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### TWO PERSONAL PROOFS OF PROSPERITY.

(Toronto Star.)

The bulging prosperity of the country during the "seven years of plenty" since the Liberals came in power is so easily and abundantly demonstrated by statistics drawn from every line of human activity that there is danger of its lacking the "personal touch." Of course most business men realize definitely enough that they have been enjoying an unenvied prosperity of late, and most wage-earners have made the presence of this admitted and undeniable state of things the basis of a demand for higher pay; but they are not apt to associate this experience with the clash of political discussion. When they talk of "prosperity" as a part of a political argument, they mean the "prosperity" of the table of statistics and the campaign pamphlet. This brand of the article deals with millions of exports and imports, with gross trade returns, with shipping totals, and with a variety of "blue-book" matters that seem to lie very far from their daily experience.

But there are some of these statistics that are more than mere numbers to him. For instance, we are told that while the number of letters posted in Canada increased in the eighteen Conservative years from 44,000,000 in 1878 to 116,028,000 in 1926—an advance of 76,000,000—they ran up during the seven Liberal years to 231,991,000 in 1903—an advance of nearly 116,000,000. That is, the Canadian people wrote and posted 116,000,000 more letters during the last year of the Liberal regime than in the final year of the Conservative era. Now, the writing of letters is a sign of business activity which every business man appreciates. Increase his correspondence in a marked degree and his prosperity will follow the figures up.

But more letter-writing is a cause as well as a sign of increased prosperity. It is a recognized means of extending business. Now, this increase has been in part due to the fact that under the Liberals the carrying of letters has been cheapened. A man can now send out one-third more business-getting correspondence for the same outlay in postage than he could under the Conservatives. So these statistics do not stop at merely indicating the rising tide of prosperity under the Liberals, but remind us that at this point the Liberal Government intervened in the business of the country to directly and effectively increase the force and making for prosperity. The two-cent postage stamp marks the lifting of taxation off the processes of trade and business—an act of emancipation which was bound to be followed by augmented business activity.

Then the common man will also personally appreciate the increase in bank deposits. The bank deposit is usually his way of estimating his own progress from year to year. Last Christmas it was so much, and this Christmas it happily shows an advance to so much more. Other men are similarly watching the growth of other accounts, and all taken together shows an increase for the year of \$245,029,143 in 1896 to \$460,550,579 in 1903. This means that the various men in the Dominion who are making money by their bank deposits have had the supreme pleasure of seeing their own growth in seven years by the magnificent sum of \$215,521,436. For the long eighteen years which preceded these "seven years of plenty" they likewise watched their bank deposits, but only to see a total increase of \$167,531,631. That is, in eighteen years they made less progress with their bank deposits in office than they have made in only seven years since the Liberals came in power.

The "personal touch" here is unmistakable. This is not merely a "cold table" of statistics, compiled by the politicians for the purposes of the campaign. It is the intimate measure of the common man's financial progress. By these figures he knows whether he is making more than a bare living recently. A prosperity which shows in the little bank book is a very real prosperity indeed.

### EFFICIENCY IN PUBLIC SERVICE.

The railway mail clerks of Canada have been recently through the annual examination required by the post office department, and the results generally are said to be satisfactory. The post office department is one of the largest departments of the public service, and the railway branch, which is really its backbone, is directed as efficiently and as economically as the business of any individual or syndicate.

The Hon. Mr. Mulock created a new position called controller of Royal mail service, and to this position he called B. M. Armstrong, formerly of the Toronto post office, and gave him authority to make the best of his service are carefully selected, and their permanent engagement depends upon concrete evidence procured from systematic examinations. A standard of fifty per cent. is required for increases of salary, and an annual examination, taking in every clerk, gives the record. The duties and examinations are severe physical and mental tests, but the men recognize the importance of them and put in their spare time in keeping up to date in the circumstances suggested. The postmaster-general expects a great deal from the men, but he does his part and had parliament adopt a liberal increase to those who show a liberal increase to those who are deserving of it, and for this consideration he was presented with a letter of appreciation signed by all the clerks in the service.

