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EDITORIAL

The High Tariff Election "Cry"
 Agnes McManis, M.P., evidently puts little credence in the election cry for higher tariff. When asked on Friday, after the election, as to what her attitude would be, provided from Mr. Meighen becomes leader of the Government, if a bill were brought in providing for higher protection, she replied with characteristic frankness: "There won't be any such measure. The Conservatives have no idea of raising the tariff to any appreciable extent. Their tariff policy was a sheer bluff. The only interest they had was getting into office."

Prohibition in United States Ample Justified
 "Prohibition has already yielded results which fully justify its adoption." This is the statement of the administrative committee of the federal council of chautauques, after considering its policy on the subject in the light of the recent report on the prohibition situation issued by its research department. There is nothing in the report, the administrative committee says, "to justify modification of the stand of the churches for prohibition." The statement urges friends in other countries not to be deceived by various attempts to interpret the research report as a confession of failure or even discouragement, and calls the churches to undertake a new moral crusade to strengthen the hands of those who are responsible for prohibition enforcement.

Butter and Cheese Exports
 The news letter, dated October 10, of the Dominion Dairy and Cold Storage Branch, affords very pleasant reading for Canadians. It shows that the exports of butter for the twelve months ending with August, 1925, increased to 24,509,928 pounds, in value \$12,450,293 from 16,007,507 pounds in value \$5,809,902, in the corresponding twelve months preceding and in increase of 149,041,500 pounds in value \$6,649,391 from 117,185,400 pounds in value \$23,029,200. Thus there has been an increase in the year of 18,559,431 pounds, valued at \$6,649,331 of butter exports and 27,856,100 pounds, valued at \$2,060,345 of cheese. Exports of milk powder show a similar increase, running to 9,617,700 pounds and \$948,919 in 1924-25 from 4,278,800 pounds and \$420.8 in 1923-24.

Result of the General Elections
 The result of the general election for members of the House of Commons last Thursday was unique and somewhat paradoxical. Unmistakably the country as a whole voted a want-of-confidence in Premier King's administration, but it failed almost as fully to vote confidence in the policies and the promises of Hon. Mr. Meighen, the leader of the Opposition. The result of the polling shows 101 seats for Mr. King and 116 for Mr. Meighen. Inasmuch as our federal parliament has 24 seats, neither of the leaders has a majority and neither could possibly carry on with the membership of his own party. The Progressive party has 21 seats in the House. This group allied themselves with Premier King the past four years when his majority over the House was only one, and this enabled him to carry on for four years. The policy of the Liberal party being more nearly that of the Progressives than is that of the Conservatives, it would seem natural to expect the Progressives to give their support at present to Mr. King, rather than to Mr. Meighen. For that reason it would seem probable that Mr. King will retain the Premiership, meet the Parliament for decision there, and in the meantime continue the business of the country. The people of Canada are more concerned now in getting on with public business, and taking advantage of the very manifest renewal of business progress and reviving prosperity, than in the crisis of party politics. If Mr. Meighen can form a coalition with the Progressives and Labor members and form a strong government, the majority of the people of Canada will be glad to hear of such an arrangement. If this is found to be impracticable, and Mr. King can fuse other groups with his own and go forward with the country's business, this alternative will bridge over the present crisis. In either event the country will be safely governed, and there will be little material change in policy or tariff. What this country needs at present is not political tactics, but a sane get-together administration for the good of the country, instead of party. There are important national issues which are paramount to political prestige, and these must have careful consideration. The best possible course, under the present conditions might, after all, be a coalition between the Conservatives and the Liberals. Such a course was effective at the time of Confederation.

British Opinions of the Election
 The London, England, *Gazette*, commenting upon the general election in Canada said on Friday: "No doubt the taxation, which is regarded by Canadians as heavy, has had some weight in the result of the vote, but Mr. Meighen's advocacy of high tariffs has had much more effect upon the electors. Probably, however, the more vague desire to have a change of Government has had as much influence as any other factor in the result."

