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THE CUBAN TARIFF

After the drubbing which Hon. J. A. MacDonald, M.P., administered to the Liberal press on the subject of misrepresenting the Cuban tariff situation, one would imagine that our local contemporary would advance against the Bennett trade policies. Yet we find in its yesterday's issue a repetition of previous misstatements on this point. It alleges, the falling off in our potato trade with Cuba was due to the Bennett policies and that there will be no hope of redress "until there is a change of government."

Next year, whatever be the results of the Dominion election, the West Indies agreement will expire and it will be possible to make some attempt to recapture the Cuban market. In the meantime, thanks solely to the tariff tinkering of the Mackenzie King Government, we are unable to do so.

DEIFYING LENIN

Human beings must have something to look up to and reverence. In Soviet Russia the leaders realize this. Having dethroned Christianity, they have nothing better to offer for the adoration of a spiritually starved people than Lenin, the hero of their revolution. The glorification of Lenin as a sort of Buddha of Bolshevism has been going on for some years; and now plans are under way to erect a gigantic monument to him, the largest in existence.

The Greeks erected statues to Zeus and the Romans to Jupiter. The architecture of the Middle Ages was rich in sculpture of saints and apostles. These works now form some of the most priceless relics of ancient and medieval art.

Today's royal wedding is the third in Their Majesty's immediate family. H.R.H. the Princess Royal (Victoria Alexandra Alice Mary) married Viscount Lascelles February 28, 1922, and became Countess of Harewood on the death of her father-in-law, Earl of Harewood.

What is the order of succession to the throne should the Prince of Wales not marry and have issue? We have been asked. The sons of the sovereign and their respective issues are in the order of succession and after the youngest son, the daughters. Thus after the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York would come Princess Elizabeth and the Princess Margaret, daughters of the Duke of York, then the Duke of Gloucester, and next the bridegroom of today, the Duke of Kent, to be an election campaign.

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NOTES IMPROVEMENT

At the opening of the Supreme Court in Summerside this week Mr. Justice Saunders took occasion to comment favorably on the absence of any criminal dock. This, he said, was indeed a sign of general improvement in the County. It was due, he suggested, to one of three things: that the Attorney General's department was more vigilant; that the R. C. M. P. now charged with law enforcement in the Province have better control over lawlessness; or that the people were becoming more law abiding.

The danger of level crossings and of reckless driving was properly emphasized in the Grand Jury's report. It is only by calling constant attention to matters of this kind that improvement can be effected.

A BIG FACTOR

Attention is directed to the advertisement of the Minister of Railways, in which an appeal is made to the people of Canada to assist the work of the Canadian Travel Bureau by showing every courtesy and consideration to visitors. In the last analysis, development of the tourist industry depends on the attitude in each individual community in encouraging the traffic. The human element, the personal contact between citizens and visitors, outweighs in importance any geographical advantage.

EDITORIAL NOTES

All flags flying today.

The bachelors in the King's family are now H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester, both older than today's royal bridegroom.

His Royal Highness Prince George Edward Alexander Edmund, Duke of Kent, K.G., G.C.V.O., Lieut. R.N. and personal Naval A.D.C. to His Royal Father the King, becomes a benedict today.

Whoever may be downhearted it is neither Premier Bennett nor Hon. H. H. Stevens. Both were poking fun at their critics Tuesday, both optimistic, and both full of the joy of life. And why should they not be? The Liberal-Conservative Party is on top, and has every evidence of remaining on top after the next election.

This month, November, is the most saintly in the calendar. It begins with All Saints and ends with St. Andrew, while in between we have such anniversaries as All Souls, John Milton, Lord Roberts, Rubinstein, Olive, Hakluyt, John Knox, J. L. Macadam, the good roadmaker, Puccini and the greatest and most outstanding of modern red letters, Armistice Day.

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British Pictures Wanted
(Canada's Weekly)
In the course of his Australian tour, the Duke of Gloucester spent last week-end near Ballarat at "Ercildoune," the home of a romantic story of this beautiful country set in the special correspondent of the Times. In the year that Queen Victoria ascended the throne, the Leamouths brothers, descendants of Thomas the Rhymer, began to build it. The house was named after an old keep on the Scottish Border with which "Thomas's name is associated. It is set in an immense park, planted with trees brought in sailing ships from Scotland at great expense and trouble. Connected with the house by a stone-work arm is a replica of a Scottish Border tower. Something in parallel to this sentimental attachment to the early associations of the Old Country was the recent bequest of a former professor of Dalhousie University—an ex-president of the Halifax North British Society—who bequeathed to his native Province of Nova Scotia 100 acres of land in Inverness County, in the north of Cape Breton, with instructions that there should be erected on it a building similar in design to the "stone shieling" of the exiles' haunting songs.

In both these ways expression was given—in Australia, on the one hand and in Canada, on the other—to the deep-seated urge that urges a man and woman across the Seven Seas. Though living thousands of miles away across the ocean, they still talk of the British Isles as "home." Thousands of them have been born in England or Scotland, Ireland or Wales, but thousands more have never seen these countries. Their affection is hereditary; nevertheless it is very real. Not a few of these Canadians or Australians or New Zealanders are well enough off and leisureed enough to be able to make a trip to the Old Country, and to realize their dreams; but the majority are not in this happy position, and are never likely to be. In these days, however, when science has done so much to shorten distance and to annihilate space, it should be possible for them to do the next best thing—to visit or re-visit the land of their fathers at second-hand, as it were. By means of the cinematograph, scenes treasured in memory or tradition can be brought before their very eyes—and it should not be difficult for this to be brought about.

The importance of moving pictures as a formative influence, particularly on the minds of the younger generation, was very properly emphasized by the Governor-General of Canada the other day at the annual meeting of the National Council of Women, and His Excellency rightly maintained that this was a subject of such paramount importance that every effort should be made to deal with it sanely. To Canadians this is a matter of special urgency, because of their proximity to the influence of the United States. In a report presented at the National Council meeting it was stated that films made in the United States "not only display both good and bad elements in a marked degree," but also continue to dominate overwhelmingly the Canadian market. And the report proceeded— "British films were more numerous and of better quality in 1933 than ever before. Eight British features of five reels or more were received and in nearly every instance were popular when exhibited, in spite of the increased inter-

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