The examinations are said to have shown almost incredible results. The indefinite information acquired by persistent effort is astonishing. For instance, there are 3,500 post offices in Ontario. A mail clerk will know where every one of them is, in fact he will know with a name upon each, not only the name, but the rate of thirty in a minute, and give definite and precise information in regard to each place will keep up the exercise for an hour and make less than half a dozen errors. He will also locate every train carrying mails of any description at any minute in the day in the province. He can route letters so that they will go miles out of the way and beat sometimes by hours the best time by nearest travelled route. If a certain letter is to be late and miss the usual connection he will promptly get the next best service for his mails though it may mean a rearrangement of the work he has already put up. Books of information are furnished, but they are rarely used, as the clerk has no plan to consult them, and so well equipped is he mentally that he can work on for weeks without opening them.

The advantage to the people of having experts in charge of the mail service is very apparent. It means that the quickest transit possible. It means that while the work has increased perhaps 100 per cent., there has been no corresponding increase in the staff, each one doing the former work of two or three and doing it better. The government might, with benefit to the people, secure the same efficiency in every other branch of the public service.

### HOW DOES TARIFF PROTECT THEM?

Sir Richard Cartwright was not far out, says the Montreal Herald, when he intimated that Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Balfour, when they spoke of the American tariff securing stability of wages and employment, evidently had not encountered "the beast in his native jungle." He is operating there just now, and it is worth while to note with what results to the workingman.

The United States Steel Corporation is without doubt the finest flower of American protectionism. Nobody will deny that. Let us see what the Steel Corporation is doing. On January 1 certain salaries are to be reduced by twenty per cent. The company will save, and the employees do without, \$8,000,000 a year. How will the highest of tariffs make that up to them? Besides salaries, wages are to be down ten per cent. The company will save, and the wage earners will not get \$8,800,000. How will the highest of high tariffs make that up to them? Moreover, four per cent. of all the men employed will be laid off altogether. The company will save, and they will not get \$3,200,000. How will the highest of high tariffs make that up to them? The change to be made on January 1 will effect 160,000 employees. What does the tariff do to protect them?

During the past few weeks the wages of 50,000 cotton operatives in New England mills have been reduced ten per cent. How does the high tariff make it up to them? To-day's despatches indicate a reduction of seventeen per cent. on the wages of 30,000 people in the coke district. How does the high tariff help them? Shouldn't we have an answer to this simple but all important question for the politicians who are asking us to adopt the American tariff?

### EDITORIAL NOTES

Compare the piping good times we are now enjoying with the dark days of Tory rule, and be thankful the Grigs are in power.

Minden Echo: There are rumours afloat that the C.P.R. Co. has purchased Ironclad, Bancroft & Ottawa Railway and will connect it east and west with Ottawa and Midland.

Success and usefulness to mankind are not always justly measured by money results. Herbert Spencer died a comparatively poor man; Jeffries, the prizefighter, has in a short time accumulated a fortune of \$100,000.

Toronto News: The most fervent utterance in Sir Richard Cartwright's speech was the tribute to his friend and companion in arms, Hon. Alex. McKenzie, whom he described as "one of the most faithful and upright public men Canada ever knew."

Rev. Dr. Martia, of the Clinton Avenue Reform Church, Newark, N.J., preached a sermon to the women on Christmas shopping last Sunday evening, that surprised his listeners and showed him to have a warm spot in his heart for the store clerk. He said in part:

Brantford City Council decided against asking the people to vote upon the question of abolition of the ward system. They believed that it was better to bear the ills they had than to fly to others they knew not of—politics in municipal affairs, for instance.

Gamey may become recalcitrant if the Tories do not be careful. Speaking of his being ordered to stay out of North Rowford he told the Mail and Empire that "while he wished to see the party win, he was not a football to be thrown into a riding when he was wanted there, and pitched out again when he was no longer needed." That's ominous.

New York is alarmed at the destructive effects of electrolysis, which has ruined many water mains and gas pipes, and which threatens buildings into which metal enters. People are asking whether some day the great steel-framed skyscrapers will crumble under its influence like so much rotten wood, bringing death and destruction fearful to contemplate.

Mgr. Bruchesi, Archbishop of Montreal, has just done a generous act. The 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood was celebrated on Sunday last, on which occasion he was presented by the faithful with a handsome gift of \$13,586. The large sum of money he has handed over to the Hospital for incurables, the interests of which he has much at heart.

The asphyxiation by escaping coal gas of a Toronto woman once more draws attention to the dangers of the coal stove and the furnace. People cannot be too careful to see that the draughts and dampers are properly fixed before retiring at night. In dull, heavy weather, the danger is especially great, the more so if the stove or furnace be an old one or out of repair. It is a good plan to see that the ashes are emptied some time during the evening, as the ashes often interfere with the draft.

