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THE CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN

MONDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 30, 1907.

INCREASE IN COST OF LIVING.

The Dominion civil servants want more pay and have always wanted more. Several times since Confederation on one pretext or another they have had their pay increased, and a scale for gradual increase from year to year according to length of service was embodied in the Civil Service Act. Not content with this they are now moving for increase of pay on the ground of the increased cost of living, and a commission is hearing testimony as to the justice of this claim. Beyond question, there has been a large increase in the cost of living in Canada during the past ten years. Before the commission in question evidence has been adduced to show that in the matter of table expenses, the price of pork, beef, lamb, butter, eggs, potatoes, chickens and turkeys, there has been an average increase in price during the ten years past of 78 per cent. The Toronto Globe figures the increase at about half this figure, but it is on all hands admitted that the advance has been large.

It is not only in the cost of his table but in other lines as well that the cost of living has advanced. Rents are higher, coal costs more and on every hand the householders are met with increased charges. The mechanic and laborer have some compensation in better wages. Railway employees have had their pay increased within the period named. The federal civil service now conducting their case before the commission referred to, are as a class probably the best paid of all who are paid stated salaries, and they are exempt from the income tax which bears heavily on many.

The provincial civil service, in this Province at least, are paid far below the federal rate, from the Premier down to the humblest clerk or messenger. But it is upon the professional and salaried classes and those living upon slender fixed incomes that the increased cost of living grips severely. To many of them, the clergy, the school teachers, clerks in stores and others the problem of how to pay the increased cost of living has become in many cases a serious one indeed, even while the farmers enjoy big prices and the country prospers abundantly, as we are told it does. Possibly things may take a turn for the better but otherwise many of the salaried class will be much pressed to make ends meet.

"HIGH AS HAMAN'S GALLOWS."

That is the height to which Mr. Gurney of the Manufacturers' Association would raise the tariff. Now the tariff is already lofty in stature. Like Jonah's gourd it grew up in a night in 1870, but unlike that famous plant it was not cut down by a worm the next day. It continued to grow for eighteen years. During those years the Liberal prophets prophesied against it and cursed it from every mountain top, but still it grew. If here and there a mouldering branch were lopped away, another limb extended its shoots—specific grafted upon advalorum—till the great tariff tree had filled all the land and the borders thereof. Then the men that had cursed it root and branch, sharpened their axes and vowed to cut it down, came to have it in their power. But, lo, they assailed it only with watering pots, and fertilisers and gentle pruning hooks. Such, in brief is the story of the tariff as it is. It is a high tariff and Mr. Gurney would make it higher—"high as Haman's gallows". There is significance in the illustration. The story runs that Haman

the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, a mighty man in the days of Ahasuerus, had prepared a gallows fifty cubits high on which he proposed to hang Mordecai the Jew. Later on his gentle purpose was thwarted somewhat by being himself compelled to clothe the Jew in royal apparel, mount him upon the King's charger himself lead the horse and make proclamation before Mordecai. And in the end the kindly Haman was elevated to the top of the lofty instrument he had erected and there suspended by the head. It will be seen that Haman, like Mr. Gurney, was a man of lofty ideas, but in the end got too high for comfort, while his more modest opponent won by a neck. Possibly there may be a lesson in this for the high tariff men, if they will take it. The tariff ought not to be an instrument of capital punishment. If it is to be used for that purpose, as Mr. Gurney's illustration suggests, it may repeat the depressing story of Haman, the Agagite.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has been presented with a gold medal bearing his likeness and his new Minister of Railways, Hon. G. P. Graham, has been made Doctor of Laws. Let us hope they will not feel too much elated.

There is much booming of the All Red Line these days, and Sir Wilfrid says the project will yet be carried into effect. Meanwhile this Province is waiting for the All Red Line to give it real union with Canada and a chance to trade and prosper.

Sir Wilfrid's latest speech on the Japanese invasion gives rather cold comfort to the British Columbians. In brief he says that we cannot stop the Japs coming in without abrogating the treaty made by Britain two years ago with the concurrence of Canada, and he is opposed to abrogation without further trial.

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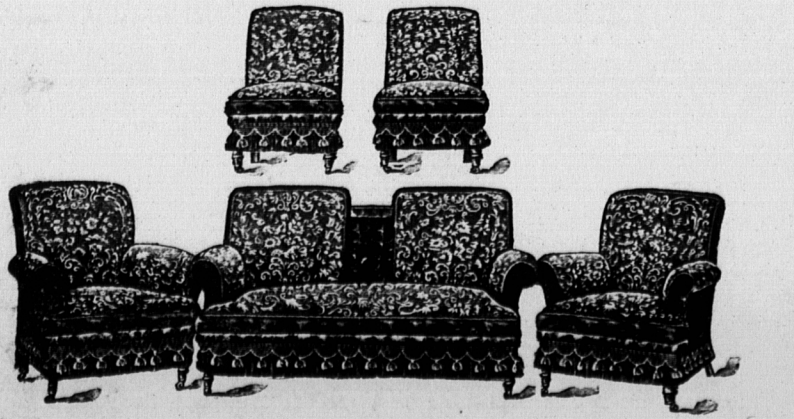
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