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EDITORIAL

Industry Without Tariff

There is no duty on binder twine. There has been no duty since 1906. "Is there any twine made in Canada?" asks R. J. Deachman, the noted writer on tariff matters, and in answer to his own question, says: "Yes. Despite the increase in grain production in Canada, we are actually importing less twine to-day than we did before the war. In two years, 1913-1914, our total net imports (gross imports less exports) totalled 51,571,179 lbs. In the years 1925 and 1926 the net import was 51,308,273 lbs. Meantime the Brantford Cordage Company, one of the largest plants in Canada, reports as follows: 'We have been running steadily ten hours a day—fifty-nine hours a week through the year. Despite the addition of the No. 3 mill from which we are now obtaining full production, it has again been found necessary to work overtime.' There you are—an industry under free trade in a protectionist country busy—and working overtime."—Farmers' Sun.

Did You Ever Stop to Think?

Edson R. Waite, of the Shawnee, Oklahoma, Chamber of Commerce, asks pertinently, "Did you ever stop to think?" That thrift which calls for regular depositing in a savings account each month, a portion of your income, means success, for success is only obtained step by step. That where one man gets rich quick a million don't. Get rich the slow, steady way; start a savings account to-day. That you should start building your fortune and, have the courage to save. That successful people are the ones who have a vision which looks to the future, and who build for the future. That you can start your account with a small amount, and it will surprise you to see how it will grow. That if you would go in and get acquainted with our local bankers, they will be only too glad to explain to you the advantages of a savings account. That every man and woman earning money should have a savings account. That if they did, they would soon realize the value of thrift. Money in a savings account works for you instead of you working for it.—Copyright 1926.

Necessaries and Luxuries

In these days of election talk, with the diversity of opinion as to the effect of a high and a low tariff upon the cost of family livelihood, the subject of luxuries in every day life and expenditure is a moot theme. Everyone talks of giving up luxuries. The question is, what are luxuries? It is certain that the progress of civilization makes us daily more dependent upon what may be called the accessories of life. A hundred years ago people went without many things that to-day we regard as indispensable, simply because they did not know anything about them. And in other cases our grandfathers' luxuries have become our necessities. Take clothes. A man with even a comparatively limited income feels that he must dress as those whom he daily meets in business. They judge his prosperity by his appearance. It is a poor standard, but it is often the best he has to offer. In the same way his wife must dress like his neighbors' wives, or his credit will be seriously affected, or he thinks it will. When it comes to the children, the necessity is even greater. We may sacrifice ourselves, if we please; we cannot sacrifice them or their future. Take education. We may not need books; but we must have what we can go without. Especially, our children again must have what other children have, must have music, must have entertainments. Must have sports. Those things are not luxuries; they are necessities, not in themselves, but in what they carry with them. Greater than any others are the necessities that have to do with health. Our ancestors knew nothing of hygiene and died for the lack of it. We know all about it and must have it—but it costs. There are absolute requirements in food; there are absolute requirements in recreation; most of all, there is an absolute requirement in mere cleanliness. Unlimited plumbing, with all its endless trail of expense, is a recently invented luxury, but it is almost as necessary to many of us as the air we breathe. "It is hard to go without these things, hard to reduce even their cost or their number; yet perhaps it pays to reflect occasionally whether they are all really so indispensable as they seem. Meanwhile we should try to cut off a little here and a little there, for ourselves, and even for our children. Apparent necessities may fade into luxuries and so into nothing. The one real necessary of life is a sane and cheerful spirit, irrespective of the harranging of the party politicians. And as that is the only fundamental necessary, it happens also to be the greatest of luxuries."

Canada is Evidently Prospering

The grand total of Canadian trade for the first four months of the present fiscal year, which ended on July 31, shows an increase of \$71,175,413 over the total for the same period last year. For the four months ended July 31 last, Canada's trade amounted to \$718,066,711. Domestic merchandise exported from Canada during the four months just ended, reached a total value of \$380,020,931. Imports during the same period were to the value of \$335,976,727.

The Toronto Fair President's Message

"A broader, bigger institution, the cumulative result of nearly fifty years of progressive growth and development," is the way the Canadian National Exhibition, which last Saturday opened for its 48th consecutive show, is described by President John J. Dixon. A transformation, he declares, is now being witnessed, "a marked trend toward imperial stature, a spreading of its roots and branches beyond all local or continental limitation, in short, a new exhibition in the making," one that has already achieved "international status."