Thanksgiving Day
 Of all the holidays in the year, none is dearer to the Canadian, none more national in its character, than that which is to be observed next Monday. Thanksgiving is preeminently the home festival. While it was established by the Puritan settlers of New England as an occasion for the public and the general recognition of God's mercies it is now a recognized anniversary throughout this continent. If it has lost something of the exclusively religious character which distinguished it at first, it has still kept its spirit of love and good-will. It is the day when the old folks gather their own more about them; when the old roof-tree again stretches its hospitable shelter over those whom the years have scattered; and when little figures to whom life is new seek out those wonderful places "where father used to play." But to some of us this occasion of family reunion and general good cheer brings other thoughts; and as we gather round the board, tears start and a lump rises in the throat, for where we sit to-day and another sat last year, and the benign old face which smiled so fondly on us then is but a memory now. Ah, the vacant chairs, the turned-down plates! How can Thanksgiving keep its blessed spirit in their presence? Nay, let us rather say, How can it lose that spirit which they exist. What have those absent ones left us but memories of their love and kindness, their faithful service and uncomplaining sacrifice. Those memories—this day above all others—bring vividly to mind; and when we thank the Giver of all good gifts for bountiful harvests and the food we eat, shall we not much more thank Him for this greater gift of having known and loved those whom He has at last taken to Himself?

EDITORIAL NOTES
 While, perhaps, everybody did not feel thankful on Thursday night, everybody should be truly thankful next Monday—Our National Thanksgiving Day.

One of the dailies, which was rather non-committal during the election, significantly said on Saturday: "Naturally the railways will be expected to rush special trains to border points to accommodate the returning crowds now."

The fear that Patenaude, the Quebec protagonist, would deliver the Canadian National to Montreal's financial interests, was evidently groundless. He did not deliver his own constituency, having been defeated by a substantial majority.

Compulsory voting will be introduced in the Federal elections in Australia for the first time on Nov. 14. Under a new law passed by the last Parliament, registrars are required to prepare lists of all persons entitled to vote. Any elector who fails to go to the polls without giving a valid reason for staying away, is liable to a fine of \$10.

The general election is over, and though there may be another one in the offing, Acton electors are more interested in the fact just now that nominations for the Municipal Council are due in about three weeks. And it is just as important to us all that Acton should have a good Council as it is that the Dominion should be well-governed.

Yes, the country's safe now. The woollen mills will all be booming; bigger wages will prevail everywhere; the farmers will obtain prices far in advance of what they have been receiving; never a Canadian will go into the United States to seek a job. The country is safe and prosperous, and taxes will be reduced everywhere. The country is safe.

This year's cattle shipments from Canada to Great Britain will considerably exceed 100,000 head. While the British demand is at present ebbing off somewhat, the total shipments for 1925 will be a record, the monthly average being well over 10,000. The total value of the cattle exported from Canada to Great Britain will, it is estimated, be about \$12,000,000 for 1925.

Sales of over one hundred patent medicines has been placed under ban in Ontario by the Provincial Board of License Commissioners, acting in conjunction with federal authorities. The medicines and remedies affected are those containing a high percentage of alcohol and not sufficiently medicated to prevent their use as beverages. Their sale by druggists and other vendors has been declared illegal under the Proprietary and Patent Medicine Act.

If the pre-election pledges of the candidates elected are as reliable, now that the election is over, as they were uncompromising and expressive when they were given, the country has something to hope for in the refusal of further licenses to breweries and distilleries in those provinces which voted for prohibition, and a tightening up of the customs regulations governing the export of liquor to our neighboring country which is under prohibitory laws.

The great British Empire Exhibition at Wembley closed its doors on Saturday after two years effectively displaying the products and resources of the Empire. The Exhibition was visited by 27,000,000 persons. It was not a financial success so far as receipts meeting expenses of operation, but it has been of incalculable benefit in stimulation of the resources of all British lands. Canada has already derived great financial advantages in the receipts of millions of dollars worth of orders for her products.

Two more weekly papers passed out of separate existence last week. Mr. Thomas Nash, a veteran publisher, has sold out the *Gazette* and the *Windsor News*, to Mr. A. G. Smith, publisher of the *Windsor Advance*. Times, and they will in future be incorporated with that paper, in which a special section will be devoted to the districts covered by the two purchased papers. By this enterprise, one paper now takes the place of four, for years published separately in Huron County.

A REAL OPTIMIST
 In those days of frequent subscriptions for various church enterprises, the following story will be quite appropriate.

The question was what was to be done with the old parsonage. The roof leaked. The walls were rotten. The floor sagged. The ceilings threatened to fall. The cellar leaked and the front door was in a state of disrepair. The house, originally built for an excellent spinster who had willed it to the church, was in need of repair. Mr. Dent and his wife and four babies.

