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THE COMEDY AT OTTAWA

The latest act in the comedy at Ottawa is the passing of an amendment to the Customs Act providing that "If at any time it appears to the satisfaction of the Governor-in-Council that natural products of a class or kind produced in Canada are being imported into Canada either on sale or consignment under such conditions as prejudicially or injuriously to affect the interests of Canadian producers, the Governor-in-Council may in any case or class authorize the Minister to value such goods for duty notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act and the value so determined shall be held to be the fair market value thereof."

Heretofore the duties imposed upon foreign goods has been apportioned by a special Customs Act, a specific percentage on goods of various classes. According to this amendment the Minister of Customs is the sole arbitrator. It is protection of a specific kind, a kind that does not necessarily apply with even handed justice to all sections of the Dominion but may be applied to suite the whims or the political necessities of the Minister. Hon. Jacques Bureau, Minister of Customs and the author of the amendment explained that the idea was to off set some "loolishness" in the Customs Act. Right Hon. Arthur Meighen strongly protested against the amendment declaring that parliament had never before been asked to delegate to any minister the power to raise the tariff whenever or whenever he pleased. Mr. Andrew McMaster, Liberal member for Bromo, and not unknown in this province also protested vigorously against this new turn of the peculiar Liberal protectionist screw and declared he would vote against his party if he were the only man in the House who would do so.

It was but another instance of Liberal duplicity, another sample of the protectionist policy carried on under the mask of lowered duties and near free trade. How long will Canada stand for this studied deception? The Liberals had preached a lowering of all duties and the complete removal of others. By their preaching they misled some electors but the fruit producers of the West demanded protection and they must be mollified. To place a higher duty upon American fruit and American vegetables by statute would look like yielding to the Conservative policy of protection and so the elastic government must meet their wishes some other way. And now when certain sections of the country find that they are being driven to the wall by American products they have only to say so and the Minister of Customs will set a value on the imported product which will give the Canadian producer the protection he wants!

Such is Liberal inconsistency; such is the carrying out of their promised all-round reduction in duties. Was ever such a farce comedy played by any other civilized country in the world?

well tilled farms, our promising crops, our garden-like richness of soil and verdure. In the city on Sunday the church parade of the Light Horse in which 266 handsome horse participated attracted more than ordinary interest. These horses had come in from the farms only a few days ago and the readiness with which they had accommodated themselves to military discipline has been little short of marvellous. On parade they were as steady as veterans. They entered into the spirit of the various movements apparently with as much enthusiasm as their riders. Billed in front of the Church they were equally well behaved while the mounting, dismounting and re-formation were simply faultless.

The infantry units, although perhaps less picturesque, were in their marching, soldierly appearance and steadiness, equally admirable.

This reference to our militia is made not in a spirit of self glorification but at the request of a visitor who had seen Canada from the Atlantic to the Pacific, who had seen its best farming sections and its largest cities. He expressed the opinion that as a farming community he had seen nothing so uniformly promising as the continuous Prince Edward Island farm, unbroken from end to end and from side to side of the province, except by small groves of timber which only added to the picturesqueness of the scene. Of the military he said he was simply amazed that such a small province could make so excellent a showing.

Prince Edward Island may well feel proud of its military organization, proud of its military history. In the late war 3,000 of our men played their part with their brother Canadians and Britishers; five hundred of these sleep under the poppies of Flanders and in other European fields that shall be forever Canada to Canadians. Their memory we have a right to cherish, their achievements we have a right to remember with pride. To their successors now with us in annual camp we look for a perpetuation of the glorious history not, we hope, in war but in dear-bought peace.

