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Thursday, September 18, 1930

#### **FULFILLING HIS PROMISES**

In the sweeping tariff changes announced from Ottawa, Premier Bennett is keeping his pre-election promises. There were in all one hundred and seventy upward revisions in the tariff, which call for protection for Canadian industries without any advance in prices to Canadian consumers. Premier Bennett has made it plain to all that he is the friend of Canadian industrialists and workmen; he also made it plain he is as well the friend of the Canadian consumer. Any upward trend in prices on the part of the manufacturers of Canadian goods will be immediately followed by the cancellation of the tariff which practically gives them a monopoly in the Canadian market. And we believe Premier Bennett is sincere. We also believe he will not stand for any side-stepping on the part of the manufacturers.

The matter of tariff is a much discussed question. Some there are who honestly believe a higher tariff will be beneficial to Canadian industry and business; others just as honestly believe the lower tariff the correct thing; others again think there should be no tariff at all.

Premier Bennett was given a mandate on the 28th of last July to try out the higher tariff proposition and has lost little time in getting down to business. While improvement in business cannot be instantaneous, the Conservative policy of protection for all Canadians in their home markets will be watched closely. It should be given a fair chance, and those who persist in decrying against it would do well to remember that during the past nine years Canadian business was anything but prosperous under the lower tariff policy, and that the present Bennett policy is pretty much the same as that put forward in the late Government's election platform after everything else had failed.

#### SOMETHING SLIPPING SOMEWHERE

What has gone wrong with our police force? During the past few weeks there have been no less than three instances where members of the force have been the principals in murder cases. First came a tale from the West where a Mountie, one of those good old Mounties, so far forgot himself in a moment of weakness as to fatally injure a United States tourist woman because she dared him to shoot. Next came a tale from Toronto where another Mountie killed his bride of two months and then made away with himself. And in yesterday's papers comes the third tale, of a Toronto member of the Provincial police force alleged to have attempted to murder his mother-in-law. The shots went wide, and the police officer is in hospital with a bullet wound in his side, self-inflicted. 18[2 -11-11-11-11-11

This is only three instances from a large force of police officers, but one may well wonder what it is all about. In the case of the Mounties, especially, these falls from grace are rather hurtful to Canadians who have long regarded this branch of our law enforcement force with what might be called reverence. Can it be that it is now too easy to become a member of the Canadian police force? Whatever is the reason, the instances noted must show that something will have to be done, and that quickly.

#### THE PRICE OF BREAD

A dispatch from Toronto says it is impossible to lower the price of bread. Certainly it is, if the public thinks so. But there can be little defensive argument that bread, with wheat at seventy cents bushel should be as dear as when that same wheat was a dollar and a half a bushel. There may be other contributing factors such as labor costs that tend to keep bread up in price, but even this cannot justify war-time prices in a peace-time market.

We are not foolish enough to think the investigation means very much to the small-town baker, who has to pay too much for his flour, but it should mean something if the checkup is to start at the elevator and be traced down through the various channels.

It is pretty generally believed, if not known, that the big milling companies like Ogilvies, Western Canada and some others, control the larger bakeries in the country. This being the case, it is little difference to them how high in price flour may soar. With their tentacles on the big bakeries, the milling companies make money both coming and going, with the smaller and independent baker paying through the nose for his raw material.

It may be quite true that the price of bread cannot be reduced under existing circumstances, but it remains for an investigation to show if these "exist- plied. ing circumstances" are justified. There must be a lot of money in bread making if the bakeries throughcut the province can make money at ten cents a loaf, at the same time pay the upkeep of a fleet

way place in the country districts.

Generally speaking there is a quite sufficient number of the smaller bakeries in the towns of the province which supply first-class bread to their patrons, and with the trucks off the road and the overhead of the larger bakeries reduced, there is no reason why bread should not now be selling at not more than seven cents a loaf. It would be, too, if there was the proper opposition between the larger bakeries and milling companies. But with the situation under their control, the milling companies can charge all the traffic will bear for their flour, making the independent concerns pay their dividends, and reaping similar profits from their own mill-controlled bake shops, either in the milling of the flour or in the sale of bread.

It will take more than a dispatch from Toronto to convince us that all is well, and the circumstances certainly demand the fullest investigation by the Government at Ottawa.

