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**Editorial Notes.**

A RECENT article in the Montreal *Trade Bulletin*, which we publish in another column, deals with the question of the duty on coal oil, a matter in which every class in the community is interested. A good deal has been said about the injustice of this tax, and it must be admitted not without reason. The petroleum industry has become a monopoly pure and simple under the high protection it has enjoyed for a long term of years, and the cost of the manufactured article has been excessive. Just as in the case of salt a lowering of the Canadian tariff is in order. As pointed out the present tax is a hardship not only to the farmer, but to the manufacturers and the citizens generally.

The *Railway Age* has prepared some statistics, which in view of the common attacks made on railroad owners as monopolists and plutocrats, make curious reading. Of all Ry. the stocks dealt in on the New York Stock Exchange, some seventy in number, only fourteen are ordinarily quoted at or above par. Of the others, only six range over 90. Only seventeen are quoted as high as 50 cents on the dollar, twenty-three range at from 20 to 50, and twenty-one are rated at from \$20 to \$4 per share, when there happen to be any sales. The *Age* gives a list of twenty-one roads owning 29,000 miles of track the common stock of which amounts to \$609,000,000 which at current quotations could be bought outright for \$74,000,000. Control of one-sixth of the railway mileage of the United States can, in fact, be bought for \$2,600 per mile. There is no branch of industrial development in America in which so much money has been hopelessly sunk as in the railroads, which have frequently benefited everybody but the men who had the courage to build them.

THE contract for the financial agency of the Dominion in England expires at the close of the present year, and one of the objects of the visit of the Hon. Mr. Foster to London lately was to arrange for a renewal of the contract. The agency is one of considerable profit, and owing to the high credit of the Dominion is a desirable one. The agents pay the interest on the public debt held in Great Britain, which amounts to over \$7,000,000 annually purchase \$2,000,000 bonds annually for the sinking fund, make temporary advances to the government, redeem debt as it falls due, and issue permanent loans from time to time. The account is therefore a large one, and the agency an important one. The contract now expiring has been in existence for ten years, and has been held by the great banking houses of Glyn, Mills, Currie & Co., and the Barings. Amongst the competitors for the agency on the present occasion was the bank of Montreal, which it is reported has secured the contract. It is a matter for congratulation to Cana-

dians that a local banking institution has the resources and standing to compete successfully with the oldest and strongest financial firms of England.

SPEAKING of the results under Prohibition, the *Dakota Farmer* says: "Notwithstanding the efforts of the liquor-dealers to the contrary, drunkenness has been almost wiped out—many a former moderate drinker has quit the habit, and, above all, a host of young men have started on a sober and industrious career, under three years' influence of prohibition. The drink bill of the two Dakotas dropped off seventy per cent. the very first year, and has been growing materially less ever since, and no one has been made the procer thereby but the saloon-keepers, brewers, and distillers." Turning from the changed condition of affairs for the better in the Dakotas, it is worth noting that Kansas under prohibition has but one penitentiary and nine hundred and ninety-six prisoners; whilst Texas with saloons, and one hundred thousand less people than Kansas, has two penitentiaries and three thousand convicts. Under local option, the prohibition town of Pullman, in Illinois, with its eleven thousand population employs but two constables. In the state of Maine of 661,000 population 146,666 have \$50,278,452 deposited in the savings bank, showing that prohibition has not ruined business in that state.

THE press of Scotland has protested strongly against the recent action of the British Board of Agriculture in prohibiting the importation of Canadian live cattle, and steps have already been taken by the leading agriculturists of that country through their local representatives in parliament to secure a reversal of the late order. The Scottish farmers and dealers are as emphatic in their denial that pleuro-pneumonia exists amongst Canadian cattle as are the Canadian agriculturists and inspectors themselves, and the Dundee *Courier*, a very influential Scottish journal, asserts, after advancing very strong proofs in support of its position, that "the officials of the Board of Agriculture have during the past two or three weeks blundered woefully, and that for the pleuro scare there is no real foundation." Prof. Wallace of the agricultural department of Edinburgh University and Prof. Williams of the Edinburgh Veterinary College, two of the highest authorities on such matters in Britain, support this position as the result of their examination of the lungs of animals, said to be afflicted with pleur. While the scheduling order will not kill the cattle trade, it will absolutely put an end to the export of lean animals or stockers. This will be a serious blow to a large section of Scotland, which depends upon the Canadian trade for the supply of lean animals for fattening purposes; whilst the Canadian farmer and dealer will not only be deprived of this trade, but also of the valuable privilege of moving Canadian animals after landing in Britain from one place to another, to take advantage of the best markets.

**Graveyard Life Assurance.**

A case which illustrates what has come to be known as graveyard insurance has been on trial for several days of last week in St. John, New Brunswick. Four persons, C. B. Welton, Rev. Sidney Welton, Dr. Randall and Gideon Reid were charged with having conspired to defraud the Total Abstinence Life Association of Chicago and the Golden Rule Alliance of Boston. The conspiracy was said to have been formed to insure for \$5,000 the life of one Reid, who was in a decline and died at about the date of issue of the policies, and to obtain the money from these companies and give part of it to the widow of the deceased (whose signature had been forged to the claim papers), retaining a good share for themselves. Gideon Reid, brother of the man insured, seems to have turned Queen's evidence against the Weltons and Randall, and his evidence went far to convict them. It should be noted that Rev. Sidney Welton was agent for the Total Abstinence Life; his brother, C. B., was agent for the Golden Rule Alliance, and Dr. Randall was medical examiner for the latter company. On receiving permission to address the court on Wednesday, C. B. Welton acknowledged collecting three thousand dollars and using the money to meet notes, and expressed his contrition for having done so.