AGAINST THE FARMER

At behest of certain interests manufacturers the federal government has extended for another year the privilege of manufacturing and importing oleomargarine in Canada. The oleomargarine bill was passed as a war time measure during the war in order to give consumers an opportunity of using it, if they saw fit, during the prevalence of the almost prohibitive war time price of butter and in order also to prevent, as far as possible, exorbitant prices of butter. It was intended only as a war measure, to be discontinued when produce resumed its normal level. It affected prices but little as there was an unlimited demand for butter and farmers received all they could reasonably expect for their butter. Today no such need exists; butter has fallen in price, fallen below the actual profit mark and the "farmers' friends" at Ottawa, Liberals and Progressives alike have authorized the manufacture and importation of this substitute for butter. Mr. Motherwell, Minister of Agriculture was mercilessly scored by Conservatives for his inconsistency in thus trampling on the rights of the farmers whom he was supposed to protect, but there were greater than the farmers to be considered. The manufacturers and the monopolists had to be reckoned with and Mr. Motherwell yielded. When this resolution came up some time ago for discussion Mr. A. E. McLean, M. P., for Prince County, this province, was the only Prince

Edward Island member who voted against the resolution; Hon. J. E. Sinclair forgot the farmers' interests and voted for it; Messrs. J. J. Hughes and D. A. McKinnon were not sufficiently interested to vote at all. And so the interests of the farmers are being safeguarded by our farmers' friend government at Ottawa.

Notes By The Way

Senator McCumber, Republican of North Dakota, is Chairman of the Finance Committee and sponsor for the Senates' Tariff Bill. He claims that it is not so much the customs tariff that is at fault for the high cost of many lines of merchandise in the United States as it is the profiteering importer. He concludes that "the consumers of America are unconsciously robbed by the importers and that the remedy is to pass his tariff bill."

In support of his contention Senator McCumber made some rather interesting statements including the following: "A cuckoo clock, which costs 94 cents to make in Germany sells here at retail for \$22. A beaded bag which sells in the United States for \$15 is made in Germany at a cost of 10 cents. Kitchen knives made abroad for 2 1/2 cents retail here for 30 cents. Foreign watches manufactured for \$12.20 a dozen, sell here for \$65 a dozen. Gloves made in Europe for 27 1/2 cents retail here for \$2."

Much along the same line were statements made by Senator Calder, Republican before the Women's Republican Club. We quote: "A string of amber beads sold by the German manufacturer for 62 cents and retailed in New York at \$12.50; a mahogany clock bought wholesale in Germany for \$2.40 and retailed here for \$66; and an electric iron which has a foreign list price of 59 cents and is sold in Brooklyn for \$6.50."

The Protectionist, published in Boston by the Home Market Club, cites the case of one German firm that exported more than 1,000,000 thermos bottles to the United States last year and which claims to be able to sell them here for 50 cents and make a profit. Coupled with this is the statement that the largest thermos bottle manufacturer in the United States has completely shut down owing to its inability to compete with German thermos bottles sold in the retail stores.

We present these statements because everybody in Canada is a consumer including the manufacturer and his employees and in consequence everybody is interested in the cost of things which are bought in this country, whether they are made at home or abroad. The statements above made are by protectionist authorities, and due allowance will be made by the reader for that fact. But after making fair allowance for the source of the above statements we have further to say that the facts above stated have been in no case contradicted and we believe them to be as they are here set down.

It has long been the custom in Canada as well as in the United States by free traders and low tariff men to blame the manufacturer for the high cost of merchandise. The question arises, is not the importer equally if not more blameworthy? And secondly is not the fielding tariff, protectionist as it is in a general way, still unduly favorable to the importation of German wares in view of the relatively low cost of production in Germany as above set down? If German manufactured goods in the lines above indicated can be laid down in the United States at a profit of 500 per cent. to over 2,000 per cent under the higher tariff in that country, how can Canadian manufacturers successfully compete with Germany?

These are vital questions, the more so as both the Conservative and Liberal parties are now committed to a policy of reasonable protection for our home industries. Most persons in Canada would rather see any other country favored by our customs tariff than Germany. The impression is however, now widespread and is growing that under present conditions the cost of production in Germany is so much lower than it is in England as to wholly nullify the British preference and to endanger the existence of many large industries in Canada. No other feature of our new tariff seems more likely to call for a readjustment of the tariff upwards at the next session of parliament than the duties on imports from Germany.

