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### A NATIONAL TARIFF COMMISSION.

At its annual convention next month the Canadian Manufacturers Association will discuss the question of a permanent Tariff Commission for Canada. This matter is one of far-reaching importance to the country, and the conclusions of the manufacturers should be carefully watched by every farmer and business man of our Dominion. They contend that the present tariff is not a good one—that it is not scientifically made, and that as a result duties on some lines are too low, while on others they are too high. The commission proposed, made up of experts from the various lines of trade, would bring these facts to light, study the needs of every industry, and seek to learn just what amount of protection is required by each. It would not fix the rate of duty, which is a privilege of our Parliament, but would bring forth such facts as would enable Parliament to place on every article a sane and proper rate of duty.

Some fault is found, and justly so, with the way in which our present tariff was formed. The temporary Commission composed of some Cabinet ministers toured Canada for a few months, and afterward the government formed the tariff from the comparatively small amount of evidence they were able to gather in that time. Now Cabinet Ministers cannot know the technical details of every trade—they are not supposed to—and therefore they are not properly qualified, without expert advice and assistance, to form a really good tariff.

We do not wish it thought by this that we are criticising the Laurier administration. But we do wish to criticize the methods in which the customs tariffs of this country are made, and have been made in the past. We think the time has come for a change for the better, and a commission such as the manufacturers propose seems to be the best solution of the problem. Its cost would no doubt be large, but when the advantages the country would derive from it are considered the cost would be a small matter indeed. Let us hope that in the near ture the government will give its serious consideration to this important matter.

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No person of our acquaintance has more trials to contend with at the present time than the air ship man. His flights are all trials.

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The Editor of The Advance wishes to extend his thanks to Rev. L. F. Kipp and Mr. J. D. Clarke for editorial assistance to the staff during our absence of two weeks. With the assistance of these two gentlemen and a capable sub. editor, two very interesting issues were turned out.

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The Ontario Government encourages school gardening to the extent of giving a grant of $100 towards the purchase of an acre of land and $20 to trustees and $30 to the teacher where such a work is conducted. Flesherton has a large school ground that would be quite appropriate for such a work, and it might be worth while for the trustees to look into the matter with a view to getting the pupils interested in flower and vegetable raising. Such a scheme has worked well where it has been tried and much interest shown by the pupils.

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The Canadian Forestry Association is making itself heard these days by sending out literature for the purpose of educating the public as to the necessity of conserving what forests we now have and reforesting certain districts that have been denuded and are useless for agricultural purposes. Canadian forests are to-day one of our richest assets, and the Government realizes this to the extent of paying out thousands of dollars each year for fire ranging in our north country. All the big lumber companies also have men on their limits to protect them from the careless camper. Notwithstanding all precautions costly fires do break out and make serious havoc. The more our forests are destroyed, the less humidity will fall to our lot. Forests, rains and moisture go hand in hand. From this on one tree should be planted for every one cut down. In this line of education the Forestry Association has a big and valuable work to perform.

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The automobile is running a neck-and-neck race with the railways on this continent with their man killing propensities, in fact the auto appears to be somewhat in the lead. Within the past week two or three fatal accidents have occurred in Toronto and almost every day similar fatalities are chronicled elsewhere. The level crossing should be shelved while we deal with this latter and even more dangerous arrival. Life is not cheap in this country and the autoist who kills a man should learn this fact by the sweat of his brow.

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It appears to us that a little fortune awaits the genius who will invent a cheap and attractive sign to place on the farm gates throughout the country. There are lazy farmers with tumbledown buildings and fences who would not care to have the travelling public know who dwells under that particular "vine and fig tree," but there are vast numbers of tasty and industrious farmers who would be pleased to have their ownership made public if a cheap and tasty sign could be invented—something that would add to the beauty of farm approaches rather than detract from it. It is a puzzle to the majority to know what kind of an enduring, as well as artistic, sign to put up. At the same time they acknowledge the advantage of having farms named. Let the genius who will produce an enduring and aesthetic label come forward and we believe the naming of farms will not remain long in abeyance.

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### Vandeleur Women's Institute

The August meeting of the Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Geo. Warling on the 19th inst. The attendance was large, 33 members and 6 visitors being present. Being the Girls' Meeting, Misses Davis, Boland, Thompson, Verney and Buchanan brought recipes of their pies, cakes and buns. These were sampled by the company and found excellent. A number of choruses were given, also a solo by Miss Sadie Warling. The September meeting will be held at Mrs. H. D. McLoughry's.

