the tariff policy on which it has acted and prospered in the past hundred years. The industries of every other foreign country in the world are now protected by means of a Customs tariff, and are providing, to a greater extent than ever heretofore, for the requirements of the people. Great Britain is consequently deprived of foreign markets from which in former years, she reaped rich harvests. At the same time the products of foreign countries are being dumped into all the British markets in increasing quantities and under-selling the goods of home production. British agriculture and British manufactures, alike, are suffering from this cause. More than that, the money required to meet the current expenditures of the Government and pay the debts due the United States and other countries is not coming into the national treasury. There was a heavy deficit last year, as between Government receipts and Government expenditures. It is evident that if the free trade policy of Great Britain is maintained there will be continuous deficits in succeeding years; and that with diminished trade and weakened industries the condition of the country will be worse instead of better. It is not, therefore, wonderful that the Finance Minister of Great Britain has announced that a further addition will be made to the British Customs Tariff upon articles of foreign production; nor is it wonderful that, feeling the pinch of foreign competition the people of Great Britain are compelled to give their assent.

"SOME THINGS TO REMEMBER"

UNDER this caption, "Canadian" writing from Charlottetown, has the following interesting and informative letter in the Montreal Star:—"Canada should give careful consideration to the following facts before agreeing to go into partnership with the United States to develop the St. Lawrence waterway and hydro-electric projects: "1. At the making of the Washington Treaty the American Government, for a good consideration, granted to Canadians the privilege of a free entry of their fresh fish into the American markets; yet it did not scruple, after the ratification of the treaty, to greatly lessen the value of the privilege by imposing a vexatious tax on the tin containers. "2. The refusal of that Government to make any compensation for the damages inflicted on Canada from the various hostile Fenian raids of the "Sixties," originating in that country. The intention to make these raids was well known to the American Government. Yet it took no steps to prevent them and refused all redress—although claiming at the same time full reparation for all damages done its commerce by the Southern privateer Alabama, which escaped from Liverpool during the American Civil War. Canada was more entitled to satisfaction for these raids than was the United States for the ravages of the Alabama. Great Britain, for the sake of peace, etc., paid for the latter. The United States stood to its refusal to make amends for the former. "3. When American fishermen, in violation of treaty rights, invaded our coasts and persisted in fishing in our waters, bluster and threats rang out from Washington against the attempts of our Government to safeguard our just rights. "4. More recently American cruisers seized and confiscated Canadian vessels engaged in the lawful occupation of catching seals on the high seas, hundreds of miles from Alaska, and against every semblance of right and justice, imprisoned their crews. This high-handed conduct of that Government was persisted in until an international tribunal had given a decision of its being in every respect unwarranted and against every principle of international law. "5. And today even, and for years back, the City of Chicago has been illegally diverting the waters of Lake Michigan for its own purposes into the Mississippi River, to the great injury and damage of Canadian rights without apparently the Washington authorities caring to put a stop to the wrong done us. "6. Then there is the Colombia business, the Nicaragua embroilment and the Mexican question, all of recent years, to remind us of the over-reaching propensities of our neighbor. "After the announcement, was made a short time ago that Canada was to have a representative of its own at Washington, it was declared to be the settled policy of the American Government not to send a minister to represent it at Ottawa. Is it that the desire to have Canada inveigled into the St. Lawrence waterway and hydro-electric projects has brought about the sudden and unexpected change of policy at Washington? 'I fear the Greeks even bringing gifts.'"

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Germany is evidently growing more and more restive concerning the occupation of the Rhineland by French troops. The continued occupation of German territory by foreign troops is not calculated to promote peaceful feeling on the part of the German people.

Notes by the Way

Robert Pollock, the Scottish poet, who wrote The Course of Time, a rather gloomy epic that was much read 70 or 80 years ago by Presbyterians, but seldom quoted now, described the "bad years" which were, in his imagination, to follow the Millennium thus:—"It was withal a highly polished age; When stranger stranger met upon the way Each bowed to each politely and very Large profession made of humble service; And then the stronger took the other's purse; And he who stabbed his neighbor to the heart Stabbed him politely and returned The reeking dagger to its sheath with graceful air."

FASHION AND HEALTH

It certainly shows the trend of the times when the medical officer of health of the world's largest city praises the woman's fashions of the day. He tells us that it is only a short while ago that woman's fashions were a real menace to health, with the tight corsets, tight garters, tight shoes, and so forth. This interference with the circulation of the blood, and with the action of the various organs of the body, was the cause of gall stones, lung conditions, thinning of the blood, and other ailments. Tight corsets were recognized as one of the chief causes of gall stones in women, and of anaemia in young girls. Tight garters were a direct cause of varicose veins in the legs, often followed by varicose ulcers. Tight shoes not only deformed the feet, but were a direct irritant to the entire nervous system. High heels were likewise a menace as they took away the arch or cushion effect from the feet, thus putting the work on the cushions between the bones of the spine. The loss of the "spring" in the foot made the feet hit the ground like the knobs on the ends of wooden legs, thus jarring the spine and brain with every step. The broad low heel on the modern shoe is certainly a striking illustration of the common sense women are now displaying. He speaks also of the short dresses, as compared with the trailing skirts of a few years ago, which swept up the dust of the city streets. Then their sensible custom of wearing light clothing in the house, office, or factory, and only putting on heavy clothing when they went out into the cold. This is in direct contrast to man's habits of heavy underwear, heavy woollen suits worn indoors, inducing a continuous flow of perspiration, and giving him that "chilly" feeling when he goes outdoors. Some day men will become sensible and wear light clothing indoors. However it is helpful to all of us to have these health officers commending Dame Fashion, when she deserves it. She has made mistakes from the health standpoint, but there is no question that woman's desire to be comfortable, to have freedom of movement, has much to do with the changing of fashions even to the bobbing of the hair.