#### CLEARING THE ATMOSPHERE

The actions of the members of the Grey County Pensions Board at its meeting at Owen Sound on Tuesday in deciding that hereafter the business of the Board is to be looked after in a more prompt and businesslike manner is deserving of commendation. We most heartily congratulate them on this step and trust they will be able to carry out their resolution even better than they anticipate.

We have been told by one of the Board members that our reference last week was a bit unfair to the members of the local commission, but further than this he would not go. While it was admitted that everything was not running as smoothly as it ought, no charges were laid as to who was responsible and we had to take the stand that the Board as a whole must take all the responsibility for its success or failure. The Chronicle was not interested in who was to blame. We did not know. All that interested us was that there were old people in this county in need of Pensions Board assistance and they were not getting it. If the work of the Board is speeded up in the future, it shall be reward enough for us. have a most kindly feeling for old people, especially those who are in want, and it was neglect of their cases that fired our indignation.

It is not an easy thing to take a stand on matters of this kind. We often think of that trite saying: "There's so much good in the worst of us and so much bad in the best of us that it ill behooves any of us to talk about the rest of us." Taffy and praise are things that are easy to give and to take, although too much of it is often bad for us. Knocks and slams are not so popular, but there are few of us that are not the better for a good stiff boot under the coattails occasionally, even though it does make us see red until the pain goes away.

In the meantime: Here's to the Grey County Pensions Board! May it live long and prosper and continue to bring cheer to those of our older residents who for some reason, be it what it may, find themselves entering the evening of their lives minus a sufficiency of this world's goods to provide them with the ordinary comforts of life. It is a great work and a noble task.

It now develops that the shareholders of the Foshay Company will not receive a cent from the assets of the defunct Minneapolis concern. And this was the company that was out to wreck Ontario Hydro!

What lengths some will go to prove their case. An anti-tobacco leaflet says that a cannibal will not eat the meat of a man who has used tobcco. Which leads one of our exchanges to ask: "Who's going to go without tobacco just to pamper a cannibal?"

The Kincardine Review-Reporter thinks the Alliston Herald should apologize for a recent article in occasion, that are not literally plastered read in Genesis how "the Lord caused which it said the government should assign the CFCA wavelength to a good broadcasting station. There would-be artists have displayed their is no use in trying to say that CFCA is a good station but then one is not compelled to tune in on it. But the Kincardine paper is evidently very much up in the air over a mere trifle, and it is not likely Brer. Elliott of the Herald will lose much sleep thinking up

United States tourists think Ontario liquor laws hailed another who was busily at work queer, we note in a news dispatch. But are they any queerer than those of the United States? And anyway, Ontario's liquor laws were made for Ontario people, and by Ontario people. So long as they suit this province, the U.S. tourists will have to put up with them.

## Clever Quips From Our Exchanges

A too perfectly moral man is not always qualified to be a government minister."

The kind of person that Barnum said was born every minute is now born twice a minute. It takes three generations to make a gentleman-or, Along this same road in a red

The first lap in man's long struggle for perfection is the one over which he leans while the slipper is being ap-

A writer complains that the modern girl spends too That makes two hundred miles an hour. much money on unnecessary clothes. We had no idea unnecessary clothes had become fashionable again.

Another nice thing about radio sermons is that people ion't turn and stare at you when the preacher deno

More students than in any previous year were plucked on the departmental examinations in July 1930, in English composition and English literature. It has been evident for some time that public school teachers in recent years were not so proficient in literary style as those trained in high schools when grammar was a test subject. Under the present curriculum, and

for several years past, grammar has not been carried past the Entrance examinations as a departmental test subject. True it is taught in the first form, the same as spelling, but not beyond the first year. To our way of thinking that accounts for the falling down of students when they come to write on composition. Grammar should be carried on to the Middle school program a least and the whole school curriculum badly in need of revising. Of what use is it for the average high school student to be able to obtain first-class honors in trigonometry and not be proficient in letter writing unless such student intends to become a teacher in mathe-

Speaking of trigonometry reminds us of the story concerning the illiterate magistrate and police officer. The officer brought a prisoner who had three wives, before a magistrate in the pioneer days. "What is the prisoner charged with?" quoth the one who was acting in a judicial capacity. "Bigotry, your worship," said the minion of the law. "You ignorant fellow." said the magistrate, "How often have I told you that when a man is married to three women at the same time he is not guilty of bigotry but trigonometry."