Moral Training in the Schools

On the approaching re-opening of the schools, the Bowmanville Statesman has a series of timely articles respecting the influence of the public schools. Among these is quoted the following very pointed and rational viewpoint of J. M. Denyes, B.A., our own observant and experienced inspector of public schools for Halton:

"The schools must supply the moral training which the homes and churches have failed to give. It is impossible to separate moral culture from any other form of culture to be obtained in the schools of the province. For, good citizenship and culture and every other form of intellectual skill must be interpreted in the terms of the pupils' ability to apply them to everyday life. It is only when culture is applied to life, in a moral sense, that there is the highest form of citizenship, and we believe all experienced teachers will agree in the main with his carefully thought out opinion. Every school teacher, therefore, should be a practical Christian, man or woman. The school-room next to the home is the best place to inculcate high moral principles. The greatest problems of the day are social, commercial and religious, and each of these must be approached from the moral viewpoint, for the three problems are inseparable from morality. Neither learning, skill nor wealth, can solve the social and the economic problems of the age; but what is needed is a moral consciousness. If the schools can implant in the minds of the scholars the proper conception of obedience, honesty, trustfulness and all the allied traits which accompany those characteristics, much will have been accomplished in the direction of building a moral citizenry which will make its influence felt in the years to come. Instruction alone is not sufficient, so far as morals are concerned. In other words, it is not enough to give the pupils weekly or daily lectures on morality; the requirements being actual and constant daily practice."

EDITORIAL NOTES

It goes a long way with the electors when they remember the government that gave them penny postage, cheaper automobiles, and a reduced income tax. That beats flag waving and the "whispering" campaign.

It is the best opinion in government circles, expressed in Paris last week, that Germany will be admitted to the League of Nations during the first few days of the Assembly, which opens in Geneva on September 8th.

A Pennsylvania court has decided that when one man calls another "przefermatyzi" he libels him. It seems that the word means stealer or squanderer. Most folks will candidly admit that the word has the look of a scandalous insult.

Settlers' effects to the value of \$6,704,300 were brought into Canada from the United States during the 12 months ended June 30, 1926, compared with \$6,080,884 for the previous 12 months. There is evidently considerable population coming this way, if some do go across to the States.

The advice which Sir Henry Thornton, head of the Canadian National Railways, recently sent out to the employees of the system might well be headed by us all in the forthcoming election. Sir Henry advised the men "to cast their votes as good Canadians and mind their own business."

Canada's National Railways are rapidly coming to their own, and it looks as if they would soon be on a profit basis. An increase of \$11,880,711.25, or 209.44 per cent, in net earnings for the first seven months of 1926 as compared with the same period last year, is shown in the financial statement of the Canadian National Railways for the period January 1 to July 31, 1926, issued last week.

"The improvement in general conditions in the West since 1920," said President Beattie, of the C. P. R. at Calgary last week, "when the slump in prices of farm products caused temporary discouragement, is most noticeable. It is due to good crops at a price ensuring a profit to the producer, to the reduction in cost of production, and to the adoption of a policy of reasonable economy in personal expenditure on the part of individuals."

Some of the partisan claims and political propaganda made and circulated at this time is sufficient to disgust the average voter. Some of these claims we know to be false, and we would advise that you shake them well before taking. Don't be misled and allow your vote to be influenced by statements not based on facts. You have a mind of your own, Mr. Voter, use it. God gave it to you for that purpose. Heed not to the promises that never are intended to be fulfilled, and evade the carrier of the bribe who is one of the meanest types of Canadian citizenship. Vote your mind and do your part on September 14th toward making Canada a country of clean and progressive government—a country to love.—Windsor, N.S., Journal.

Neighborhood News

BURLINGTON

Rev. Mr. Woodside left on Monday for Winnipeg, and will return to Burlington on Wednesday. Mr. A. G. Green, principal of the East End School, conducted services in the Pentecost and Bronze Churches on Sunday last. Mr. Gordon Alton arrived home from Calgary on Saturday, where he spent the past two years.

The Masonic Hall has been repaired, which greatly improves its appearance. The public schools reopened for the fall term on Wednesday, September 1st. Rev. A. Telford has returned home to Three Rivers, Mich., after spending a couple of weeks here with his parents and relatives at Bronte.

Mrs. Chris Klanka, Jr., had the wrist, while alighting from a radiator car near station 28 on last Wednesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Alton, who returned from Calgary several weeks ago, have taken up residence in the house on Brent Street, recently occupied by Father Ford.

MILTON

Mrs. Kate Jackson, of Alhambra, California, is visiting with her sister, Mrs. W. J. Stewart. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Peacock are on a motor trip to Chicago, where they will visit his brother, Mr. George Peacock.

While painting a farm house in East Milton, Ontario, G. H. Hooper fell from the roof and broke his collar bone and right arm.

Westminster, B.C., are visiting the mother, Mrs. Wm. Bewes, and his brother, Mr. S. R. Bewes, and other friends here.

To park your coupe under a tree at night and wake up in the morning and find it missing with the top and body practically all gone, was the experience of G. W. Watson, of Nelson Township. The coupe had been struck by lightning.

James Goodfellow, of Trafalgar Township, secured a setting of English pheasant eggs from the government, and now has ten chicks, one month old, which will soon be allowed their freedom. There is a very heavy penalty for destroying these birds.

G. E. Stewart, of Nelson Township, met with a serious accident last week. A car had overturned in the ditch alongside the driver's seat. He was assisting the other occupants of the car to get out, when he was badly hurt. The animal was foaled in 1913, and had been in that section for about 3 years. The horse was valued at \$1,000.

