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NEW COMPETITORS

That Canada must learn more and more to depend upon its own home markets is becoming clearer every day. At present we have a fairly large surplus of agricultural products which must be marketed abroad even if sold at a loss.

In a recent issue we referred to the growing possibilities of Poland in hog production and in capturing the British market. Recent reports from Europe indicate that Poland is not our only new competitor in this line. Yugoslavia in now going into the hog business with every promise of becoming a dominant factor in the British hog market.

Our only hope is to create such a home demand that we shall not need to export. And this would be possible if we protected our Canadian industries and our Canadian markets.

TRADE CONDITIONS

Advocates of free trade and near free trade are wasting their own time and that of others in trying to persuade us that the home market is entirely governed by the foreign market. In these Maritime provinces and indeed in all of Canada, with the exception of the wheat growing sections of the prairie provinces, we depend upon mixed farming for our living.

The home market is our only market for eggs yet we import some millions of dozens from the United States and we have seen the effect in the past few weeks. What is true of pork and eggs is true, perhaps in a lesser degree, of our dairy products, but this also is true, that every pound of American produce of any kind that comes into Canada reduces by so much the price of the Canadian article.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Every farmer is by birth, training and experience a protectionist. He builds fences around his fields to protect his growing crops from his own live stock. He has in almost every case good neighbors on both sides of him with whom he is on friendly terms, but that does not prevent him or his neighbor from recognising the necessity of maintaining a line fence between their possessions.

As with the farmer in his small domain so it is with the nation. There are communities of farmers and communities of nations. The farmer claims the right to sell and buy where and when he can do so to the best advantage. It is the same with the nations who are at peace with each other. The farmer sells his surplus products to get money with which to buy things that are necessary or desirable for his family that he does not produce upon his farm.

This method of raising a revenue has found continual favor in all countries because of its many advantages. Not all imported goods pay customs tax. It has been found advantageous to admit certain articles free of duty and other classes of articles at varying rates of duty higher or lower, according to circumstances. It was also found advantageous to a country in many cases to place higher duties upon goods and wares that were produced in the country than upon other goods, which it was necessary to import, because this tended to the advantage of the home producer or manufacturer.

Thus a properly adjusted customs tariff stimulates manufacturing industry increases population gives employment to labor and provides a growing home market for everything the farmer produces. A customs duty is, of course, a tax. It increases the cost of imported goods to the consumer. But by stimulating home industry in many lines it diminishes the necessity of importing and by so much it is a tax that constantly tends to reduce itself. Moreover, being an indirect tax, it is less felt than is a direct tax to be paid at a set time.

The value of the Canadian home market to Canadian farmers was never so great as it is today. Never before were our farmers so completely shut out of the United States market as they are today. Never was the purchasing power of European countries so low as it is now, and from all of them except the British Isles we are shut out by high and hostile tariffs. Never was there greater call for Canadian farmers to realise the true value of their home market and rally to its defence. It is attacked by the men in high places in our own land, by an enemy within the gates. They would throw down the walls and fences that have hitherto protected our market and give our Canadian heritage into the possession of foreigners.

The American farmer looks well to his line fence along his northern border. He has built it high and strong and is ever building it higher and stronger. It protects his home market, his most valued possession. He covets our market also that he may have two. And what are our Ottawa rulers doing, even now as we write? Presching the strange delusive doctrine that the Canadian farmer needs no protection.

The Public Forum

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



That Body of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D., SPRING HOUSE CLEANING.

CHURCH UNION

Sir,—Of course I admit that the Presbyterian Church is a constitutionally governed body and it is the duty of every member and congregation to obey it while its courts act within their powers. But it never was nor is within the power of Presbytery nor the General Assembly to destroy the Church and wipe out its very name.

DISABLED SOLDIERS BONUSES

Sir,—We are approaching you in an endeavor to obtain support and the support of your valuable publication in our campaign to make the bonus on the pensions permanent. By the "Pension Act" of 1919, a totally disabled case was granted a pension permanently of \$600.00 per year, with lesser amounts for those who are proportionately disabled, that is, a 60% disability would get 60 p. c. of that amount, and War Widows were granted a permanent pension of \$40.00 per month.

We are an organization of men and one woman, who have given a unit of limbs, or coat of arms, and service to Canada during the Great War, and as we are the only Dominion Organization of permanent war disabled men, we regard ourselves as the Trustees of the Rights of the 43,000 war pensioners and of the 19,000 widows of whom will be affected should the bonus on the pension lapse next September. Further, I might say that the pay and allowances of all ex-service patients in hospitals would also be affected, because the pay and allowances are based on the amount paid to the total disability pensioners.

Therefore, we wish to emphasize the fact that we are asking this, not only in the name of Necessity as War Amputations, but also on behalf of all war pensioners, and the war widows, and unless the Government takes action, the total disability pension will be reduced by \$300.00, and the pensions of the war widows by \$240.00 per annum.

