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CANADA AT CONFERENCE

For the first time in the history of the world there has been convened at London, June thirtieth to July twelfth, a group of experts representing twenty-four countries where the world's power resources, their development and utilization, are being fully discussed. The Engineering Journal, published by the Engineering Institute of Canada, devotes the entire issue of July to Canada's presentation at the Conference, the papers representing the work of the highest authorities in the Dominion on the various phases of the situation. The papers are introduced by a foreword by Doctor Charles Campbell, M. E. I. C., Deputy Minister, Department of Mines, Ottawa, chairman of the Canadian Management Committee of the World Power Conference, in which he points out that the Conference affords the Dominion of Canada a unique opportunity to present before the world her magnificent power resources, both water and fuel, and the efficient and economic manner in which they have so far been utilized. The people of Canada may well be proud of the magnificent presentation which is being made by the Dominion at this Conference, which is historic, as being the first of its kind, and at which about thirty of Canada's engineers will participate. Possessing as she does such splendidly utilized resources, possibly no country of the twenty-four taking part will receive greater benefit from this Conference than the Dominion of Canada. Canada's presentation is included in five parts, the papers, all well illustrated, being included in full in the July Engineering Journal.

SMUGGLING

Would it be too much to say that smuggling is an inherent human characteristic? We are not going to discuss this phase of the question. Each reader who occasionally visits the United States, St. Pierre or any other country the products of which are subject to duty or even to confiscation on entry into Canada, many answer the question to their own satisfaction. We know many good, honest men and women who exercise considerable care in packing their purchases on returning from foreign countries and who would not think it necessary to direct the attention of the Customs officials to the fact. But that by the way. There is at present wide-spread complaint about the smuggling of cigarettes into Canada. It is estimated that no less than 500,000,000 cigarettes find their way yearly across the border into Canada from the United States while Canadian cigarette factories are being put out of business by the falling off in demand for their product. The reason for this is not far to seek. The excise duty on Canadian cigarettes some ten years ago was \$3.10 per thousand. In 1922 the tax was \$7.00 per 1000, plus 40 cents per pound on the raw material and two per cent sales tax, a total of \$8.00 per 1000. One year's experience proved that the tax was defeating its purpose, cigarettes were being imported wholesale, the revenue was almost entirely cut off and Canadian manufacturers were very properly complaining. In 1923 the duty was reduced to \$6.00 but this is still far above the revenue producing mark; cigarettes are being smuggled in at practically the same rate, there has been no reduction in the consumption and the Canadian cigarette manufacturing industry is being strangled. The duty was raised in the ex-

pectation that it would both add to the revenue and curtail consumption. It has done neither. There are just as many cigarettes used today as there were when the duty was lowest but they are American cigarettes smuggled into Canada.

A prohibitive duty on any article simply prohibits its legal importation and encourages smuggling. When it is desirable to prohibit importation a prohibitive duty is the most effective means that can be employed provided always that there is no other source of supply. When there is prohibition defeats its purpose.

Prohibition prices, whether because of high duties or the selfish desire to make a revenue are not only unbusinesslike but injurious and invariably drive customers to other sources of supply, legal or illegal. The "protective principle" in our tariffs, "quick sales and small profit" in our business are good and wholesome watchwords. To go beyond either of these is to "kill the goose that lays the golden egg."

BEATING THE AIR

All protest against the doling and undolings at Ottawa at present, and the protest is practically unanimous, is as unavailing as that harmless undertaking known as "beating the air." The Liberal party holds office by grace of a few Western Progressives and through a peculiarity of our Canadian constitution and nothing short of a bloody rebellion can get them to let go their hold. They can do as they like and are doing it; they can engage their hirelings at fancy wages with the people's hard earned money and are doing it; they can send their heelers to all parts of the earth on so called missions, paying them out of the ever-increasing taxes of the people, and are doing it. They can, in short, do anything they please, make the poor taxpayer foot the bill and are doing it every day. Not a heeler in the country who can make a demand on the government needs go empty away, if he lives to get to the ever open door that leads to the treasury. And the people are powerless; they have to foot the bills and say nothing. It is true they could go to Ottawa in a body and clean out the House of Commons but, while such an act would be justifiable by the "unwritten law" it would lead to recriminations and very probably innocent people might get hurt and our people are generally law abiding and peaceable.

So there is nothing for it but await the natural expiration of the parliamentary term when the constitution which now holds them in their ill-gotten seats will demand their evacuation. Meantime Canada is being slowly strangled and if it survives till the end of the parliamentary term there is hope for resuscitation. The weather is now getting too hot even to record the iniquities of the most corrupt government Canada has ever had.

