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LATE GOVERNMENT COMMENDED.

As our readers are aware, ex-Governor Hoard, possibly the best authority in America on the cow and on the dairy, has been attending the agricultural conventions in Western Ontario with Professor Robertson and our own Mr. Dillon. At those meetings the Minister of Agriculture was present. Writing to his paper, Hoard's Dairyman, on the expansion of Canada's cheese business, the editor, after noting the fact that we have supplied this year \$14,000,000 worth of England's total import of cheese of \$22,000,000, says:

"She (Canada) has done this in two ways. (1) By refusing to make a skin or filled cheese, and bringing its quality up to the highest demand of the English market. (2) That policy will capture any market. By having a Government which took hold of this interest in a practical, commonsense manner, keeping all semblance of politics out of it, and working to educate their people to the highest skill in cheese manufacture."

From so competent and impartial a source, this commendation of Conservative policy in the matter of dairying is most gratifying. The croakers who never ceased to charge the late Government with interfering with private enterprise have here a crushing condemnation. Governor Hoard calls upon the American Government to foster and protect the industry from private fraud, or, ultimately, the Americans will be without a market for butter or cheese. He points out that no oleomargarine is either made or sold in Canada. Our work is honest, and when we get a customer we hold him. This is only good business after all. We must strive to prove in the markets to which we have access that a box of cheese or a pack of butter marked "Canada" is the best of its kind obtainable. We have made much progress, thanks to the encouragement given by the Government of the Conservative party during eighteen years and as the new minister is scrupulously following in the footsteps of his predecessors, we do not look for any setback to the great dairying industries of the country in the little time a Liberal ministry will occupy the Treasury benches at Ottawa. Let them only keep politics out of this business, as our party did, and help the splendid departmental staff to expand and perfect the work so suspiciously begun and we shall be as celebrated for our cheese and butter, the production of which will be enriching our lands and bettering our position, as we were once for our oats. Our hopes lie in the success of this industry. We are as yet but humble beginners. Let us aspire to produce the best, and to make this possible reflect the best cows—those which Hoard calls "business cows"—and feed them for business. Cheese has been a blessing to many an Islander in 1896. It will be a blessing to all in a greater and more universal measure in the near future. The wisdom of the Government which inaugurated this industry should be commended by every loyal Islander, as it is by the far-seeing Ex-Governor Hoard.

NEW CANADIAN HISTORICAL NOVEL.

The Toronto publisher, William Briggs, announces for issue during the present month, a story by Mr. Chas. G. D. Roberts, entitled "The Forge in the Forest; Being the Narrative of the Acadia Ranger, Jean de Mer, Seigneur de Briant, and How he Crossed the Black Abbe, and of his Adventures in the Strange Fellowship." The story is illustrated by the well-known artist, Mr. Henry Sandham, R. C. A., and will be issued on paper and in cloth covers. An original cover design for the Canadian edition has been made by Miss Jean Carre of New York, whose design for Mr. Roberts' "Earl's Engines" was considered one of the most striking of the year.

The scene of this story is laid in the region about Grand Pre and Alomedon, which is watered by the storied Essequippi and its four sister streams. The time is 1746-47, about eight years before the expulsion of the Acadians, and a fore-shadowing of that great tragedy falls at times across the page. The story is one of love and romance, of stirring adventure and heroic action. It deals with that very fringe of conflict that waved along the border between Old Acadia and New England. The hero, de Briant, is a Seigneur of Acadia who had refused to accept the English rule, and devoted his good sword to the service of the Fleur de Lis. His young son, a tall, dark stripling just from college at Quebec, is his close comrade and confidant. The women of the cast are two English girls, Misses Mizpah Harlowe and her sister, Prudence, the "lily maid," returning under the English flag at Annapolis. The evil genius of the story is the Black Abbe, whose intrigues and tireless energy are the web which binds the plot. An all-wise contrast to the Black Abbe's plots. Other characters there are, vital to the narrative—Loyal and humorous Tamin the Fisher, French officers, Indian warriors, Acadians, and as often the case with Mr. Roberts' stories, a small child with yellow curls. Little Philip, though the Abbe's machinations make him most conspicuous for his absence throughout almost the whole story, plays none the less an essential part. The background to the exciting events which crowd the book from first to last is the idyllic land which Longfellow's genius has glorified in "Evangeline." The historical basis of the story is sound, and certain of the characters are summoned from the pages of history to enact their parts with moving parts.

PROSPECTIVE UNITED STATES TARIFF

It is possible that the persuasive eloquence of Sir Richard Cartwright and Mr. Davies will induce the Republican representatives and Senators to reduce the scale of their proposed tariff. Certainly the honorable gentlemen have scope for the exercise of their talents on behalf of Canada. The scale as prepared by the Ways and Means Committee is evidently not designed to encourage trade with this country. For example, the rate on barley is the McKinley rate of 30c per bushel, which was demanded by the American barley growers. Hay is put at \$4 per ton, the same as in the McKinley law, and hops at 15c per pound, which is also an extract of the McKinley law. Vegetables are all put back to the McKinley rates, potatoes being put at 25c per bushel, and dressed at 30c per bushel. Other items on which McKinley rates are restored are salt, 12c per 100 lb. in packages, and 8c when in bulk; starch, 2c per pound; salt meats, 25c per cent; meat extracts, 35 per cent; milk, 5c per gallon, and poultry, 20 per cent. Eggs go back to five cents per dozen, and berries to the old McKinley rate. One of the most important changes is on live cattle, which are covered by a blanket provision of the existing law for all live animals at 25 per cent. ad valorem. The rate under the new law will be \$5 per head on cattle more than one year old and 25 per cent. ad valorem on cattle of less than one year old, without regard to value, and is regarded as sufficiently protective. If our ministerial missionaries at Washington can but induce the Republican leaders to remodel this scale, which has been adopted in committee, and come down to a basis upon which Canada and the United States can trade upon equal terms, they will do well. But we incline to think that they had better attend to their business at home. The pleading of Canadian Ministers at the doors and in the lobbies of the United States Congress is not likely to be successful, and it is not dignified on the part of Canada. We can live and prosper if the present Government will but follow in the footsteps of their predecessors, even though Congress double the McKinley tariff.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

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"Smuggling Commissioners" is what the upper province papers call the men who are travelling about the country fishing for evidence of partizan-ship against government officials who are suspected of being Conservatives.

A round million more expended by the Government of this year in the month of January than by the Government of last year in the month of January. Certainly it is necessary to cut down the railway workmen's wages.

Farmer's Advocate: The worst cow in the dairy herd at the Ontario Agricultural College is reported by Prof. Dean to have been fed at a loss of \$26 per year; the best at a profit of \$47.30. The latter produced butter at a cost of 8.8 cents per pound, the herd average being nearly 14 cents. (Taking account of the time they were dry.) Dairy farmers, what are the cows in your herd doing?

The National Armenian Relief Committee recently forwarded to Turkey \$5,000. They have just received a cable message from the International Committee at Constantinople, of which the British Ambassador is Chairman, acknowledging the remittance, and stating that the funds in hand are entirely inadequate to meet the awful suffering and destitution, and that careful investigation has shown that not less than 40,000 children have been made orphans by the late massacre. These "Wards of Christendom" can be easily saved from starvation or debasing enslavement in Moslem homes, and can be cared for at the rate of one dollar a month, but thousands will perish before spring unless a generous gift is sent at once to Brown Brothers & Co., 59 Wall Street, New York, who are the authorized trustees.

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