Next day the jury was charged by Judge Peters, who pointed out that evidence had been produced to prove a charge of conspiracy. The jury retired, and after being out nearly eight hours,

returned with a verdict of guilty against C. B. Welton and Dr. Randall, on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the companies named. In regard to Rev. Sidney Welton the jury said they could not agree. The judge remanded the prisoners to jail, and adjourned the court to consider the question of bail for the reverend prisoner. It was pointed out at the trial, and very properly, that these foreign companies had not made the deposit required by Dominion statute, and were without license to do business in Canada. The judge, however, has charged the jury that for the purposes of this case the Total Abstinence Life Association is a lawfully existing corporation in the place where it was organized, and that a fraud upon it committed in this country is punishable in our courts.

A New York exchange says that the Union Mutual Life Company of Portland had \$2,000 on Reid's life, and that the Mutual Reserve Life Company had \$5,000. The case against the Weltons and Randall was worked up with much perseverance by L. V. Beebe of the Union Mutual. Punishment should follow such a flagrant case of conspiracy and fraud.—*Monetary Times.*

**The Duty on Coal Oil.**

The question of the duty on coal oil is being discussed in a pretty lively way and not without reason. The plea for the duty of course, is that it protects the refiners here, but this is not strictly accurate. The consumption of Canada is about a million barrels annually while the production is only about three quarters of a million. And at present it seems impossible to increase the production, although the Petrolia district is being bored as thickly as possible by men who are making handsome fortunes, not out of manufacturing or refining it, but simply by pumping it out of the ground. Wells have been boared in other localities and the prospects have been greatly puffed up, but so far there has been no success. It therefore appears as if it must be admitted that Canada is not a producer of petroleum and must be content to import it. But here the duty steps in on the crude oil, and imposes a duty of 6 cents per wine gallon on oil which costs 1/2 cent per gallon at the wells, which is at the rate of 1,200 per cent., besides a duty of 40 cents on the barrel. On refined oil the duty is also 6 cents per gallon, which proves that the duty does not protect the refiner. But the men who are growing rich are raising oil at a cost which is probably considerably under 40 cents per barrel and selling it at \$1.26 per barrel, leaving a profit of over 80 cents per barrel. This, it must be admitted, is a very good profit and the duty prohibits the importation of crude oil. As to refined oil, our Canadian oil only gives about 40 per cent of illuminating oil, while the American oil gives 60 per cent. At present, refined oil is selling at Titusville at 5 1/2 cents in barrels and 2 1/2 cents in bulk, but by the time the duty of 6 cents per gallon or \$2.82 per barrel of 48 gallons, the 40 cents duty on the barrel and the 30 cents inspection fee, are charged, the cost of the oil has mounted up from 5 1/2 cents to 15.55 cents, or 18-30 cents with freight and storage. A great cry has been raised about the injustice of this tax on farmers, but as this class enjoy a comparative immunity from the taxes that overload the business and manufacturing men, only a narrow issue is brought forward. The hardships of this tax on the manufacturers should not be overlooked. Several large concerns made all arrangements for using oil as fuel, but have had to give it up. Our Gas Company is stated to be endeavoring to purchase a large quantity of oil for the purpose of improving the illuminating power of their gas, which every citizen will agree is a laudable object and worthy of every encouragement. Thus it is not only the farmer, but the manufacturers and the citizens generally who are hampered and injured by a tax that encourages no industry, but that of pumps and pump men.—*Montreal Trade Bulletin.*

**A Hired Man's too Ready use of Firearms.**

PICKERING, Nov. 17.—The residents of Pickering were startled yesterday to hear that William Palmer, a resident of Frenchman's Bay, had been shot dead by Henry Lingford at Bernard Baker's farm just east of the village at 3 a. m. For some time past Mr. Baker has been bothered with chicken thieves and on several occasions has had fowls stolen. So general had the thing become that he determined to watch and if possible capture the thief. At the above hour he heard the geese making a noise and went to the barn to investigate. Upon reaching the yard he discovered a light in the hen house and presently a man proceeded therefrom. Taking aim, Mr. Baker fired his shotgun and the intruder made across the yard for the road. While passing up the lane Lingford, Baker's hired man, fired his revolver twice after the retreating figure. After firing the second time, Lingford states that the fellow came back and threatened him. Fearing that he would be shot he fired a third time when the man dropped in the mud, and going closer he found the shot had been fatal, death having been instantaneous.

County Constable Decker was sent for, and recognized the body as that of William Palmer, a poor fellow, whose greatest fault was his appetite for liquor. Coroner Bateman was notified and upon arrival issued a warrant for an inquest. Messrs. Baker and Lingford were placed under arrest and a jury, with Isaac Linton as foreman, hastily empanelled. J. E. Farewell, Q.C., is looking after the case for the crown, while Theodore McGillivray L.L.B., is present on behalf of the prisoners. Much sympathy is felt for the friends of the deceased, as he is well connected, the Palmer family being one of the most respected in the township. The prisoners are also men of integrity, and it is generally supposed that the shooting was done merely to scare the thief. The inquest has been adjourned till Monday night. The prisoners are out on bail.

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