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MADE IN CANADA.

More and more, year after year, it is being demonstrated that we Canadians are pursuing an unpatriotic and an unbusinesslike course in the matter of our purchasing.

In the year ending November, 30, 1920 we imported \$1,345,582,300 worth of goods as against \$920,082,927 for the previous year, an increase of \$425,499,373. Of this total we purchased \$927,564,711 worth or over 68 per cent from the United States.

If purchasing in the United States were unavoidable if we needed the goods and could not make them for ourselves this kind of trading would be excusable. But we are making for ourselves almost every variety of goods that we import, yet for some unknown reason we persist in buying American made goods; we are sending our dollar bills to the United States and exchanging them at 82 cents each for goods that we could purchase in our own country, made by our own workmen, with our own dollars at their face value.

In our last years purchases from the United States we threw away, approximately \$15,000,000 in exchange along through the depreciation of the value of Canadian currency. This however, was the smallest part of our loss. In buying over nine hundred million dollars worth of goods the greatest part of which could have been made in Canada, we deprived the Canadian workman of work and wages to which he was justly entitled.

The person who buys good of foreign manufacture when the same goods are being made at home is doing an irreparable injury to his country and in our last year's purchases from the United States to himself. Many of us have acquired the unfortunate habit of investing with a sort of superiority articles of foreign manufacture. We are buying brands, not goods; we are depreciating the home product for the sake of a foreign certificate of superiority.

"Made in Canada" should be our slogan. When we buy we should satisfy ourselves that the article is made in Canada. Today in Prince Edward Island we are buying California apples while our own are left under the snow because we would not buy them.

This can be remedied by concerted action on the part of the buyers. Let the first question be "was it made in Canada." If it was not then let us look for it elsewhere.

THOSE TAXES.

The Guardian is informed by people who profess to know that whole communities have positively refused to pay their poll taxes and the matter stands at statu quo. Is this fair? The great majority of our people are quite prepared to pay their legitimate taxes provided they are assured that they are being levied equitably and that they are necessary.

CURRENT COMMENT

The United Farmers' Guide has discovered that the information has not been spread around the spot which it has much worried over in the past and it is laboring with cooking lotions to slay the pain. The sore is one which we called its attention to some months ago in the reticence amounting almost to general refusal on the part of intelligent farmers to be caught in the Crear farmers political web.

It must surely have been galling to the Guide and those behind it to note the tone of the Farmers' Convention at Fredericton in its own province. There will be no complaint of a slim attendance here the principal drawback, LARGELY DUE TO A HEALTHY ATTENDANCE, being in the sensible attention given by the most practicable of the farmers to the problems of business and production.

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Daily Selections Guardian Readers

Furnished by W. S. Louison.

MY FAITH

I will not doubt, though all my ship at sea, Come drifting home with broken masts and sails; I will believe the hand which never fails, From seeming evil worketh good for me.

UNIDENTIFIED.

Happenings of The Week

The Dowager Countess of Minto who has been the guest of Their Excellencies the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire for a few weeks, will leave on Wednesday for England sailed by the Empress of France.

The Duke and Duchess of Devonshire held a farewell party Tuesday afternoon in honor of the Dowager Countess of Minto, to which the countess's old friends in Ottawa and a few others were invited. The Governor-General, the Duchess and Lady Minto received the guests.

The death of Miss Mercy Cole came as a shock to her many friends yesterday and deepest sympathy is extended to her surviving family.

Mrs. L. E. Prowse entertained delightfully from four to six on Thursday afternoon when she invited a goodly number of ladies to afternoon tea. A feature of this entertainment was a doll dressing contest, which brought most effective results, then lovely prizes being awarded, after which the guests chatted for an hour over their tea cups.

Mr. Donald Nicholson, M. P., Mrs. Nicholson and Miss Blanche Nicholson left yesterday for Ottawa to be present at the opening of the Legislature.

There was the usual number of pre-Lenten activities within the week, and even at this early date there are hosts of things planned for after Easter.

Shrove Tuesday was duly celebrated by innumerable housewives and flap-jacks were generously served at the evening meal in nearly all households.