Mrs. Baker believed that the parsonage could be enlarged and repaired for six hundred dollars and moreover that the money could be raised in a parish that had hardly been out of debt in twenty years. She bore with calmness the reproach of Mrs. Porter.

"An optimist? Of course I am! So are you every time you stir the yeast into a batch of bread. Don't you expect it will rise?"

"With that the discussion ended for that day."

"But 'Aunt Mary' Baker did not content herself with talking. The next day she started at once to work with the repairs. If satisfactory estimates could be had for six hundred dollars, that would be the limit. She had in her possession a list of names of those contingencies seemed remote that the vote was unanimous. Mrs. Baker was made chairman of a committee to raise the money.

Now it is noticeable that the optimists of the world often have a very narrow margin of success. The first thing Mrs. Baker did was to arrange for the sale of an old building that stood at the rear of the parsonage. John Stevens wanted it for a barber's shop. He gave eighty-seven dollars for it, and that was a noble first step.

Then, came the subscription paper. That was carefully used as to every cent. Mrs. Dent gave twenty-five dollars, James Porter would be ashamed to give less. Two generous checks came in response to Aunt Mary's appeal. One from Mrs. Jones who had prospered out West, and another from the late Mrs. Foster, who was skeptical in regard to the whole matter, but whose partner of a curious enterprise would give her ten dollars, if it could be secured forty dollars more? So important did she seem that the consent. Then did Aunt Mary expend her dollars on sugar and eggs and popcorn, and a sparkling wine and delicious candy, she found a ready market for them at the summer hotel on the hill. She actually counted up forty-two dollars before she had finished from that enterprise before the summer was over.

Then, the Ladies Aid took place in the name of the old parsonage! A chicken-pie supper, a husking, an old-fashioned concert, a spelling contest, a picnic, a party, they met three times in the village for one year were traceable to the renewed parsonage.

Of course, the money was forthcoming, and the house with its veranda, its enlarged rooms, all opening together, and a minister's house, its convenient kitchen and its water-light cellar—stands as a testimony to Aunt Mary Baker's faith and her partner's partner of a curious enterprise.

Mr. R. W. Campbell has sold his residence to Mr. Scott, of Toronto, and Mr. Campbell has purchased Mrs. M. Milroy's residence.

A very pretty autumn wedding was celebrated on Tuesday, October 20, at a minister's house, when Mr. G. W. Balfour, Balfourville, when their daughter, Marjorie Elizabeth, was married to Mr. W. H. Westley, of the town of Hillburg, Ontario. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Root, of Hillburg, were the officiating minister.

PREPARING THE SOIL FOR HOTBEDS
 Soil for hotbed work requires proper preparation, to give best results. Purpose of the hotbed is to warm the soil by the majority of growers, and to this may be attributed much of the difficulty encountered in the growing of healthy plants. It costs very little more to prepare the soil properly, than to follow the question-bag method of preparing the soil over and over again or obtaining soil without regard to its condition.

A clean pile of soil should be selected, preferably of sandy loam soil. Cut and pile the sods carefully with alternate layers of manure. The cutting and piling should be done either in the autumn or in the month of June, at any rate the pile should be left standing for six weeks. If the whole pile, or the part required may be cut down and piled in a convenient place for the hotbed work the following spring. This method of preparation will provide a soil with ample loam, which is very essential, and which contains the plant food and the mineral fertilizer used to improve the manure already present in the soil.

The following foregoing method is the most satisfactory, if this procedure has not been followed, it is often possible to obtain sandy loam soil from the surface of a field. The soil is produced a hoe crop in a three or four year rotation. This soil should be obtained in the fall, and piled in a convenient place, and if not rich enough in food plant, commercial fertilizer may be added to suit the special conditions of the plant to be grown.

It is not necessary, because in a well planned rotation, manure is used very sparingly. The soil in a hotbed is in fairly good condition for the purpose.

When it is not convenient to obtain a sandy loam soil, and heavier soil has to be used, clean sand may be added until the proper consistency of soil has been obtained. Under normal conditions it is always possible to water, but attention must be given to drainage or the soil will become too wet.

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LOVE'S SACRIFICE
 The following, which, we are sure, is an exceptional case, is narrated of a certain Mr. and Mrs. Cahill, of Newburgh, Ontario.

Mrs. Cahill's education in the art of cookery had been somewhat neglected, but she did her best, and her husband struggled manfully, and uncompromisingly with the tough steaks and sour bread she set before him day after day.

One morning, about three years after their wedding, she said to him: "Oliver, you don't love your wife like you do once and every night."