A better knowledge of English is necessary among students in our secondary schools in these days when students have educational advantages that pioneers of this country, unfortunately did not possess, but who made the most of the little opportunities they had .-Chesley Enterprise.

#### Cheaper Postage on Cards

We note that the Board of Trade of Orillia is urging the reduction of the fice in 1920, no premier had been born postal rate on picture post cards and is west of Quebec. And with Mr. Bennett attempting to secure the support of another easterner takes office, the first everybody for their ideas. Their con- New Brunswicker to become prime mintention is that the sending of picture ister, although Nova Scotia had given post cards is not as popular as it was Canada Thompson, Tupper, Laurier and years ago and because of this a great Borden. deal of effective advertising is being lost to Canada, because it is believed people interesting one and indicates a wide can be attracted to visit a place if they range of religious beliefs as well as a note through pictures the beauty or in- diversity of nativities. It is as follows: terest portrayed. It is advanced that an increase in the sending of picture post cards would doubtlessly be another method of stimulating tourist business There are one or two points in connection with this matter that

post office department. If the amount of tourist traffic was increased enough to offset this or more it would be all right. This, however, could not be de- a Roman Catholic. termined without a trial. The next question is, would picture folk, England, a Methodist. post cards do the advertising as is suggested by the Orillia Board of Trade? They would, certainly, to some extent. All literature sent out for the purpose of advertising the natural beauties and

lustrations draw ten times as much interest as any printed exhortations could There may be, then, a good deal in the suggestion advanced, but there is hardly any use of expecting the government to cut down their revenue in the postal branch or any other branch at the present time at least.-Kincardine Review-Reported.

points of interest to tourists contains

many illustrations and probably the il-

#### Too Much Carving Displayed

the artistic, delight in fine carving work victory. Time will reveal him. but there is a species of this work that is certainly not appealing to anyone. A young man in Orillia has found this out, because he was hailed into court for hardly find a public park where are cheating the Lord. benches and tables and buildings and A young Scotch doctor produced the trees, or other places suitable for the right answer, advising clergymen to with carved initials and names, or the a deep sleep to fall upon Adam" before writing of same and in addition some he took out his rib. ability. Further description is hardly am, first making him unconscious, the necessary—everybody has seen this and young doctor said he had the right to not even those who belong to this carv- do the same. He won. ing crowd will deny that the results are terrible. Such defacement makes beautiful things ugly—that is the word ugly. In this regard let us tell you way, Ontario's liquor laws were made for Ontario, which we overheard at the local picnic park. A young chap came along and carving on a table in one of the pavilions. The latter invited the former to join in the game, but the invited one did not. His reply was simply that: "Fools' names and fools' faces are always found n public places!" The carver looked up quickly; closed his knife and left his work unfinished. Think it over.—Kincardine Review-Reporter.

#### SPEED

Along the mud road, years ago, Great-grandad jolted to and fro; His oxen furnished all the power And he made one whole mile an hour. Then later, in a buggy, came A grandson who won lasting fame When down the road he reckless tore At fifteen miles an hour, or more. Still later on, great-grandson sped as a contemporary suggests—one darned good guess in the And gleaming thing of wealth and

That travelled sixty miles an hour. But great-grandson rides today A mile above the old highway,

SENSIBLE PRECAUTION

Because of the variation in the size of teaspoons and tablespoons, druggists

### OTHER PAPERS' OPINIONS

English Important in Schools

King by a few miles in his nativity. Glasgow, Scotland, an Anglican.

Alexander MacKenzie - native Perthshire, Scotland; a Baptist although his relations with the Presbyterian church in which he had been worthy of consideration. In the first brought up were always very close. place if the postage rate on cards was reduced it would mean a considerable Sir J.J. Abbot-native of Argenteul, loss to the government revenues of the Quebec, an Anglican, the son of an Anglican clergyman. Sir John Thompson-native of Hali-

fax, N.S.; a Methodist who later became Sir MacKenzie Bowell-native of Suf-Sir Charles Tupper—native of Amherst

SLAIN BY DRY AGENTS

Mrs. Thelma Wooten, 24-year-old

mother of a 2-year-old baby, who

was shot and killed when two

United States sheriff's deputies

fired into her car near Detroit. The

deputies suspected the car contain-

Mrs. Wooten they found the auto-

mobile did not contain one spot of

COME UUI UT WED

to Lead Canadian Parliament.