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The Public Forum

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

"God Save The King"

Sir.—The congregation was larger than usual for it was one of those occasions when our boys in khaki paraded and attended en masse, their presence also inducing an increased civilian attendance. A full house always adds to the inspiration and impressiveness of a service and so it was on this occasion. The well-trained choir in tune with the melody of their grand organ led the singing of our popular and venerated National Anthem, in which all the people joined with a voice and power that literally filled the sacred chamber with the richest music of prayer and praise. The deep sentiment of this beautiful hymn, sung with such feeling of enthusiasm by so great a chorus of worshippers, was truly soul inspiring, a reminder of the "Glory of the Lord" that filled the great Temple of Solomon, on the occasion of its dedication. This is the story in many parts of Canada at this season where our khaki boys are in their summer training camps.

But it was not always thus. In the first days of its introduction into the church music there came the puritan protest that it was a secular song for patriotic and political gatherings only, but out of place in the sacred precincts of divine worship. Now, as time rolls by it is becoming increasingly popular as one of the best and a leading selection in the music of all our churches and places of religious devotion. And it is well that it is so. The King is the personal representative of every one of his loyal subjects, the chosen and beloved head of the greatest of the world's empires, and the prayer we offer for our King is a petition on our own behalf, for ourselves and our nation. "God save our gracious King," What does it mean? It is the fervent prayer to save him in his spiritual life as an example and a wise director of his people. It is like unto Solomon's prayer that he might be endowed with wisdom.

But it was once objected that "Send him victorious" was a plea to aid him in war and bloodshed, and as such was a departure from the Christ spirit. This falacy is dispelled and is never thought of now. There are more victories than those of the battle field, and the real spirit of our national prayer is to make our beloved King the master of victories in the avenues of peace and that endowed with "Thy choicest gifts in store, Long may he reign, And ever give cause To sing with heart and voice, God save the King."

Our National Anthem is beautiful alike in sentiment and in its music. It is a hymn in which the whole people can join, and one in which today, more than ever before, they do so with an especial delight. Let it therefore become more than ever a welcome and leading portion of our public services, and yet more frequently let us sing—
God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save our King,
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us;
God save the King.
I am Sir, etc.

WORSHIPPER.

School Supplements

Sir.—On examining the annual report of the Public Schools I note some misleading statements in reference to supplements voted for the school year ending June 30th

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From the W. S. Louson collection

BE YOURSELF.

Perhaps you see in someone else The man you'd like to be, Perhaps the garments that he wears Just fit you to a "T." Perhaps his wealth, his handsome face, His air of sweet content, Have made you wish to copy him And all these things pre-empt. But, friend, when God made you and me, He made us to be men; If aops He's wanted, aops He'd made, And placed us in a pen, He made us in His likeness, To think, and act, and talk— To have opinions of our own, And not in "circles" walk. There is in us ability To be just what we will, But we must draw upon it, friend, If we'd get up the "hill." We are just what we are because We are content to be Like brothers to those "hairy men" Who live up in a tree. Read, then, and ponder think, reflect. Select what's best for you; Don't handicap with precedent, That which to you is true, Then you're a part of "God's great plan." Nor bound by others' pelf; You are a man, a noble man, Because you are—yourself.



"Daddy carried no insurance—so I must for her"

THE letter printed below was received at our Winnipeg office some time ago.

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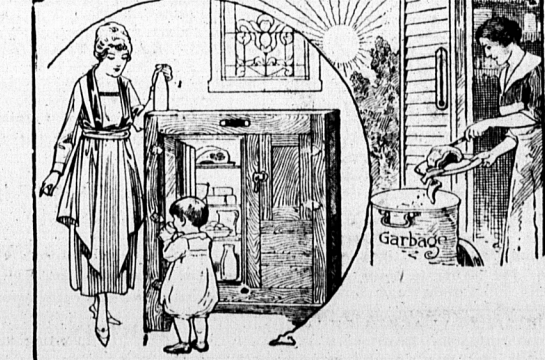
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1922. While that report of a school therefore make it their duty to vote at the annual meeting to go to the annual meeting to see if they can correct yet there are a number of great many school districts who have held special meetings and raised an additional amount in order to get a suitable teacher. In many school districts the majority of the ratepayers have no pupils attending

Chief Superintendent of Education before they can call a special meeting. This is the second time that this mistake has been made. About three years ago I taught at Long Creek, West River. I accepted

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"The Milk was Perfectly Sweet"

THE BARNET

"The milk was perfectly sweet—the butter as fresh and untainted as when placed in the Barnet at the beginning of the test."

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