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Through Octario With The British-Born

SAULT STE. MARIE.

Once more the Scotch accent; this time in a large man with the big broad head that gets things donemany years; about to cast his first vote against a Liberal candidate, and a glad Secretary of the Canada-British Association.

arrived. He was the only Scot. The rest were English. Harry Sargeant good times have surely come to stay,

Across the river the Michigan Soq as they hear it in the States; on an market. other the ticket-box-the coffee-pot of What these people are most puzzled Toronto's peculiar affection-came about is the way this old John Bull

lumber Jack on the floor, alongside and the peculiar pants." the speaker's table; and the bull-dog Just so. The way the British Em-

are Western. There is flavour of the of the junior partners. been in Scotland and liked it.

with lard in my hair and my ears Bull Unlimited is one of them.

goma only fears defeat through un warmer than it has ever been. scrupulous use of opportunities in the All this means that the obligation remoteness of the bush.

Soo. Many of them are in the Steel lations. of song.

NORTH BAY.

tary of the Sons of England very pro- ples which dominate national action. tion of the British-born movement. bridge there, and the handing out of on the farm. "A local barrister," who turned out to a job somewhere else-must be directbe the Mayor, was reported as enter ed to making clear the two-fold, funda the development and dignity of my ing the lists which led to controversy mental basis of our national progress with me, and disorder in the meeting, -the development of Canadian comand as being finally prevented from merce in Canadian channels, and the speaking. The facts were that the extending of the right idea of Cana- climactic factor has played a vital Mayor imputed untruthfulness to me, dian national prestige, in its relation which the meeting as well as I re- to international and inter-Imperial is the backyard of the southern porsented and compelled him to with affairs. draw. Then when he was called to order for irrelevancy I offered him an the English-speaking peoples are the of trade south across the boundary additional ten minutes, I to have five great potentiality in the modern line, instead of there being big cities

came its secretary.

BRAMPTON.

sand population, but 20 per cent. of and regarded by the United States as carefully what Mr. James Wilson, the them are said to be British-born. The a very poor relation to be acknow. Scotsman who is Secretary of the

ing where Canon Walsh had shown himself to be a Britisher through and through, and had said that he had been watching the movement and saying nothing for several months. "Do you know Reading?" said the

mechanic on my left. stayed off there once,' 'said I.

"I come from just over the river, in trade between Canada and Europe. the other county," he said. "From Caversham?" I hazarded.

"Yes," he said. "And I've been here five years, and I like it." Another spoke: "Have you ever been in Hereford?

"Never in the city, but once I bought papers at the station, and was called back for handing the bookstall clerk transcontinental railway of America a bad two-shilling piece."

The Hereford man looked at me doubtfully, and I answered the question he didn't ask to his perfect con-A little later we were drinking-oh,

nothing worse than cider and ginger ale; for at Brampton they get their undertaken with so much care and local option straight, when Secretary foresight. We needed time to consoli-Akehurst observed that they were getting the effects of free trade in the Old Country, all right, all right. He had been reading of the railway strike. Hereford made an interesting remark: "They don't get enough to buy

good beer," he said, and further displayed a candid indifference to the cost of living, for there is more to live with in Brampton than there had ever been in the Welsh marshes.

I'm afraid they were both Tariff reformers in the Old Country.

The Brains of John Bull's Junior Partner.

By ARTHUR HAWKES.

There are all sorts of funny readings abroad about the firm of John Bull Unlimited, and especially about the Old Fellow himself. He seldom takes Peter Faulkner to wit. A Liberal of a good look at himself, and until lately he hasn't cared a gramme what other people thought of him.

John Bull has regarded himself as a the bigger the mistake. This was one of the men who hap good-natured soul who is taking care pened to be at the station when I of a few bits of land scattered around the globe in the interests of civilizabecame Chairman of the Association tion generally—a sort of political -a man of substance who has been philanthropist. The other fellows in through poor times and with whom the the international field don't regard him in that light. They think he is a grasptown, three parts full of expatriated ing old codger who, instead of being Canadians and home of a newspaper satisfied with control of nearly all the that comes over daily on the ferry strategic strongholds of land and sea and pays court to the Canadian Soq power, puts up an awful howl as soon with abundant views of its doings, as anybody else looks around for a The border influence is a curious ele second-rate coaling station, or a bit of ment in life here. On one street car rock from which his traders may one heard the sound of the fire-bell saunter into a hitherto undiscovered