Indeed, when Mr. Meighen took of-

The list of Canadian premiers is an

Sir John A. MacDonald-native

liquor.

N.S., an Anglican, although his father was a Baptist minister. Sir Wilfrid Laurier-natve of Durand

Pre, N.S., a Catholic. Sir Robert Borden-native of Nova

Scotia; an Anglican. Arthur Meighen-native of Perth County, Ont., a Presbyterian.

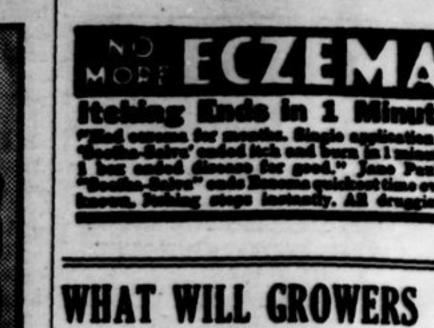
W. L. M. King-native of Berlin (Kitchener), Ont., a Presbyterian. R. B. Bennett-native of Hopewell, N.B., United Church (Methodist). That is the list to date, but some-

where in Western Canada there is doubtless some lad or young man or perhaps even a mature man, who, a native of that newer Canada, is destin-Most of us who have any taste for ed some day to lead a political party to

#### A CLEVER ANSWER

When the use of anaesthetics was carving his initials on the Champlain first introduced in England, the clergy, monument. This game of carving ini- almost without exception, denounced it, tials or names in public places is not saying the Lord wanted us to suffer and a new idea. Away back the boys used doctors had no right to make patients to carve their names even on their unconscious and free from pain while desks in school. But today, you can their legs were cut off. That was

Since the Lord had operated on Ad-



# CALL THIS PLANT

New Plant of Much Interest and Possibly of Commercial Value Being Grown.- Popular Science Monthly Gives Following Account

The "tompatato," a new plant demanding a new name, which produces potatoes at its roots below the ground and tomatoes on its stalk above the earth has been developed after twenty years of experiment by Oscar Soderholm, foreman of a florist's greenhouses at Worcester, Mass. The plant is no freak, but is the demonstration of Soderholm's theory that as the roots of the potato plant are stronger than those of the tomato, the combination ed liquor, but after they had shot should produce better tomatoes. His results have proved the soundness of the theory, he claims, for not only does this hybrid grow potatoes but the graftted tomato section attains a height of ten feed, if supported, and bears more fruit than a normal plant.

In grafting his queer plant, Sodernoil starts by planting a piece of potato. containing at least two eyes in the ground, and planting tomato seeds in Nova Scotia Has Produced Four .- a pot. When both have grown to vines Bennett is First From New Brunswick about one-quarter of an inch in diameter, he makes a cut diagonally across them and ties the grafting together with It is a curious fact, but after all not a thread. Special care must be taken so curious when the comparative new- to prevent wilting.

ness of the Canadian West is borne in | Soderholm now plans experiments in mind, that no Premier of Canada has grafting cucumbers on Hubbard squash, been born west of Western Ontario, the roots of the squash being much the where Mr. Meighen "outwested" Mr. stronger.

#### Soul of Industry

"Applicant for position of office boy: "I may say I'm pretty smart. I've won several prizes in cross-word and crosspicture competitions lately." Employer: "Yes, but I want someone

who can be smart during office hours." Boy: "This was during office hours." -Epworth Herald

New York man jumped out of window to save \$50 when thugs chased him. He got two broken ribs in the fall and some lacerations. We never were much good at arithmetic, so that's \$25 for each rib and the lacerations for

# This Week's

15c. STAMPED GOODS Runners, Buffet Sets, Centres, etc. All for 15c.

Stamped Pillow Cases 796 pair Ladies' Ilk Lisle Hose 3 c. pair Plain White Potato Dishes

Fine Blass Tumblers for 25c. Glas Fruit Nappies 5c. each Medium Size White Plates 6 for 59c. Case Cups and Saucers 6 for 49c.

The Variety Store R. L. Saunders, Prop.



NATIVE: "But, Signor, you can't have seen all Bome in two days." UNITED STATES TOURIST: "Bure, we divided the work-my wife

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panied Mr Hamilton, Deux Rivi Ottawa a trip, retur