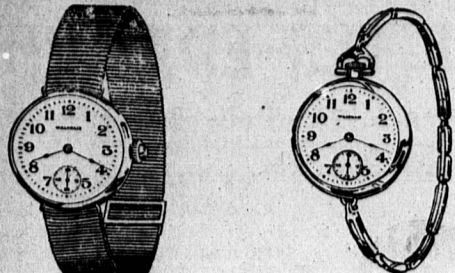


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REVIVING BUSINESS

The "golden era" of Liberal administration and of Liberal invention is now upon us in all its glory and there is much jubilation and much shouting—among Liberals. We are told of the vast increase in the Postal Department as one of the evidences of trade revival and the approach of the fast coming era of prosperity. There has been an increase, a very considerable increase, in the postal revenue during the past year. To prevent a continuance of this increase ten thousand telegrams of protest poured into Ottawa on the 13th of this month, adding materially to the boosted postal revenue in taxes on telegram tolls. Yes, there was an increase, but the increase did not indicate an increase of business but an increase of taxation, in stamp taxes on cheques, bills, notes, stock transfers and other transactions. These increases simply meant handicaps and burdens imposed upon business. It is quite true that business shows signs of improvement. Canada's business cannot long be held down; held in a vice for six or seven years by war conditions, it is now being slowly released and is slowly expanding and will continue to expand.

All that the King government has done for Canadian business during the past year was to hamper it with unreasonable burdens against which all Canadian business today in arms, and to squander the hard earned revenues in reckless and wasteful extravagance. There is being spent at present in Europe on junketing commissions by Canadian ministers more than will be reaped in return to Canada in the next half century. Messrs Fielding and La Pointe have, we are told, in the intervals of their travels on the continent, concluded a treaty with France which will enable us to import wines and perfumes and similar useful and usable articles on the same customs arrangements as now exist between France and the United States. More important treaties have been concluded by correspondence at the cost to the country of a postage stamp. This is only one instance. Unlimited extravagance has characterized the MacKenzie King government from the beginning.

Commenting on the financial situation the Ottawa Journal says in part: "The public debt now stands at \$2,391,000,000—a truly staggering figure. The consequent fixed charges, that must come out of the pockets of the people, reaches nearly \$130,000,000 a year. This amount must be paid before a cent can be expended for the ordinary civil expenses of the country, not to mention capital outlay. In other words, it represents a burden of necessary taxation that is crippling in itself.

"One would suppose that, under the circumstances, an effort would be made to lighten this debt. One would imagine that even our politicians would realize that the existing super-taxation, which is crippling to the country, cannot go on forever, and that, therefore, we cannot go on spending money with war abandon and piling debt upon debt, with no future but more taxes or bankruptcy. Yet, seemingly, there is no such realization. The present Government has made no attempt at retrenchment. Mr. Fielding talked last session about the time coming when we should pay off something on the public debt, but for all the visible effort that he or his colleagues have made to consummate his ambition, the event will be delayed until Gabriel sounds his trumpet. During the war and the period of restoration, there was some excuse for high

expenditure. We had undertaken unavoidable responsibilities, and we had to pay the shot. But today, surely, the situation is changed. There is absolutely no excuse for rearing needless expenditures upon a foundation of taxes that nothing but a financial emergency ought to justify."

SANTA CLAUS CLUB

To become a working partner with Santa Claus at this season of the year is to share in all the privileges available to the widest Christmas charity. In such a partnership it is possible to enlarge the "five loaves and two fishes" into an abundance for the multitude. Beyond the reach of the individual there are hundreds of little ones who are looking with hungry eyes for the gifts which Santa Claus is believed to be scattering broadcast over the world, little ones to whom such gifts never come. Working in partnership with Santa Claus it is possible to reach each one of these. This partnership is made possible by the Santa Claus Club organized last year by Messrs Beer & Weeks and which they are conducting again this year. For the modest sum of one dollar one becomes a member of the club; the whole membership fee is expended on toys which are contributed by the firm at cost and delivered free of any expense to children whose names have been handed in by the different churches in the city. In this way it is expected to reach every child in the city who might otherwise be forgotten by Santa Claus. The firm has received many letters regarding this club, some from mothers, some from older sisters of little ones who are looking for Santa Claus gifts. The father is out of work, there is no money to spend on the little things the children want and which they believe come from Santa's infinite store. The mother cannot bear to see the children disappointed in this long cherished hope, cannot bear to have her little ones ask why the disappointment between them and their more fortunate school-mates and playfellows. She wants to know how the faith of her children may be sustained, how they may be spared the disappointment.