We have conducted a campaign among the organizations throughout the country, and have received the active support of a number of municipalities, such organizations as the Kiwanis, Rotarians, Lions and Gyro Clubs, the Trades and Labor Council, the Boards of Trade, and what is very potent, the Women's Organizations, such as the Daughters of the Empire, the Women's Catholic League, and certain bodies of the Local Council of Women. We have been promised

Your Birthday

MAY 1.—You have a strong will, a commanding personality, and the ability to plan and execute. You are intense in love or hatred, impulsive, and full of energy. In love your path may not run straight, but you will gain ultimate happiness. Beware of arguing and saying bitter things. Your birthstone is an emerald, which means success in love. Your flower is a lily. Your lucky colors are red and yellow.

Dependable Service

There is no substitute for experience, and as this Firm has been active in the Insurance business for over fifty years you can place your order for insurance with them feeling confident that it will receive prompt and efficient attention.

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"FIRST OF MAY SALE" Opens May 1st. Continues Through Thursday and Friday

Shantung Silk at 79c Yard

Another great chance in that wonderful 33-inch Shantung Silk. Splendid for bloomers, dresses, waists, underwear.

79c a yard Black Silk Paillette \$1.39 Yard

This is a very special bargain in pure Swiss Silk of choice draping quality, 36 inches wide. May Sale .....\$1.39 yd.

Canton Crepe \$2.29

This fabric is a very lovely dress material, 39 inches wide. You know what Crepe de Chine of this quality is worth. 4 colors. May Sale \$2.29 yd.

All Wool Canton Crepe \$1.39

This fabric, 40 inches wide, shown in black, navy, copen, cocoa, sand, grey, rose and henna, May Sale .....\$1.39 yd.

Double Mesh Hair Nets 4 for 25c

Neeter Nets. All colors, including grey and white. The best net on earth .....4 for 25c.

Wholesale Prices in all Departments During this Sale

Ladies Summer Vests 4 for \$1.00

Ladies' Summer Under-vests in short sleeves, no sleeves and opera style, ..... 4 for \$1.00

Satinette Bloomers \$1.29

Ladies' satinette bloomers in mauve, green, pink, brown, black and navy, extra good value for \$1.29

Odd Line Corsets HALF PRICE

Odd line of corsets in pink and white, all sizes, ranging in prices from \$2.00 to \$4.50. Selling at Half Price.

Slightly Soiled Aprons

\$1.25 for 69c Maids' white aprons, slightly soiled, worth to \$1.25, for .....69c.

Clearing Line of Voile, Worth \$1.50, 38c Yard

Light and dark. Floral and fancy patterns—last season's goods, heavily reduced in price to make room.

Fabrics worth to \$1.50 per yard. Choose Thursday and Friday at 38 cts. 45c. colored crepe, pink, blue and stripes. May Sale per yard ..... 20c Small lot of \$1.25 Anderson Gingham, sell at HALF PRICE



Ladies \$15.00 Suits May Sale for \$7.00

With perfect frankness we will tell you that these are last season's suits—they are good styles, though, home-spuns and serges, worth \$15.00 for ..... \$7.00

Ladies' Suits to \$22.00 May Sale \$10.00

In this lot, 11 homespun and serge suits; also last season's styles, but smart, attractive garments, worth to \$22 for ..... \$10.00

Georgette and Crepe de Chine Blouses, Worth to \$3.75 for \$2.98

These are slightly soiled, but they really offer you a wonderful bargain chance, they are worth up to \$3.75 in the regular way. May Sale .....\$2.98

Canton Crepe Dresses Worth to \$22.00 for \$12.00

Fifteen pretty dresses in this lot, grey, rose, brown, black and navy, worth to \$22. May Sale ..... \$12.00

Misses Coats up to \$10.50 for \$5.75

Selling Men's Last Season \$30.00 Overcoats at \$23.50

This is a notable bargain. The Coats are from last season, but they are all good styles in slip on and belted models, raglan or set in sleeves, greys, fawns and fancy mixed tweeds. Worth to \$30. 23.50 May Sale .....

Men's \$25.00 Suits \$19.50

Like the Overcoats these are last season's goods. The styles are attractive, but last season's goods must move to make room for present season purchases—hence these handsome all wool tweed and worsted suits in one two and three button models selling ordinarily at \$25.00, cut 19.50 for May Sale to .....



Boys English Tweed Suits Double Seats and Knees \$10.95

Boys' all wool English Tweed Suits, with double knees, seats and elbows, also reinforced seams and pockets; browns, greys and fancy mixed tweeds, plain and pleated backs, with full belts and bloomer pants. Sizes for boys from 8 to 17 years. ....\$10.95

WONDERFUL BARGAIN.

Men's medium weight all wool worsted socks, ribbed, black, or heather shades, a good wearer. Regular price 60c. per pair. Special, 2 pairs for .....\$1.00 Men's Shirts with collar or without, in

nice light stripes, percales or prints. Regular prices up to \$2.50. Special ... \$1.69 each Men's Tweed Caps, light and medium shades, sizes from 6 3-4 to 7 1-4. Regular up to \$1.50 each. Special ..... 79c

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