Wednesday ushered in the Lenten season with special services in the Catholic and Episcopal Churches, all largely attended and now social activities have been laid aside for the next forty days.

Upwards of 150 attended and thoroughly enjoyed an evening of fun and dancing at the Country Club Mardi Gras on Monday night.

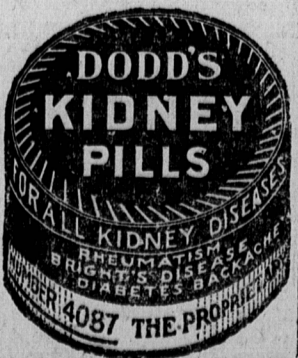
Senator and Mrs. Murphy of Tignish and Senator McLean of Souris left for Ottawa on Thursday.

Many will sympathize with Mrs. (Dr.) Goodwill who has been called to Kingston, Ont., owing to the sudden illness of her father.

Dr. Arthur Clark who was called home owing to the death of his father the late Mr. W. W. Clark, leaves this morning on return to his home in Providence, R. I.

Mrs. W. P. Bruce held her first reception since her marriage on Wednesday afternoon at her apartment on Grafton Street, where she welcomed a long list of callers, assisted by her mother-in-law, Mrs. D. A. Bruce and Mrs. Ernest Beer.

On Monday night Mr. Donald Nicholson, M. P., was presented by the I. O. O. F. with the Honorable Veterans Jewel for fifty years continuous membership and received the hearty congratulations of his



THE PUBLIC FORUM

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

EXPLANATION

Sir—I notice that in the issue of your paper of the 7th of February instant, there appears a detailed statement of what is alleged to be the evidence as well as Dr. Leo Frank's own version of a certain trial and conviction against him at Summerside some time ago for an infraction of the "Motor Vehicle Law." I would infer from such statement that Dr. Frank is attempting to condone himself by applying the blame and his conviction to the fault of the undersigned, notwithstanding the sworn evidence to the contrary.

I beg permission through your paper to say that I did not exceed the speed limit on the day in question, although I was in Summerside on that day. I would not like to say that I did not lunch at the restaurant mentioned in Dr. Frank's statement on the day mentioned, but I did lunch at the Clifton Hotel at Summerside, which the register of that hotel will show if the same is inspected. One of the witnesses was asked if he had seen me that day and how fast he thought my car was travelling. The question did not specify whether in Summerside or Charlottetown, this man being a resident of Charlottetown at the time. In answer to the question the witness stated that he did not come to say how fast my car was going. As a matter of fact the only time he saw my car was when it was stopped at Holman's tank, about 6.30 p. m., but his mind was (?) in declining to answer the question may have led the public to believe I was exceeding the speed limit.

I passed through Summerside that day and returned at about 6.50 p. m. and stopped to receive gasoline at the tank of R. T. Holman Limited, and at no time did I exceed the speed regulations of the town of Summerside, and I think Dr. Frank has surely made a mistake.

I have been operating an automobile ever since the Motor Vehicle Law came in force in this province, and I have never been accused before of exceeding the speed limit as regulated by the laws of Prince Edward Island.

Dr. Frank was talking about getting a set passed to allow a special from such convictions. I would also suggest that the powers of the magistrates who have to enforce the Motor Laws, should be also extended to include those of the "Kings" of old "the rod for the back of the foot."

I am Sir, etc. MRS. EDITH BENOIT.

friends at a social gathering held in his honor.

The recital in St. James Hall last evening was but another of the musical treats afforded the public of this city by Mr. F. T. Watkis and his talented assistants.

The Philathea class held their annual drive last evening followed by a jolly evening and delightful supper served at the Experimental Station by Mrs. Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer are expected home from Montreal tonight. It is pleasing to note that Mr. Palmer is convalescing quite satisfactorily after his recent critical operation.

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QUEBEC, Feb. 11.—Premier Taschereau affirmed today in the assembly that his Government pinned its fate to the success or failure of the liquor bill. The Government knew all the consequences of taking over the full control of the liquor trade he said, but was prepared to assume full responsibility. He also declared the Government of the Province of Quebec would make every effort to stop liquor export to other provinces and with co-operation of the Governments of other provinces he held this restriction would be successful.

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