around. The street, maybe looks a keeps the affections of his children, to buy grain produce would be correslittle more American than most On who have become his partners. tario streets, and you wondered what "Why," they say, "he used to declare the atmosphere of the hall would be that they would soon leave him, and that they would soon leave him, and here they are closer than ever to the here they are closer than ever to the give different answers to the same People's Mills

kept silence as long as he could; but pire keeps together is a regular Chiwhen the audience loudly resented the nese puzzle to all sorts of clever racket, and was led to a less exciting quite make it out ourselves-this loose, strong, splendid partnership that They tell you that at the Soo things girdles the world and has none of the are very different from what they are ordinary forces of Imperial compul-"in the East." They like to think they sion about it. The Dominion is one thinks of nothing but price. I believe

bush and mines, as well as of the un "Junior Partner" hasn't a very cocksalted sea about the place; and a a-whoop sound. It is a bigger name quality of speech here and there that than it looks. Mr. Sifton, in a memmet a prominent citizen, who was the House of Commons put the fact asked if he was going to the meeting more picturesquely: "The Rising Hope -a grandson of Scotland, who has of the British Empire." You know firms with the junior partners become "You bet," said he, "I'll be there the Pillars of Reliance. The John

Canada is a miracle within the Em-This originality is said to extend pire, as the Empire is a miracle among to the Government side of electioneer the nations of the earth. The impos-Minnie M. carried foreigners to poll to say that you could not allow an where they gave fraudulent votes, is overseas Dominion of the Crown to the Liberal candidate again. The have responsible government in ex-Minnie M. has ended her political actly the same way as the United career, but the bush poll is a menace Kingdom. They said that a Colonial rustle with the earth. to the dignity of the ballot box. I do Governor should not be compelled to not pretend fully to understand the accept the advice of his Ministers peculiar ethics of bush polling; but I when they had a majority of the popudo know that the Englishman who is lar House. But these things are done

upon Canadian statesmanship is more Mr. Boyce is a Yorkshireman; a subtle and tremendous than it has ever lawyer with brains. His speech very been. We have established a Departgently bewrays him, for he comes ment of External Affairs to handle our from Wakefield. As far as I can learn peculiar three-cornered relationships, there are no adventitious aids to his but this Department is not specially popularity, and the British vote will charged with the duty of keeping our have no difficulty in cleaving to him, internal population well informed The Welsh are quite abundant at the about the niceties of our external re

Saskatchewan valley to be well in formed about the possibilities of trou-

for reply. He refused to accept the world. They are broadly divided into in Canada manufacturing for the farthe Empire and the Republic. In the mers, and buying his produce at good A branch of the Canada-British As- re-adjustment of influence that is tak sociation having been formed, the ing place within the Empire Canada Secretary of the Son's of England be- is rapidly advancing towards the first

Canada has the advantage of being Brampton has less than three thou- being neglected by Downing Street We were going away from the meet- few kind words, she is regarded with said:almost jealous anxiety by the United Kingdom and the United States. The remarkable spectacle has been seen of the President of the United States with Canada which would secure com

The position of Canada between the United States and Great Britain is the position of the boy in the middle of the see-saw who sends the parties at he wills.

Canada was growing along splendidly from this point of view. The only was ours as a means of expanding our trade in our own way. The Govern ment undertook a second transcontinental, and is heavily aiding a third. The brains of Canadian statesman

ship were required for the fulfilment of the national policies, which were date our forces and to bring into national sentiment the aliens to our genius. Instead we are invited to reverse our method for one which the shrewd, experienced leaders of the per cent.; imported goods—decrease, meant the little one and the man in Republic are sure will deflect the life 4 per cent. blood of commerce into their arteries.

subsidiary to theirs. warned ourselves.

If I Were Farming Again By ARTHUR HAWKES.

A rather inconsequent slogan was concocted in a Montreal newspaper office the other day and telegraphed all over the country as the battle-cry of the Liberal party in this election.

It is "Let the farmer have his turn. When clever politicians conspire to make a slogan they generally make a mistake. The cleverer the politicians

The slogan doesn't really hit off the situation, except from the point of have decided that they want Free Trade as it is in England. Sir Wilfrid's speeches in the West last year frequently contained this doctrine. If you are for unconditional free trade it is no use trying to make out you Lands, bought and sold. Debts collected are for the National Policy. So you musn't talk about letting the farmer have his turn-as if he were not capable of taking care of himself. To have free trade as it is in England means that wages would have to come to the English level, and the power of wages H. H. MILLER - Opposite The Re pondingly weakened.