There is only one way in which these children can be reached, namely, to find out who they are and where they live. To the individual, however charitably disposed, this is impossible. To the Club, supplied as it is by the churches, with the names of practically all the children in the city it is easily possible. This places the means within reach of all the ability to do more real good with one dollar than they otherwise could do with ten.

We would strongly urge that all who wish to bring smiles and gladness at Christmas to those whose gladness is clouded by poverty or unemployment, become members of the Santa Claus Club and so make sure that, while their own children are being made happy, there shall be none to remember with bitterness that they have been forgotten.

Notes By The Way

Sir Henry Thornton and his party of railway officials now touring the Dominion have been heartily received and apparently warmly welcomed in the Maritime Provinces. They have also been frankly admonished at several points before passing onward. The duty of giving fair play to the Canadian Atlantic ports of St. John and Halifax was strongly and forcibly presented by governor Pugsley of New Brunswick at the Moncton meeting which suggested

that the competition between Portland, Maine and our two chief Maritime ports was unfair and that the Grand Trunk lines in the United States ought to be sold. Sir Henry did not reply to this at Moncton but did so later in St. John, stating there his conviction that the Canadian National lines in the United States some 1,600 miles in length, should be retained. He hinted that fair play for our Maritime ports could be obtained in some other way than by selling the Grand Trunk lines, which run from Sarnia to Chicago and from Montreal to Portland respectively, but left his hearers entirely in the dark as to how this shall be effected.

Sir Henry in his maritime tour did not lay so much stress on keeping the National Railways out of politics as he had before done. Possibly he had received a hint that it might be well not to go too strong on that point. In the meantime we note that ex-Premier Meighen, speaking at Hamilton on December 14 said, "I have evidence on me that there has been political interference already in the management of the line." And Sir Andrew MacPhail, speaking before the United Farmers of Ontario on the same date at Toronto, is reported as saying, "The new Manager (Sir Henry Thornton) is indefatigable as a speaker; he is so willing to keep the railways out of politics that he is willing to plunge in himself." Other opinions expressed publicly, while generally laudatory, include the less favorable comment that he is a little too fluent and platitudinous in speech to be altogether sincere and reliable.

Quite needlessly at the Halifax wine banquet in his honor, Sir Henry seems to have given offence to the prohibitionists of that city by word and act. The mayor, city council and board of trade were implicated. High officials should set an example of law observance rather than of law-breaking. While the law is what it is wine should not have been on the banquet table. When men in high station thus flaunt their defiance of the law it is an open incitement to others to do likewise. It is an ill day for Canada when our high officials set so base an example. Sir Henry accentuated the offence by his flippant reference thereto. The protest of the Sons of Temperance Division was called for and needed and we hope it may prevent any repetition of such regrettable misconduct.

At the annual meeting of the United Farmers of Ontario held recently in Toronto, the delegates assembled by a 90 per cent vote pronounced against the policy of "broadening out" as advocated by Premier Drury, although he was present and said so many pleasant things that he was heartily cheered. A special committee on roads made a report which may be of interest in our own province. In general it favored a policy of continuous road maintenance instead of a few expensive provincial highways. Here is an extract from the report:

"We believe that the scheme of trunk highways will have little or no economic value. Long distance transportation for freight and passengers is provided by the railways which these roads mostly parallel." The convention decided that there must be less road building, and that the plan of capitalizing motor licenses and borrowing money thereon for road building is unsound and should be repealed. A resolution was also adopted calling for the restriction of the improved road expenditure in any one year to the amount of revenue derived from motor licenses.