What did the Maritimes get for their share of the public domain?

Not a single acre of land, not a dollar of money! They got just as much and no more than did the weaker party in the poets' vision of the robbery in which "the stronger took the other's purse." And that was but one of many instances of polite robbery of the Maritimes by the stronger provinces and interests westward of their boundaries. Prince Edward Island, lured into Confederation by the contract to give her daily steam communication, was denied the fulfillment of that promise for over forty years, during which time her federal taxes were doubled and trebled and she lost \$8,000 of her people. If one native born Canadian, reared to maturity and educated as our's were, is worth \$1,000 to the country, our province lost in that way during that time thirty million dollars. How the stronger was taking the weaker's purse, and how "politely" it was done during those forty years!

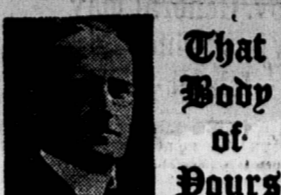
Taking the Intercolonial into the National system and advancing the freight rates 92 per cent against an advance of only 55 per cent on other parts of the National—what was it but a polite robbery of the Maritimes by right of the stronger?

Both Sir John Macdonald and George Brown were on record before Confederation that the Intercolonial was built as a political necessity to unite the provinces and could not be expected to pay. Its rainbow-shaped route had a military object in keeping away from the American border. Sir John said, "Build this road and Halifax will soon become one of the great emporiums of the world—all the great resources of the West will come to the bosom of your harbors." George Brown said, "It will make Halifax and St. John the Atlantic sea ports of half a continent." These pre-Confederation pledges and promises have been broken by the advanced freight rate and "polite" pilfering of the Maritime purse.

IN THE DAYS OF OLD

In the days of old, Lovers felt true passion, Deeming years of sorrow By a smile repaid. Now the charms of gold Spells of pride and fashion, Bid them say good-morrow To the best-loved maid. Through the forests wild, O'er the mountains lonely, They were never weary Honour to pursue; If the smile smiled Only, All their wanderings dreary Ample gerdon knew. Now one day's caprice Weighs down years of smiling.

of commerce and friendship between American republic, who support in by their contributions in proportion to their population, and it is governed by a board composed of their diplomatic representatives in Washington. The Union publishes monthly bulletins on the varied interests of the republics and maintains the Columbus Memorial Library in Washington. No doubt this community of republicans hope to see Canada also made a republic, and their invitation to walk into their parlor should serve as a reminder to Canadians of the spider's invitation to the fly!



By James W. Barton, M.D.

That Body of Yours

There is danger of our Island Live Stock industry being made subservient to foreign interest to the great injury of those who expected to profit by using in a Maritime Marketing Board. While this Province is the largest producer by long odds of any of the Maritimes, we are cut down to only two members as against three to each of the other provinces, too weak a representation. There is also an apparent danger of the Central Office being established on the mainland, leaving our sellers wholly at the mercy of those who desire to conserve their own purposes than ours. I call this to the attention of our people in time for them to wake up and avoid impending danger. I am, Sir, etc.

ONE INTERESTED

REV. MR. HERMAN'S LATEST

Sir,—The severest of Rev. Neil Herman's critics will hasten to commend his eloquent denunciation of the liquor evil in Sunday's sermon. Then there will be a transient halt, to ask—why open the flood gates of liquor distribution to intensify the iniquity? Why cut out the restrictions limiting it to medicinal uses, to transform it into an authorized beverage drinking system? That is what his proposed skeleton Act proposes. If his project was accepted he includes a most commendable rider, a surely necessary one, to mitigate the evil his method would produce. It might be likened to the wisdom of opening a Holland dyke, and then providing the flooded inhabitant with a broom to sweep out the tide. He would divide the profits from liquor sales amongst orphanages and other charities, presumably to care for the wrecks his greater traffic would be sure to create. This would be no charity to

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

March 15, 1927 THE SUPREME TEACHER:—Good and upright is the Lord; therefore will he teach sinners in the way. The meek will he guide in judgment; and the meek will he teach his way.

VOICES IN THE AIR

There are voices, vibrant voices, Floating through the air, Glad and happy, merry voices Drifting everywhere; If we would but stop to listen We could hear their song, Floating through the unknown spaces, Sweet their notes and strong.

FOR THE SCRAP BOOK

A SERIES OF LITERARY QUOTATIONS FOR BOOK LOVERS Tuesday, March 15th. Caesar said to the soothsayer, "The ides of March are come"; who answered him calmly, "Yes, they are come, but they are not gone."—Plutarch.

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DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH

By W. L. Gordon WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Don't say "the book fell down upon the floor." Omit "down." OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: long-lived. Pronounce the l as in "ice," not as in "live." OFTEN MISPELLED: banana; anana, do bouble n's. SYNONYMS: productive, fertile, prolific, fruitful, generative, plenteous. WORD STUDY: "Use a word three times and it is yours." Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day. Today's word: ALACRITY; eager readiness; briskness. "The child rose with alacrity and came forward."

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THE STORM

A sudden, bright flash of lightning, Lit up the eastern sky. The thunder crashed, the wind blew hard, The storm was raging high.

THE WHITE DRUG STORE

The night grew later and darker, I heard the raindrops fall, Who would want to wander hither Into the night's dark pall?

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