"One of the evils of the day is the leaving of Christmas shopping until the last minute, and all of our purchases must be delivered before Christmas morning, no matter who dies in the effort. What did God give you a train for? Won't you do some one a kindness? Won't you go to the stores and do all your shopping this week? And, last, don't take a clerk's time for nothing, as the clerk has to be paid for his time, and he is just as good as you are and in many cases better. There is only a counter between."

### Accident in Ops Township.

While helping his brother to saw wood with a circular saw operated by a windmill, Louis Lynch, the nine year old son of Mr. John Lynch, residing near Cross Creek, on Saturday, got his right hand caught in the gearing of the windmill, with the result that the thumb was badly mangled. Dr. Blanchard was summoned in the injured member was amputated.

### Christmas Trees for Buffalo

It is no doubt generally known that for years our American cousins have to a large extent been dependent on the forests of Canada for lumber, shingles, telegraph and telephone poles, etc., and it will perhaps be news to most of our readers to learn that the supply of small timber on the U. S. side of the line is so sparse that the citizens of Buffalo and other American cities might have to make use of tall house plants as Christmas trees but for the enterprise and philanthropy of Canadians. Recently Mr. Malcolm Cole, grocer of this town, spent a week at Kinnmont, from which point he shipped a carload of balsam and spruce evergreens of varying size to Buffalo. He paid for a piece for the trees delivered at the car, and one resident of the section realized over \$50 for the trees he furnished. We're a great people.

### Obituary

In the death of Clemes Coutermarche last week the Grand Trunk Railway Co. lost one of its most faithful employees. He will be much missed at the local shops, where he was a most efficient and steady workman. He was born in the County of La Prairie, Quebec, about 62 years ago; coming to this country in 1873. He leaves a family of nine children, 7 daughters and 2 sons. Among the surviving members are: Mrs. Wm. Reeves, Mrs. H. Bush, Mrs. Sam. Tripp, Mrs. W. Staples, North Bay; among his brothers and sisters are Mrs. Sam. Grozelle, Penetang, Mr. Mose Coutermarche, Midland, and relatives in town. Mrs. P. Grozelle, Mrs. Josh. Grozelle and Mrs. Felix Gassien. The funeral, which was very largely attended, proceeded to St. Mary's church, where requiem high mass was said, and then proceeded to the R.C. cemetery for interment.

### ST. ANDREW'S NEW MINISTER

TALKS ENTERTAININGLY OF GERMAN AND THE PEOPLE.

The War With Franco Cemented the Fatherland.

A lecture on the above subject was delivered in the Schoolroom of St. Andrew's church last evening by the pastor, the Rev. J. W. Wallace, M.A., who, having spent four months at the University there last summer, was able to speak from personal observation. At the outset Mr. Wallace objected to calling what he would say a lecture, but rather a talk. While he was in Germany his time was pretty fully occupied, but drew his conclusions from people he met and as he saw them.

Germany has sprung into prominence as a nation within the last 40 or 50 years; of course the German people were known for centuries prior to that, but only as separate states who were often at war with one another and it was not until they were united with a common foe—France—that they became united, and it was only after defeating France, and at Versailles, within sixteen miles of Paris, that William I. of Prussia, the Kaiser, Emperor of Germany. The Prussians were the greatest factor in carrying on and winning the war, therefore their king was elected the first Emperor and through the remarkable

Foresight of their Bismark in preparing the Constitution the throne was retained for a Prussian and a Protestant, and this even in view of the fact that the majority of the people are not Protestant. In the Reichstag the Roman Catholics are in the majority, and they and the Socialists, who, out of 37 members, elect over 130 and are growing in influence, caused by an undercurrent of dissatisfaction at the condition of things, and did we know of these we would not be surprised at the dissatisfaction. Seventy per cent of the men who work for coal that have to pay what we would consider extortionate taxes to keep up the military glory and display. The Lutheran and the Roman Catholic churches are state churches, and the Socialists don't believe in the church. Another cause of dissatisfaction is the fact that every able-bodied man must serve a certain time in the army, land during that time is subject to particularly stringent rules and regulations and is paid the munificent sum of six cents per day. The country, although to the south and west it is somewhat broken. The farmers work on small scale more with spade than with machinery as we do, but what they do is