These resolutions, reports and statements show the same, common-sense view the Ontario farmers are taking of the roads question. We believe that a majority of Prince Edward Island farmers are thinking along the same lines and will give effect to their views by their votes at the first opportunity afforded them.

It is obvious that our provincial Government is doing in every particular precisely what the United Farmers of Ontario in their annual meeting have condemned. The Bell government has been building sections of highways at great and needless cost while utterly neglecting thousands of miles of other roads leading to thousands of farms. They have paralleled the railway, capitalised the motor license fees for years to come, spent vast sums of borrowed money in a single year, burdening taxpayers who derive no benefit therefrom with increasing interest charges. All these things are condemned by the Ontario farmers. And Ontario farmers call for a halt in road building while here the Bell Government propose to go on and on with it in true Splash away Dash away fashion.

Ludendorff Promises Interview

Ferdinand Tuohy, the New York World correspondent, whose despatches appear in The Mail and Empire, is at present in Germany trying to learn the truth about the political and economic situations there. In the course of his investigations he sought an interview with Gen. Ludendorff, and after considerable trouble was able to make an appointment with former field marshal in his charming villa on the outskirts of Munich. Ludendorff has taken up his residence in Bavaria because there he is able to carry on with greater security the movement for the restoration of the monarchy. Naturally he refused to give any information on this same act, but did not hesitate to unboomer himself with passion upon some others. He gave his views on Great Britain, on the United States and on the present German Government, and showed the utmost contempt for them all. He described the latter as being composed of a lot of Bolsheviks and Jews, and was especially bitter in his denunciation of the Jews, who, he said, were at the bottom of the entry of the United States into the World War. They thrust Uncle Sam into the conflict when it became apparent that they could make more money that way than by preserving his neutrality.

Kept Hand on Pistol.

Ludendorff greeted his guest coolly. He entered the room with his wife by his side, but after staring fixedly at the visitor for a few moments decided that she was not necessary for his protection and sent her away. Throughout the conversation he kept one hand in his coat pocket, and through the cloth Mr. Tuohy could see clearly the outline of a small pistol, with its muzzle pointed at him. Ludendorff is in constant dread of assassination, and before the interview Tuohy had heard that he was always armed with two revolvers, one of which lay in sight upon his desk. It is the assault of an anti-monarchist or "Red" that he fears. The grounds are guarded by savage dogs, one of which snarled and sniffed at the correspondent while the interview was going forward. Ludendorff ordered him to a chair as though he had been a servant or a soldier, and started at him unsmilingly throughout the talk. Only when in the course of the conversation Tuohy revealed the fact that he was of Irish descent did the formidable general unbend. He said that in sacrificing her fleet and giving Ireland her freedom Great Britain had committed the two greatest blunders in her career.

Speaks of Canadians.

He proceeded: "England has failed to appreciate that never again will Canadians and Australians rush to her side in Europe in anything like national numbers. Contingents may cross, but that will be all." Having said this, Ludendorff stopped abruptly as though afraid he had said too much. The British Empire, according to Ludendorff, is doomed, and will be the next to go, nor will it recover like Germany. He said that Michael Collins—whose assassination had not occurred at the time—was merely playing with them in London, and would, of course, establish a republic when it suited him to do so. Then he added: "Ah, if only we had more of the Irish coast for our submarines in the last war! It would have been all up with England." At the same time the correspondent gathered that Ludendorff, and the millions for whom he speaks, while they

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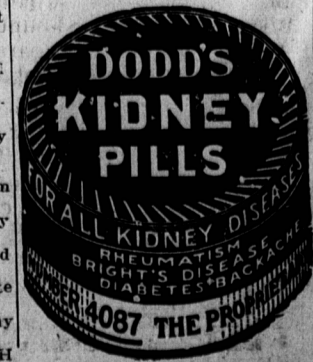
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