"Why do you say that?" he asked, in surprise.

"Because you don't eat the things I cook for you any more."

"Philida," rejoined Oliver, with all the earnestness he could command, "I love you as fondly as ever, but my digestion is ruined!"

A LAWYER-LIKE REMEDY
 A man whose sleep had been disturbed nightly by the howling on his own back fence, of his neighbor's cat, came at last in despair to a lawyer.

An exchange reports the interview.

"There the cat sits every night on your fence," said the sufferer, "and howls and yowls and yowls. Now, I don't want to see the result of my neighbor, but I would like to know if I am not justified in putting a stop to it."

"Certainly," replied the lawyer.

"I am well within my right if I shoot the cat, then."

"Well, then, I would hardly say that," answered the lawyer. "The cat does not belong to you, as I understand it?"

"No."

"And the fence does?"

"Yes."

"Well, then, I think I may safely say that you are perfectly right, to fend down the fence."

Neighborhood News—Town and Country
 Miss Margaret Dickie has returned from a year's study of music in France. The girls will sell poppies for the Women's Institute on Friday, Nov. 7th the Armistice day.

Col. James Ballantyne, D.S.O., and Mrs. Ballantyne, Hamilton, N.T., were visitors in town last week.

Miss Lillian Ingram, who has been an efficient employee on the Herald staff for the last five years, left on Monday for London, where she will train for a nurse in the City Hospital.

Mr. William Cannon, Treasurer of the Ontario Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, will address a meeting in the Public Library on November 12th, with a view of raising a humane society in Georgetown.

Mr. McCullough, of Tacoma, Washington, is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wilson. It is over 25 years since Mr. McCullough left Georgetown. This is his first visit back to the old home town.

How about Georgetown's long-delayed new Post Office? We notice that a contract has just been let for a new Post Office at Gravenhurst to cost \$20,000. Probably if we get busy again the town will have a new Post Office.

A small barn on Mill Street and contents, belonging to Mr. W. Whitmore, was destroyed by fire on Tuesday morning. The building was a mass of flames when first noticed about a quarter to five, when the fire brigade was called out.—Herald.

ERIN
 A Hallowe'en Masquerade Social was held in the Brisbane School House on Sunday evening, October 25th.

During the windstorm on Sunday night, the post on which the electric power lines were strung at Hillburg, was blown down.

An entertainment will be held on Thanksgiving evening in the United Church, Erin, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid.

Rev. E. R. Hall, B. A., pastor of the United Church, is related to Miss Gregg, principal of the Continuation School, during her absence on account of the sudden death of her mother.

Mr. F. S. Harris, of Toronto, is the new teller in the local branch of the Royal Bank of Canada and Miss McDowell who has been in charge of that work for some time, is now acting.

When Mr. John Lindsay accepted the call to a Presbyterian Church at Lindsay, He expects to commence his duties in his new charge on November 8th.

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BURLINGTON
 A. B. Coleman, who received \$120,000 in 1918 from the Dominion Government, is now acting as agent for the purchase of the town of Burlington. He is acting for the government for a further sum of \$350,000.

Charles Jarvis and Ernest Bonner, who have been in the hunting trip in the vicinity of James Bay.

Through the efforts of the residents in Burlington, the Ontario Railway has commenced a service to the Guelph line last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Marjorie Lindsay return home on Tuesday from a pleasant honeymoon trip to Bermuda.

Growers of potatoes in this district are harvesting them these days.

Three weeks ago potatoes could be purchased as low as \$1.00 per bag and now the price has reached \$2.50 per bag.

Mr. B. C. Dotter and son, of Jamaica, British West Indies, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. Kerne at "Oak Bank" last Monday.

Having left Melbourne, Australia, in the *Elm*, he is expected to arrive in Toronto on Thursday, November 26th.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Kelley and their daughter, Julia, have returned to Boston after spending the summer in Oakville.

Albert Strachan had the serious misfortune to break his leg, while practicing prior to Saturday's game with Hamilton Tech.

In commemoration of the 25th anniversary of their wedding, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tuck held a quiet reception at their home on Dunn Street last Saturday, October 24.

Jon. McCreary returned on Monday from Portage la Prairie, where he has been engaged in harvesting operations. He reports a month's complete tie-up of work owing to, unfavorable weather conditions.

Several two applications have been received by the Board of Education for enrollment in the night school and it has been decided to organize the school.