RECIPES.

Cream Puffs—Put one cup boiling water in double boiler, add ½ cup of butter; when boiling add one cup flour, stir until mixture leaves side of pan, cool; add 3 unbeaten eggs, beat thoroughly, drop in spoonfulls on buttered tins; bake in hot oven 20 minutes.

Custard Pie—Line a deep pie-tin with a rich crust, beat three eggs until very light; add 1 cup sugar, 1½ cup fresh milk, pinch of salt; bake in hot oven.

Light Cake—1 tablespoonful butter, 1 scant cup sugar, cream together, 1 egg; beat well, 1 cup milk, 2 cups baking powder. Divide mixture and add ½ cup currants and mixed spice to one layer.

King Edward Cake—Dark part—2 eggs (yelks); 1 cup brown sugar, ½ cup butter, ½ cup sour milk; ½ cup flour, 1 teaspoon soda, 1 tablespoon molasses, 1 teaspoon ground cloves, 1 teaspoon nutmeg, 1 cup nuts; bake in one layer. Light part—1 egg, ½ cup butter, 1 cup white sugar, ¾ cup sweet milk, 2¼ cups flour, 3 teaspoons baking powder; bake in two layers.

Filling—Whites of two eggs, beaten stiff, 2 cups sugar boiled; beat together, flavor, add ½ package seeded raisins.

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J. J. Funston, son of John Funston, who lives near Dundalk, and nephew of William Gray, Shelburne, was burned to death in the fire that consumed the Okanagan hotel at Vernon, B.C., Tuesday morning of last week. The building was of brick veneer, three stories high, with forty-eight rooms, and was a mass of flames before the alarm was turned in. The hotel had about sixty guests, and so sudden was the onrush of the flames that those who escaped did so with great difficulty, while several never got out of their rooms. The fire was discovered about 2 o'clock by a policeman, who immediately gave the alarm, but when the fire brigade arrived a few minutes later both stairways were seething alleys of flames, and in an incredibly short time the building was blazing in all quarters. Eleven persons perished in the flames.—Economist.

Jos. Wilcox had the misfortune to lose a stack of fall wheat very quickly a few days ago. The little son of Alex. McLellan, who was working for Mr. Wilcox, got a match from his father's vest that was hanging on the fence, and accidentally set fire to the stack, completely destroying it. It contained the crop from ten acres and was a light one, but would amount to about 200 bushels.—Creemore Star.

George Walker has in his garden a single pea vine that strayed in of its own accord, for he didn't plant it. But that isn't the most remarkable thing about it. The vine is over five feet in length and contains thirty-three pods.—Shelburne Economist.

## A Little Canoe And Fishing Trip

"Well, did you get home again?" and "did you have a good time?" During the past week the editor of this paper has answered these questions about fourteen hundred times, and has come to the conclusion that the only way to satisfy everybody is to tell his readers all about it—or nearly all. There are some things in the experience that would not bear elaborating on.

On August 2 three of us took the C.P.R. for Parry Sound District, where we purposed putting in two weeks camping, canoeing and fishing on a river and lakes of that sportsman's paradise.

At Parry Sound we visited the McGowan copper mine, which has been intermittently worked for years past. It is situated on the shore of a pretty lake, about 1½ miles from Parry Harbor. A number of prospect holes have been dug on the property, but no continuous copper vein has apparently been struck as yet. At present the management is pushing things a little more energetically and a shaft has been sunk ninety feet, with a drift 200 feet run in a north-easterly direction. Owing to the courtesy of the engineer our first entry into a real, genuine working mine was here made. As far as we could judge the rock was of the ordinary granite character and to the inexpert eyes of our party showed little sign of material. Appearances are often deceiving, however and we were later informed that ore running $10.00 per ton in gold had recently been taken out. There is an excellent crushing mill on the property that has not yet been put in operation. So much for the McGowan mine, the value of which we did not feel like estimating.

OUR FISH STORY.

The largest was 3 ft. 2 in. long, girth 14½ inches. The smaller was an even yard in length and girth 13 inches. They were of the pike family.

At Parry Harbor we engaged a canoe and cedar skiff, and taking our baggage, provender and boats, headed north on the C.N.R. until we reached the river whose troubled waters we purposed navigating. Obliging railway officials dumped us off at the river instead of carrying us on to the station, a mile away, and we lost no time getting our boats into the stream, and a strenuous run of six miles was made down to the lake we were searching for. This trip occupied a whole day, owing to the numerous portages over which we were obliged to carry our baggage and boats. In eighteen miles on that river there are some twenty portages, more or less troublesome, and this explains why that district has been left almost absolutely in its primeval state, few caring to undergo the strenuous exercise required to reach it. Exercise, however, was right in our line and we got it in large, overgrown bunches.

