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Lord Tweedsmuir Talks About Canada

An address by Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor General Designate of Canada, before Canada Club of London.
You have done me a great honor to-night, for which I offer you heartfelt thanks. As I look around this audience I see some of my former colleagues in British politics, and, looking at them, I feel that this occasion, for me, is in the nature of a farewell to many cherished activities.

but these are not wealth which can be easily and confidently realized; they do not become wealth until and unless they can be related to the demands and the uses of the rest of the world. A fresh economic and social mechanism has to be created, and the new countries are in this difficulty as compared to the older ones—they have less experience of this kind of creation, and they have to improvise in a brief time a machinery which the old lands may have already constructed at their leisure.

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TESTON

The Women's Association and Sunday School held their picnic at Albert Island's Flats when a very nice time was spent. The Ladies of the W.A. held their regular meeting and transaction of business before the picnic. There was a program of races for the young people and smaller children of the school with the following winners: Married ladies race, Mrs. W. Orr, Mrs. L. Hadwin; married men's race, Rev. Davis, F. Oliver; tots race, so many came together that the prizes were divided equally; girls under 12, A. McQuarrie; young men's race, George Carley, G. Davis; boys under 12, Master Davis; three legged race, M. Robinson and Irene Hadwin; shoe race, Irene Hadwin and Roy Bowen, Hatie Diesman and Rev Davis; stepping off 25 yards, Chas. Diesman, F. Oliver; throwing rubber balls in pail, Mrs. Peterman, Mrs. Oliver. Then there was a peanut scramble for the little ones. Mrs. Peterman was presented with a beautiful bouquet for being the oldest lady on the grounds. Lunch was enjoyed and this was the end of a perfect day for scholars and friends.

Young Peoples Society Sunday evening service was well attended and the program enjoyed. After the opening hymns Mrs. Taggart led in prayer, Hattie Diesman took the Worship period, responsive reading Psalm XIX, Margaret Oliver read an interesting paper "He went out to live like Jesus." The topic was "Flashes from the Living Message," given by Miss Florence McCluskey and was quite fitting for Citizenship evening. The boys sang a chorus and the girls followed with their chorus humming the tune for one stanza. E. J. Hitchcock presided.

A shower was held in Kerr's Hall in honour of Mr. and Mrs. L. Scott (nee Ellen Gray, a former Teston girl), when many useful and beautiful gifts were presented to the couple. After the gifts had been unwrapped and passed around Mr. Scott on behalf of Mrs. Scott and himself thanked their many friends in a few well chosen words. Lunch was served and an old time dance followed with Mr. Wm. Walker as floor manager and George Taggart furnishing the music. Mr. and Mrs. Bremner and son Frank are visiting Mr. Bremner's sister, Mrs. Corfield.

Thisletown

The Thisletown Women's Institute held their annual picnic last Wednesday at the Community Grounds. It was well attended and after partaking of a splendid supper everyone entered heartily into all the sports and contests, which were many and varied, having been arranged by our very able and competent committee, and we must congratulate that committee for their untiring efforts to make the picnic such a success, and also thank all the friends for coming out and co-operating with the Institute, so splendidly.

The winners of the different sports and contests, were: Girls Race, 1-5—Lorna Shaw, Margaret Usher.

Boys Race, 1-5—Billie Kingdon, Gordon Sneyd.

Girls Race, 7 and under—Yvonne Kingdon, Irene Sneyd.

Boys Race, 7 and under—Billie Kingdon, Bruce Whitehead.

Girls Race, 10 and under—Shirley Waters, Rosemary Davidson.

Boys Race, 10 and under—Donald Love, Donald Newton.

Girls Race, 10-12—Olive Widenham, Marion Davidson.

Boys Race, 10-12—Bill Shaw, Gordon Argo.

Girls Race, 12-14—Olive Widenham, Dorothy Dovey.

Boys Race, 12-14—Bill Shaw, Gordon Argo.

Girls Race, 14-16—Joan Widenham, Hazel Williams.