ERIN

Rev. Edward and Mrs. Lee have returned home after spending a month at Montreal after a pleasant holiday with friends at Rockdale.

The friends of Mrs. Harry Harnsworth, Rockdale, will be sorry to hear she is in Lord Dufferin Hospital, Orangeville, where she underwent a serious operation.

On Sunday anniversary services were held in St. Andrew's Church, when Rev. Mr. Stewart, of Acton, preached stirring sermons. Special music was rendered by the choir.

On Thursday last Mrs. Dave McMillan received the sad news of the death of her sister, Mrs. John McIntyre, of Calgary.

Mrs. Bryce Morgan and two daughters motored from Cleveland, and are spending their holidays with her father, Mr. James Hunter.

Rev. K. H. Rogers preached his farewell sermon at All Saints' Anglican Church on Sunday evening.

Mr. Wm. Justice, of Winnipeg, who attended the rifle match in Ottawa, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Justice.

Mr. John Gawthrop, an esteemed resident of our village, celebrated his 87th birthday on Tuesday. Mr. Gawthrop is quite active, considering his advanced age and is about daily, all ways ready to crack a joke with fellow citizens.

ENTRAVANCE

Ambitious Laddie—"An' when I'm big I'll make a million dollars and give half of it to the church." Scotch Lady: "Scotch Laddie, I'dna be a fool; the Bible sez as how ten per cent's snow, indeed."—Black and Blue 'Jay.

CANADA AND POPULATION

The population of the world is increasing at the rate of 50,000 a day, according to an article by Prof. Edward Murray East, of Harvard University, recently published in a recent number of "Current History." Prof. East says that, taking the world over, there are 2,000,000,000 people, and that in the next 50 years the population of the world will reach 4,000,000,000.

Statistics are assembled to show that the population in any country reaches a certain density the rate of increase falls off, until it becomes practically stationary. This has already happened in China, and has almost come about in India. Prof. East will become stationary at about 200,000,000,000, and this figure will be reached in the present century.

An important factor in the population development of the North American continent is the fact that it occupies an area greater than the United States, and has at present about 9,000,000 inhabitants. Prof. East finds that population in Canada is increasing rapidly, the birth rate being more than double the death rate. The death rate in Canada is 11.3 per thousand, compared with 11.5 in the United States, and the birth rate in Canada is 25.7, compared with 23.5 in the United States.

Prof. East's calculations do not include the effect of immigration on the population of Canada. This is a factor in the United States in the past, and promises to be equally important in the future. The population of the world means a constantly increasing demand for food, and Canada, with only one-fifth of its territory under cultivation, is destined to be a large part in supplying that demand.

HIS OPINION

"Samuel, what am yo' opinion ob de reflexive merits ob moderate temperance an' highdown tee-totalance?" inquired an inebriated Juniper Johnson of his brother.

"Guitus," replied Samuel, shrewdly, "yo' question 'minis me ob wat I think, 'dat kep' a 'sylum for de insane folks once tol' me. He says dat when dey want to know if de pore critters done get cure, dey show 'em a trough wid de later pourin' into it from de top in a big barr'; an' dey say, 'Yo' empty dat trough, now!'"

"An' he says dat de folks w'at am still crazy or plumb idyite, dey keep de trough for food, an' de headway 'cause ob de water dat runs in faster dan dey can ball it out."

"Dey up an' stop de taps ob de barr'; dey up an' den dey goes at de laddin' an' 'it don't tek 'em but mighty short time for dey empty dat trough complete."

"Dat, Guitus," said Samuel, impressively, "am an' allegory, an' yo' can jes' study ober it; an' if yo' wants to line de moderate temperance folks, all yo' got to do am to turn yo' back to de barr', an' see how much good yo' laddin' will 'complish'."

HE REFUSED TO ANSWER

Aunt Jinny, a Carolina negro, was a great advocate of the rod as a help in child-rearing. As a result of an unprovoked beating which she gave her youngest and "orniest," she was brought into court one day by outraged neighbors. The judge, after giving her a severe lecture, asked if she had anything to say.

"Jest one thing, Judge," she replied. "I want to ax you a question. Was ever the parent of a perfectly worthless cullud child?"

A PICKED-UP LIVING

A convict's complacent acceptance of life's possibilities is shown in a dialogue between the criminal and Captain Spence, senior missionary of the English Church missionary. To a question of the captain's as to what the convict did when out of prison, he replied: "Well, in spring I goes out and does a bit of peck-picking, and in the summer time I does a bit of fruit-picking, and in the autumn I does a bit of hop-picking."

"Oh!" said the captain. "What happens after that?" "Well, now, mister," replied the convict. "I may as well be honest, and tell you that in the winter-time, I does a bit of pocket-picking!"

The missionary furrowed his brow in amazement, asking finally, "And what happens then?" The convict answered laconically, "Why, here I am doing a bit of oakum-picking."

NOT SO BAD

American—"What do you think of our golf course?" MacPherson—"It's nae so bad. I lost four balls—but I found seven."

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