But "the end justified the means." The lake on which we located is one of the most charming in all the land of lakes. The sunsets as seen on this lake defy description, and the painter's brush would be helpless before them. Its waters teem with black bass that are willing to taste almost anything small that moves, and splendid salmon inhabit its deeper reaches. A few rods over a portage brings one to another lake inhabited by pike as large as muscalonge, black bass and pickerel, and plenty of them. We camped on a beautifully wooded point in the former lake, and each morning took a fine black bass from the water a few feet away, dressed him and fried him and enjoyed his royal majesty to the utmost. We picked blue berries and had them for dessert at every meal—breakfast, dinner and supper. We trolled for salmon, but it was not exciting sport, as we had to bring them from 100 feet down in the limpid depths. A 6-pounder was the largest trout we captured.

The sport that turned out to be the most exciting was found in the neighboring lake, where huge pike grow, also pickerel and bass. In this lake the junior member captured a fish exactly one yard long by the tape line. A few minutes afterward the senior member snagged one that proved two inches longer than the yard. Both these monsters were brought alongside the boat on the troll and shot through the head with a revolver. That plan of killing may not be sportsmanlike, but it is the safest way when a pike of that size is hooked. We strongly object to a set-to with any pike of that length. He is apt to have things pretty much his own way and just as like as not would tip one overboard in the melee. The measurements of this fish were: Length from tip of snout to tip of tail, 38 inches; girth, 14½ inches; head from snout to back of gill, 11 inches; spread of tail, 9 inches without stretching. But here! this is a fish story, and we have been warned not to tell 'em. We present the proof of its verity, in the accompanying picture, which will perhaps excuse the telling of it.

A week on ground (or water) such as this is worth going a long way for and undergoing considerable hardship to attain. We were certainly as "close to nature" as it was possible to get. Sea gulls visited us occasionally, the loon had its home there, wolves howled within eighty rods of our camp, a wildcat prowled around the tent, "porky" was very friendly, numerous long-legged cranes flapped away as we entered little bays, and timid deer came down to drink a few rods from camp in early morning. The whip-poor-will at evening made the air quiver with his plaintive melody, and what more could man wish for of pristine beauty and friendship with the wild things. But even here the "summer man" and "summer girl" are entering. Several islands in this beauty spot are sold and one is occupied by a Toronto and Aurora party. Soon—too soon—the others will also be built upon and the evening sounds and whispers will probably give place to laughter and song and the noisy gasoline launch. The change is not pleasant to think upon to those who love the solitude and that which dwelleth therein. But the same thing is taking place all over Muskoka, Parry Sound and Nippissing districts. The islands are being gobbled up at a swift rate. The lakes are being depleted of fish and wild animals are disappearing with man's advent. But this is a theme that does not make pleasant reading and is unpleasant to write about. Soon the lover of the wild will have to go far afield to get that which will satisfy him.

After spending several days in our paradise we packed up our belongings and paddled away down the river to the Georgian Bay. Five miles from the larger water we encountered a drive of sawlogs 1½ miles in length, and this had to be passed through. Talk about the patience of Job! We fancy Job himself would have used somewhat warmer language than usual if he had been compelled to worm these boats through that mass of logs. It was successfully accomplished in about four hours. Then free river, but more portages. Oh, those tiresome portages in a blazing hot sun. They would take the starch out of a Sampson and leave him a limp prey to any Delilah that came along.

Time brought us out to the broad bosom of the island-dotted Georgian Bay, but even here a large boom was stretched across the mouth of the river and we had to draw our loaded boats over it. At night we camped on an island, very tired but very cosey among the pines, and next day rigged a sail, lashed our boats together and ran before the wind some eight miles through one of the most beautiful island-encompassed channels we know of, and we have seen many, to Point Au Baril station on the C.P.R., where we entrained for home.

Such, in short, was our vacation of two weeks. Is there any man living who will deny that a man who works indoors would not be benefitted by a holiday of this nature? If there is, let him take a back seat where he cannot be heard.

There were very many little incidents on the trip that would bear repeating, but we feel that sufficient space has been used, as the subject may not interest everybody as the actual thing interested the writer and his companions, who feel that it was an outing of such pleasure and profit as may never come their way again, although "hope springs eternal in the human breast."

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