EDITORIAL NOTE

Silent salesmen are a modern invention and their effectiveness lies in the fact that they exhibit the class of goods sold in the store. The customer needs to ask no questions; the goods speak for themselves. Every man in the city is, consciously or unconsciously, a salesman for the city and the province. He is a sample of what the visitor believes the rest of us to be. If straight, honorable, obliging, the visitor concludes this is the general characteristic of the place. One crook or disagreeable citizen may spoil many sales for the whole province. Let us all be worthy silent salesmen.

Notes By The Way

A memorial of an event in which the late Hon. David Laird took a prominent part is being prepared at Fort Livingstone in northern Saskatchewan. It takes the form of a cairn erected by the Historic Sites and Monuments Commission of that province and will carry the following inscription: Fort Livingstone, First Capital of the Northwest Territories, 1876-77. Here Lieutenant Governor Laird and his Council were sworn into office on November 27, 1876 and here on March 8, 1877 was held the first session of the Northwest Council.

Out of those Territories in 1906 was formed the new provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta. "Bystander" in the Toronto Globe tells that near Fort Livingstone is an elevated point commanding an extended and beautiful view of the surrounding country. This is locally known as Laird's Lookout, because it was the objective of the late Governor's favorite morning walks. Near this spot he negotiated the first treaty with the Indians of that region who always held "the Tall Chief" in great reverence and regard.

It transpires that although Premier Smuts and the South African party which he led were defeated in the recent election, a majority of the votes polled were in his favor. Hertzog, the new Premier, and the Nationalist party which followed him elected eight more members than the Smuts party although in a minority of the aggregate vote which was 150,000 for the defeated party against 114,000 for the victors. This result would seem to indicate fair prospects of the return of the South African party to power at no very distant date.

It is now over two months since the office of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada became vacant by the death of Sir Louis H. Davies and no appointment has yet been made to fill the vacancy. Sir Louis was the only representative of the Maritime Provinces on the Supreme Court Bench at the time of his demise and there was a natural expectation that a new appointment would before now have been made from this section of the Dominion, but with such a government as we now have there can be no assurance that what is necessary to be done will be at all. Maritime claims are lightly regarded at Ottawa these days.

Attention was called by The Guardian some days ago to the change in the United States immigration regulations which seemed likely to cause serious trouble to Canadians migrating across the border. The trouble has come speedily and nearly one hundred persons from various parts of the Maritime Provinces have been detained at St. John and many hundreds at various points in Ontario and Quebec because the new American regulations have not been complied with. Many of these persons and families have suffered heavily in loss of time and outlay of money and have been forced to return to their homes until difficulties could be adjusted.

This trouble and loss might have been avoided had ticket agents on the National Railways been instructed to warn persons purchasing tickets to the States about the birth certificates and consular visa necessary to enable a Canadian to pass the immigration officials at the border. Nothing appears to have been done in that way and the annoyance, detention and loss is still going on. It is really a very serious matter and should receive the immediate attention of the authorities at Ottawa and the railway officials.

Twenty Members of Parliament sent to the Empire Exhibition at Wembley and eight more Senators and Members going to South Africa at the close of the session all at the country's cost, give evidence of the truly liberal and progressive manner in which our great men at Ottawa are disposed to spend the taxpayers' money. Next year they may take a trip to China, Japan and Australia. Canada is a great and rich country with boundless resources, and high credit. We can always borrow a few hundred million as we are about to do just now. If money can be borrowed so easily why not spend it?



By James W. Barton, M.D. A FATHERLESS BOY

I watched a newboy's boxing bout with interest recently. The Lion's Club were helping the boys to raise money for their summer camp. This bout was for boys of eighty pounds.

In the first round one lad made a most determined onslaught upon the other in the old fashioned back lot fashion. The other lad, very green, kept himself well covered up, but did not attempt to do any leading himself until the round was nearly over, when he apparently "came to himself" and began to put his left hand into his opponent's face, excitedly in the manner in which it had been taught him.

However he was hopelessly outclassed in the first round. In the second round his opponent tore into him again for the first few seconds, but this time our lad began to push his left into his face, and he began to slow up, making the second round even.

In the third round our lad went right into him with his left lead and also used his right occasionally, with the result that he won the fight easily. I was naturally pleased to see a boy so green stay through the first onslaught, and finally win out.

But my pleasure expanded into great joy indeed, when the leader of the newboys came to me and said "That was worth all the time and trouble I've had with this tournament."

"Why? I asked. "Well the green boy who just won that bout had never even seen a boxing bout up to three weeks ago. His mother sent him down to the club with a note, asking me to teach her boy to box, because his father was dead, and she wanted him to be able to take his own part with the other boys, and to defend himself whenever it was necessary."