Mr. James Ryrie, after spending the summer months in his home on the Lake Shore east, has returned to Toronto until after Christmas, when he will journey south to pass the winter season in Florida.

A fancy dress carnival was held under the auspices of the Oakville High School on Thursday night. A torch-light procession was proceeded from the Central School grounds to the rink at 7:30 o'clock, where the costumes were judged and prizes awarded.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Flaxman and four children, one little girl and three boys, narrowly escaped death from suffocation early Tuesday morning when the house in which they were sleeping, on the Jacobs Jam factory, caught fire. The firemen confined the flames to the rear part of the house.

William Hakener, giving his address as 258 College Street, was arrested Tuesday afternoon on a charge of driving a car while under the influence of an intoxicating liquor and was arrested in front of James Ryrie's on the highway, when his car was driven by one of his sons.

Fifty-seven members of Knox Church Kirk Club attended the Toronto Presbytery Young People's Rally in Cooke's Presbyterian Church last Monday night. Prizes were awarded to the two churches with the best representation, and were won by Bonar Church and Oakville clubs.—Record.

NOT IN HER LINE
 "One day Mr. Smith went to buy a bushel of buckwheat for sowing. The man who sold the wheat was away, and his wife undertook to wait on the customer. She found a peck measure, and she went to the granary."

"She filled the measure twice, and pouring the contents into the bag, began to tie it up."

"That, Mrs. Lavinia," said the man, "is just how pecks to make a bushel."

"Oh, does it?" replied the woman, as she untied the bag.

"I never had any experience in measuring grain before I married Mr. Lavinia. I always taught school."

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A READY-WITTED PATRIARCH
 "The old man was a glutton for work," Deacon Thomas told the new folks. They were speaking of old Moses Rogers, who had lately died after an active life of ninety-one years. "Polly used to work in my young days," Moses would always tell you.

"He was a little miffed cucky in former years, and one day he chattered long John, and Jim Boardman, thirty years younger'n him, to pitch up a load of hay 'a fast' 'a he could load it."

"All right," they says.

"The hay wagon will driven round to the meadow, an' they began. Moses held his own awful well for some time, and if the boys stopped to breathe a minute, he'd call out 'More hay! More hay! More hay!'"

"But after a while he had to struggle around to keep on top of the hay, an' he'd called down an' they'd say, 'Hello! Hello!' an' Moses would say, 'You get down here!'"

"I come down after more hay," says the old man, beginning to pitch, coat's you please."

A PERPLEXING QUESTION
 Prof. F. P. Marvin tells in *Lippincott's Magazine* the story of an expedition from the University of Pennsylvania, that was sent to one of the Southern States, some years ago to observe a solar eclipse.

"The day of the event 'one' of the professors said to an old colored man who was employed in the household where the astronomer was quartered."

"Sam, if you will watch your chickens to-morrow morning, you will find that most of them will go to roost at eleven o'clock."

"Sam, as might be expected, was very skeptical, but at the appointed hour the heavens were darkened, and the chickens, as foretold, retired to their coops. At this the old negro's amazement knew no bounds, and he sought out the professor of his science.

"Professor," said he, "how long ago did you know them chickens would go to roost?"

"About a year ago," said the professor with a faint smile.

"About a year ago, then, you know Sam's perplexed reply. 'Why, professor, a year ago dem chickens wa'n't even hatched!'"

PUMPKIN FORTUNES
 Supply each guest at the Halloween party with a large piece of yellow cardboard from which they are to cut a good-sized pumpkin with a stem. At the table pumpkins, they print with green crayon the words, "My fortune." Below this heading the following topics should be printed on each card:

1. His initials.
2. His profession.
3. His wedding gift to me.
4. My wedding gift to him.
5. How we will go on our wedding trip.
6. Our home.
7. The cause of our first quarrel.
8. His hobby.
9. Our household pet.
10. His favorite dish.

Have ten boxes prepared which are numbered to correspond with the list above. The boxes, the girls will draw their "answers" consisting of pictures cut from magazines. Each girl prints the pictures she draws for her proper order on her pumpkin so that she can read about her complete fortune while the refreshments are being served.

FIVE WAYS TO CURE A COLD
 1. Bathe the feet in hot water and take a pint of hot lemonade.
 2. Bathe the face in very hot water every five minutes for an hour.
 3. Snuff up the nostrils hot salt water every four hours.
 4. Inhale ammonia or menthol.
 5. Take four hours active exercise in the air.

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