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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the Weakest Ink."

U. S. Tariff Changes

An approximate idea of what the United States is likely to offer Canada in the way of a new trade treaty is given in the list made public at Washington on Friday night.

Obviously, this system imposes a serious handicap on our basic producers as compared with their competitors in the neighboring Republic.

It will be noted that potatoes and fox furs are included in the tentative list of U. S. tariff concessions.

Similarly, there is no reason why a substantial reduction of the present exorbitant ad valorem duty on silver fox pelts should not be insisted on.

One of the items listed for further tariff reduction is whiskey. Surely our Canadian distillers were sufficiently provided for by Mr. King when he obtained a 50 per cent reduction.

Business Prospects

There is much food for thought in the comprehensive reports submitted by Messrs. J. A. MacLeod and H. F. Patterson, president and general manager respectively, of the Bank of Nova Scotia, at the annual meeting of the Bank's shareholders last week.

Mr. Patterson, who reported a satisfactory year in Bank activities, called attention to the present heavy burden of taxation on the business structure of the country.

The Water Commission

One of the most satisfactory reports submitted at last week's City Council meeting was the annual report of the Commissioners of Sewers and Water Supply.

For some time past objection has been taken by the Ottawa authorities to the water supply. Whether or not there are grounds for this complaint—and the report of the Chief Health Officer indicates that there are—the Commissioners have decided to install chlorinators, and we believe this move will meet with the approval of all our citizens.

The most urgent need of the department at the present time, the Commissioners report, is the replacing of one of the old steam units at Malabar Road with a Diesel or electric equipment.

Our Water Commissioners have been elected repeatedly by acclamation, which speaks volumes for the confidence reposed in their good management and experience.

"Marshall's Bull"

The appointment of Hon. Duncan Marshall to the Senate recalls to a Toronto exchange a humorous episode in the career of this notable Liberal politician.

In the provincial election last fall Mr. Marshall lost his seat in Peel by 300 votes. He also lost a nomination to be Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario when Mr. Hepburn's suggestion that he be appointed started a roar of disapproval which echoed across the Dominion.

Editorial Notes

The Young Pretender died this date, 1788.

The Big Gums will be heard at Ottawa today.

We fail to grasp the conception of "emergency" which called for an unheralded special meeting of the City Council at 9 a.m. on December 30 to authorize the ordering of a \$3,000 snow plough for the snowless streets.

Increase in exports from Canada suitable for use in war during the past year was as follows: copper 7.6 increase, nickel 28.3, lead 13.1, zinc 4.5, steel 25.7, iron 32.3. War pays all right—for a time.

Charlottetown policemen who chase firemen are not the only officers who make mistakes. At Evanston, Ill., Police Chief William O. Freeman called traffic squads into his office recently for a pep talk on how to arrest motorists who had not purchased city licenses for 1938.

Mr. Bailey, superintendent of the Fredericton N.B. Experimental Station told a conference of farmers that many of the imported draft animals are of low grade, when better could be produced at home.

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"With six provinces (this is reduced to five by the action of Premier Hepburn) having already given the federal insurance project their unreserved approval in principle, an approval which will extend, no doubt, to the text of the draft amendment, the government it said to be inclined to proceed with the passage of an address to the Imperial Parliament," says the Montreal Gazette.

Mr. Malcolm Morley, adjudicator of the Maritime Drama Festivals told the Saint John people that: "The Canadian play I saw in Charlottetown, Fool's Playroom, by Harry E. Foster, was very ingenious. All the characters were from playing cards and the dialogue was clever. Throughout there were references to card playing."

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Democracy is an ideal which will never be realized until every citizen is willing and able to understand political issues and to act intelligently upon them.

The market, sitting in its gloom, apparently fears that the dangers which it faces are no new development, and that the oratorical catastrophes have been skillfully averted, and that time is on the side of an ultimate solution.

Blessed are the happiness makers! Blessed are they that remove friction, that make the course of life smooth, and the intercourse of men genial.—Henry Ward Beecher.

The Canadian Chartered Accountant, the official organ of the Dominion Association of Chartered Accountants, places a note editorially in its January issue for a closer check on municipal accounts.

Abraham Lincoln was once asked how he had managed to keep his hair so thick and so curly. He replied: "Well, replied Mr. Lincoln, the fact is—I have as much hair as I can get around me only part of the time, but I have never stopped associating with wise—and with Washington—men."

Most people are anxious to pay their debts and willing to do so when they have the means to meet their obligations. The experience of money-lending institutes in the province of Alberta during the past few months have demonstrated this.

With Britain and the United States both engaged in rearmament programmes, one of the features of naval construction is the return of the battleship. For a time it was argued that the advent of the airplane and the development of the submarine had made battleships too valuable to build.

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What it sums up to is this: that if we can manage to stabilize our debts, can keep them from growing, the while continuing to increase the national income at any rate, we are in a position to do things that are not only possible, but that are important; that we can go on spending, it is simply a matter of how much we can afford to do in the matter of debt.

Sir Walter Scott in lending a book one day to a friend cautioned him to be punctual in returning it. "This is really necessary," added the friend in apology—"for though many of my friends are bad arithmeticians—I observe almost all of them to be good book-keepers."

A declining and an ageing population would produce an enormous difference in the political and economic condition of the people; but we are largely unprepared to take account of these changes, and we are largely unprepared to take account of these changes, and we are largely unprepared to take account of these changes.

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PUBLIC FORUM

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LATIN AGAIN

Sir—In the Guardian of January 28, M. M. N. wishes to hold fast to the present system of education. He points out that important positions in Canada and the U. S. are filled by graduates "who are the foundation of their success laid in our Common Schools."

We must judge a system of education by the results it produces for man and woman. And here I hasten to say that I have been here too short a time to dare estimate this. As I said when I began my career in the public schools, I present curriculum in the Common Schools. I did so at the request of friends and neighbors.

Not against Latin, do we argue, but against Latin in place of our boys and girls who go beyond the Common Schools. I am, Sir, etc. RUHAMAH SCHEINFELD FRANK.

Personal Preferences

(Several years ago the following "replicas by prominent Canadians to a query sent out by them" appeared in a Toronto paper. It is interesting to note the influence of the classics upon the leaders of another day and generation.)

1. My favourite authors of prose: In history, Macaulay, Gibbon, Parkman and Green; in romance, Scott, and Thackeray; in political science, Montesquieu.

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FROM "IRRADIATIONS" The morning is clean and blue and the wind blows up the clouds; Now my thoughts gathered from afar Once again in their patched armour, with rusty plumes and blunted swords, Move out to war.

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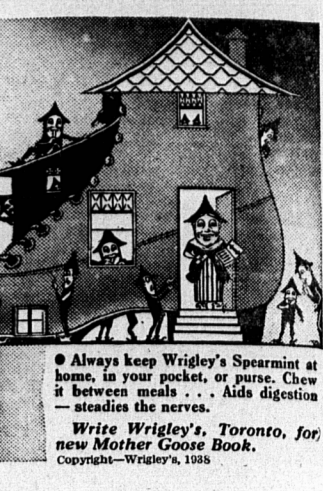
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