Half the controversy that troubles Well, there was a bull-dog and a Old Gentleman with the side whiskers give different answers to the same question, but because they ask different questions, and they approach public affairs from different points of interruptions of a too spirituously statesmen. They can't make it out view. In this Reciprocity business minded person, the dog joined the at Washington. Sometimes we can't one man sees only a few schedules. Another discerns a change in the temper of the national life.

Many people tell us that the farmer they are mistaken, important as the price is. I am very chary of talking to farmers about their relationship to is breezy, after its own fashion. We orable speech against Reciprocity in a commercial-political question, because, having left the farm, I leave lecturing to farmers to those who know nothing about farming except A small or large bag of a fine grain, what they see in the papers and observe from train or automobile. The best I can do is to size up the situation as I believe I would if I were it possesses. Better and more ing. The candidate for whom the sible has been achieved. They used farming again, remembering the long days of toil. the short nights of rest, the aching limbs and hardened hands, that used to belong to one's daily

The farmer who takes wide interest in public questions is the man above wheat and is a strictly first class all others who should be able to grasp standing for re-election in West Al. and the Imperial bond is closer and the great forces that originate and govern political action, because he is detached from many petty things that afflict city people, and because his closeness to nature helps him to discern the processes of national change and growth which are always behind to made from salected winter whe political action. In politics-not the and is a superior article for making fussy little manoeuvreings between rivals for office that we sometimes dignify by the name--it is dead true Works, where they don't lose their gift. You cannot expect a farmer in the that whatsoever a country sows that will it also reap.

Another consideration that would in. Goods delivered anywhere in tow. ble that may lie within our connection fluence me, I think, as a farmer hav-I was only outside North Bay sta- with India, Australia and South Afri- ing to decide my attitude towards a Chopping Done Every Day tion a couple of hours; but long ca. He is the great statesman who, vital national question would be the enough to give the "Globe" corres knowing all the intricacies of state knowledge that most likely some, if pondent an opportunity to perpetrate craft, which he cannot publish, can not most, of my children would leave All up-to-date flour and feed an one of the most perfect examples of guide the great body of public opinion the farm, and that I should be ambigarbling I have ever seen. The Secre- aright on the big, underlying princitious for them to achieve the best possible result in other walks of life, and the mill and we will use you ri ht perly said that the Society would have The brains of Canadian statesman- I should remember that nearly all the nothing to do with the meeting. This ship-I mean statesmanship; not the best services of the nation have been was distorted into an official repudia- erection of a post-office here, of a performed by rubes who were raised I would have a peculiar interest in

province and of my country, from a patriotic point of view. I should know tions of the Dominion, so, unless there Here is something to cling to-that has been something to check the flow prices, our industrial centres, without which no country can be really prosperous, would have been in the United States. I should inquire how the United

alongside of the United States. From States had become such a great manufacturing country, and should read ledged by a cup of cold water and a Agriculture of the United States, has

The American farmer brought about the building of the American factory because he wanted a home market. The home market is the best to be found anywhere, because our peole live going up and down his country be well and are all able to buy the best seeching the people to make a deal farm produce, that is, all who are walling to work. It may be said, without "Through it many times, but only mercial union with and give to the farmer is responsible for the upbuild-United States control of the wheat ing of the factory. He has voted steadany country that desires to sell in our markets. Was that right or wrong? Was it wise for the farmers to do that? There was no market at home. They out, "One." Again the bell sounded, the end of the plank up and down as wanted a market as near the factory as they could bring it.

Having read that I would dig into the Dominion Government reports, which show that in 1909 prices received by the farmer had risen over those of the ten years before 1899, like

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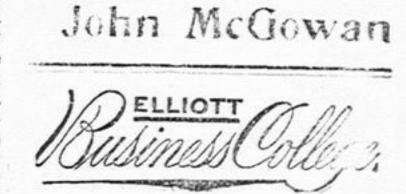
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Children's Thoughts.

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three and a half years old was driving with his father. The church bell started to toll slowly and solemnly, and as the first stroke sounded, the little chap, imitating the bell, droned and again the child said, "One." He kept on calling out "One" to several more strokes of the bell, and then, looking up at his father, he said, "Who don't the bell say 'Two' daddy?"

The other incident concerns a Toronto girlie, who had grown out of babyhood, but was still plenty young enough to be taken on the knee of big sister's caller and petted. One evening the caller, seated on the sofa, had taken the tot on his knee and had let her lean back into a nest of comfortable cushions. In a lull in the conversation the little one piped up the case. "May we come to the wedding?" asked the mother for herself and "big sister." The youngster seemed to be thinking it over, but soon she answered, "We'll see how you're

dressed."