Peanut Contest—Mary Smyth.

Men's Wheelbarrow Race—Harry Sneyd, Gordon Shaw.

LOST MARKETS

Trade is an exchange of commodities. When we shut out imports—we close off exports

(By R. J. Deachman)

Japan has spoken and we are to lose another market. Japan has imposed a special surtax on wheat, lumber and other commodities.

There is nothing surprising in this—we asked for it and the blow fell. In 1930 our exports to Japan were \$30,475,000—by 1935 they were almost cut in two, \$16,935,000. Meanwhile imports from Japan dropped from \$12,537,000 in 1930 to \$4,424,000 in 1935. The figures are for fiscal years.

But the whole thing is typical of our attitude towards foreign trade. We need markets—need them desperately. Canada is a great exporting and necessarily a great importing country. All our physical machinery, docks, harbors, railways, is predicated on the idea of a great nation doing a big business—our political conceptions are those of a hermit seeking a hole into which he may crawl.

Total Canadian exports to foreign countries in 1914—pre-war days—totalled \$192,900,000. Under rational policies this trade was built up to \$740,600,000 in 1930. Then under the driving force of tariff repression it dropped like a shot partridge to only \$318,100,000 in 1935.

The tariff was not the only weapon in this struggle for the destruction of markets. By arbitrary regulation the Government placed false values upon imports. Buy-to-day goods valued at 1,000 yen in Japan and the account can be met in \$290 Canadian money, but the customs officer will look you straight in the eye, tell you that you must pay duty on a valuation of \$490 and in addition to the duty there will be, of course, the 3 per cent excise tax—a duty levied under another name, plus the 6 per cent sales tax—both levied upon the duty paid value.

What does all this mean? It means that on an item dutiable at 40 per cent on which, if the code of civilization still prevailed, the duty on your 1,000 yen purchase would be \$116, you must now pay:

- 1. 40 per cent on valuation of \$490 \$196.00
2. Dump duty—the difference between \$290, the real value, and \$490, the artificially set price 200.00
3. Sales tax on duty paid value, 6 per cent 41.16
4. Excise tax—3 per cent on duty paid value 20.58

Total \$457.74

Just 158 per cent and Japan resents! Why shouldn't Japan resent it? This is a hypothetical case—but I have a copy of an invoice on my desk before me as I write—an invoice of Japanese silk. The actual levied rate is 24 1/2 per cent. Is there any surprise in the attitude of Japan? We asked for it and we got it.

The totals given above show a decline in exports of over \$13,000,000. The exports of wheat alone to Japan during the last five years have been as follows:

- 1930 8,400,000 bushels
1931 7,600,000 "
1932 6,800,000 "
1933 4,997,000 "
1934 4,343,000 "

And Belgium is another country from which we are likely to hear one of these days. Our exports to Belgium in 1930 totalled \$21,692,000, by 1935 \$11,780,000. Imports fell from \$13,019,000 in 1930 to \$3,613,000 in 1935.

How long is the madness to last? If we may take the word of Mr. Bennett it should last forever. Speaking in the House of Commons in June 1935, he said:

"These clearing house arrangements (arrangements by which we agree to take commodities in exchange for commodities) are impossible unless we are prepared to accept the manufactured goods of other countries to displace Canadian production. If we are willing to do that, all we have to do is say so...."

We must take payment in goods—that has always been true. There is no other means, under heaven, by which we can be paid—and Mr. Bennett says: "We can never do that." So the people of the other countries must go without wheat and the people of Canada must go without goods and the unemployment situation continues as it was while these votaries of a strange creed tell us that the nation can get rich by passing laws which proclaim to the world our unwillingness to do business. "We shall get rich," they shout, "by refusing to accept payment for the goods we sell." Was madness ever equal to it? What a savage creed! Will the world ever return to sanity? It will. Not for all time shall the mass of mankind strive for wrong—not always

shall we live in the blind conception that to injure our brothers and ourselves is the first, the last and the only commandment of Canadian citizenship.

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