On Scientific Principles and they cultivate thoroughly. As an instance, recently they began growing potatoes, and their crop exceeded by 100 per cent. that of any other potato producing country. Their houses are all of one story, but very neat and surrounded by tasty gardens. The people are very hospitable, although women think the men are rough because if a young man takes a young woman out, each pay their own way. Nearly all drink beer—they seem to take it as we indulge in sports—for exercise. They are very liberal-minded, take a very comprehensive view of things, but liberality degenerates to laxity—very often, as evidenced in the desecration of graves. They are very patriotic, and they are the very centre of the world for music. They have many high schools where it is taught, also many masters who devote their whole time to teaching, and get as high as \$7.50 per hour. You do not hear hand organs or things of that kind there—they will have nothing but the best and give the greatest attention while the performance is going on. Music moves them as nothing else can. The works of the best masters can be heard for a nominal fee at any time.

### Police Regulations.

As a proverbial and you must have a passport when you come in contact with anything pertaining to the Germans. Germans think highly of themselves, and in scientific investigation and speculation they are to the fore to-day. They have great advantages in the line of education, and a great love for their children and their Fatherland. They are not as gallant as we have, but the same high sense of honor, every one from highest to lowest, looking for tips; very affable, no matter how many hands and men take off hats to men, also when they go into banks or theatres. Public cleanliness is exacting, and you do not see any signs of poverty, dirt and English is taught in the schools. It is amazing to know the knowledge of the bible and church history which the boys and girls have. It is an unfortunate religious instruction is not given in our schools. They are well advanced in art. There is one street as long as Kent-st. from the Post to the Hospital, on both sides of which is a row of statues of prominent men of the Empire.

Mr. Wallace said he would like to speak of the military gley, the Jewish problem, the Church, the Government, and a number of other interesting matters, but as it was getting late, would reserve his remarks for another occasion.

The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all present and an arena of discussion the balance of this interesting talk.

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### Fire Brigade Called Out.

About 8 o'clock this morning an alarm of fire was sent in from St. David's, and the brigade made a quick run to extinguish a small blaze in the chimney of Mr. W. Cane's dwelling near Mr. J. R. O'Neill's store. No damage was done.

### LINDSAY NEEDS THIS BY-LAW.

### Common Sense Regulations Enforced in Oshawa.

We commend to the attention of our citizens and to the new Council for 1904 the several clauses of the following by-law just passed by Oshawa Town Council. We need a similar by-law badly in Lindsay, and if properly enforced by our police and Magistrate the good results would speedily be noticeable. There's no denying the fact that Lindsay streets are untidily kept, and in summer are not at all in keeping with the private grounds of our citizens. On the other hand, much of the refuse encumbering public thoroughfares and ditches has been dumped there by citizens at night or in the morning before the neighbors are astir. This should not be allowed. To-day many citizens are disposing of their wood and coal ashes by throwing them on the roadway, to the great inconvenience of parties driving, to say nothing about the blot on the landscape. Some of our citizens require a little more education along certain lines, and Magistrate Jackson must officiate as teacher. The Oshawa by-law is as follows, and several new clauses might be added to cover Lindsay's needs:

1. No person shall distribute any paper, hand bill, dodger or paper advertisements by scattering or dropping the same upon, or in any street, or deposit any paper, shavings, dirt, waste material, garbage or rubbish of any kind upon, or in any street, except in a barrel or box, or other receptacle for the purpose of being taken away.
2. No person shall throw any skin or peeling of any fruit or vegetable on or upon any sidewalk or crossing in said town.
3. No person shall spit on or upon any sidewalk or crossing in said town, nor in any street car or other public conveyance, nor on the floor of any church or public hall, or place of public assembly or entertainment, if any person offending against the provisions of this by-law shall upon summary conviction be liable to a penalty of not less than one dollar, nor more than fifty dollars and costs.

That Christmas Foyes may be Abundant for all our Patrons and Friends, is the Best Wish of O'Loughlin, & McIntyre

## CHRISTMAS SPECIALS

—AT— W. A. CAMPBELL'S, Woodville

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| Oranges         | Lemons      | Hickory Nuts | Chestnuts     |
| Bananas         | Pineapples  | Chocolates   | Creams        |
| Grapes          | Figs        | Bons Bons    | Special Mixed |
| Dates           | Cranberries | Maple Sugar  | Sugar Sticks  |
| Cluster Raisins | Coconuts    | Peppermint   | Cough Drops   |
| Walnuts         | Almonds     | Lozenges and | 100 kinds of  |
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