He did exactly what I told him in the few lessons he had. Just to be able to guard himself and use the first thing in boxing, a left hand lead."

W. G. Y.

MONDAY, JULY 7
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WGY (Schenectady, N. Y.)
General Electric Company
Eastern Standard Time
11:30 a. m.—Stock market report.
11:40 a. m.—Produce market report.
11:45 a. m.—Weather report.
11:55 a. m.—U. S. Naval Observatory time signals.
1:00 p. m.—Music and one act play, "I'm Going," Triston Bernard.
5:00 p. m.—Produce and stock market quotations; news bulletins; baseball results.
6:15 p. m.—Review of week's sports, "Joe" Haubner.
7:40 p. m.—Baseball results.
7:45 p. m.—Address, "Some Facts About Bees and Honey," R. B. Willson, New York State College of Agriculture.
8:00 p. m.—Program of old time songs.
Quartet selection, "Who is Sylvia?"
Quartet selection, "Schubert"
Marion Brewer, soprano; Ethel Osterhout, contralto; A. O. Coggeshall, tenor; Kolin Hager, baritone.
Baritone solo, "Drink to Me Only with Thine Eyes," Mozart
William Fay
Tenor solo, "Afterwards," Mullen
A. O. Coggeshall
Quartet selection, "Love's Old Sweet Song," Molloy
Marion Brewer, soprano; Ethel Osterhout, contralto; A. O. Coggeshall, tenor; Kolin Hager, baritone.
Soprano solo, "Tis But a Faded Flower," Thomas
Marion Brewer
Baritone solo, "Oh, Don't You Remember Sweet Alice," Anon.
Kolin Hager
Quartet selection, "Lullaby" (from "Ermine"), Jakobowski
Marion Brewer, soprano; Ethel Osterhout, contralto; A. O. Coggeshall, tenor; Kolin Hager, baritone.
Baritone solo, "Come Where My Love Lies Dreaming," Foster
William Fay, assisted by Quartet
Tenor solo, "In Old Madrid," Trotter
A. O. Coggeshall
Quartet selection, "Kiss Me Quick, and Go," Buckley
Marion Brewer, soprano; Ethel Osterhout, contralto; A. O. Coggeshall, tenor; Kolin Hager, baritone.
You are kindly and sympathetic. You are ambitious and capable, and held in high esteem. You can make your home life very happy. Cultivate unselfishness and generosity, and never listen to gossip. Your birthstone is the ruby, which means contentment. Your flower is the water-lily. Your lucky color is green.

That Body of Hours

Harry was up against the same proposition that confronts every young man who contemplates matrimony. He had saved sufficient money to "start" his salary was large enough for Jean and him to live on quite comfortably; and his prospects were fair. But—the thought that his untimely death would leave Jean unprovided for had always seemed like an insurmountable obstacle. He loved her too much to take the chance. Then came the idea of creating an estate for her and he dropped in to see a North American Life representative. An explanation of the North American Straight Life Policy followed and Harry was surprised to learn how low the rates were and how easily he could overcome the obstacle which barred the way to happiness. Harry took out a \$10,000 Straight Life Policy and married Jean two months later. To-day, happily married, they hope that, like the book, their story will be—"And they lived happily ever after." Certainly Harry has done his part to make his wish come true. You too will be surprised when you find out how remarkably low the rates are on a North American Straight Life Policy and what special provisions go with this plan.

Advertisement for North American Life Assurance Company. Includes text: "and they lived happily ever after", "Solid as the Continent", and a form for requesting a booklet.

Advertisement for Wilson's Fly Pads. Text: "Every 10c Packet of WILSON'S FLY PADS WILL KILL MORE FLIES THAN 58¢ WORTH OF ANY STICKY FLY CATCHER". Includes text about American Wallpapers Season 1925.

Advertisement for N.D. Maclean Undertaker and Embalmer. Text: "SOMEBODY SOMEWHERE WANTS YOUR PHOTOGRAPH By BAYER".

Advertisement for Carters Feed Store. Text: "Carters Feed Store Headquarters for POULTRY SUPPLIES HORSE FEEDS CATTLE FEEDS PIG FEEDS".

Advertisement for Somebody Somewhere Wants Your Photograph by Bayer.

Advertisement for Carters Feed Store, detailing various feed products and prices.

Daily Selections for Guardian Readers. List of programs including "The First Swim", "W. G. Y.", and "Swat the Rooster".

Advertisement for Fennell and Chandler Oil Cook Stoves. Text: "You Can't 'Keep That School Girl Complexion'".

Advertisement for Fennell and Chandler Oil Cook Stoves, featuring an image of a stove.

Advertisement for C. W. Patterson Jeweller. Text: "REMEMBER THE WEDDING".