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Whosoever is afraid of submitting any question, civil or religious to the test of free discussion, is more in love with his own opinion than with the Truth—WATSON.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 a bushel should be as dear as when that same wheat was a dollar and a half a bushel.

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.

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 "existing circumstances" are justified. There must be a lot of money in bread making if the bakeries throughout the province can make money at ten cents a loaf, and at the same time pay the upkeep of a fleet of

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 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 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.

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.

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 tobacco. 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 which it said the government should assign the CFCA wavelength to a good broadcasting station. There is no use in trying to say that CFCA is a good station but then one is not compelled to tune in on it.

United States tourists think Ontario liquor laws 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, as a contemporary suggests—one darned good guess in the stock market.

OTHER PAPERS' OPINIONS

English Important in Schools

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.

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 postal rate on picture post cards and is attempting to secure the support of everybody for their ideas. Their contention is that the sending of picture post cards is not as popular as it was years ago and because of this a great deal of effective advertising is being lost to Canada.

There are one or two points in connection with this matter that are worthy of consideration. In the first place if the postage rate on cards was reduced it would mean a considerable loss to the government revenues of the 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 determined without a trial.

The next question is, would picture 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 points of interest to tourists contains many illustrations and probably the illustrations draw ten times as much interest as any printed exhortations could.

Most of us who have any taste for the artistic, delight in fine carving work 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 carving his initials on the Champlain monument. This game of carving initials or names in public places is not a new idea. Away back the boys used to carve their names even on their desks in school. But today you can hardly find a public park where are benches and tables and buildings and trees, or other places suitable for the occasion, that are not literally plastered with carved initials and names, or the writing of same and in addition some would-be artists have displayed their ability. Further description is hardly necessary—everybody has seen this and not even those who belong to this carving crowd will deny that the results are terrible.

SPEED

Along the mud road, years ago, Great-granddaddy 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.

SENSIBLE PRECAUTION

Because of the variation in the size of teaspoons and tablespoons, druggists advise use of a graduated medicine glass.



SLAIN BY DRY AGENTS
Mrs. Thelma Wooten, 24-year-old mother of a 3-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 contained liquor, but after they had shot Mrs. Wooten they found the automobile did not contain one spot of liquor.

NO PREMIER HAS COME OUT OF WEST

Nova Scotia Has Produced Four—Bennett is First From New Brunswick to Lead Canadian Parliament.

It is a curious fact, but after all not so curious when the comparative newness of the Canadian West is borne in mind, that no Premier of Canada has been born west of Western Ontario, where Mr. Meighen "outwested" Mr. King by a few miles in his nativity.

Indeed, when Mr. Meighen took office in 1920, no premier had been born west of Quebec. And with Mr. Bennett another easterner takes office, the first New Brunswicker to become prime minister, although Nova Scotia had given Canada Thompson, Tupper, Laurier and Borden.

The list of Canadian premiers is an interesting one and indicates a wide range of religious beliefs as well as a diversity of nationalities. It is as follows: Sir John A. MacDonald—native of Glasgow, Scotland, an Anglican.

Alexander MacKenzie—native of Perthshire, Scotland; a Baptist although his relations with the Presbyterian church in which he had been brought up were always very close.

Sir J.J. Abbot—native of Argenteuil, Quebec, an Anglican, the son of an Anglican clergyman.

Sir John Thompson—native of Halifax, N.S.; a Methodist who later became a Roman Catholic.

Sir Charles Tupper—native of Amherst N.S., an Anglican, although his father was a Baptist minister.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier—native 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 somewhere 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 destined some day to lead a political party to victory. Time will reveal him.

A CLEVER ANSWER

When the use of anaesthetics was first introduced in England, the clergy, almost without exception, denounced it, saying the Lord wanted us to suffer and doctors had no right to make patients unconscious and free from pain while their legs were cut off. That was cheating the Lord. A young Scotch doctor produced the right answer, advising clergymen to read in Genesis how "the Lord caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam" before he took out his rib.

Since the Lord had operated on Adam, first making him unconscious, the young doctor said he had the right to do the same. He won.

ECZEMA
Itching Ends in 1 Minute
Apply to the affected part a thin layer of the ointment. Itching ends in 1 minute. It has cured thousands for good. It is the only ointment that does not burn, blister, or irritate. It is the only ointment that does not burn, blister, or irritate. It is the only ointment that does not burn, blister, or irritate.

WHAT WILL GROWERS CALL THIS PLANT

New Plant of Much Interest and Possibility 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 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 grafted tomato section attains a height of ten feet, if supported, and bears more fruit than a normal plant.

In grafting his queer plant, Soderholm starts by planting a piece of potato, containing at least two eyes in the ground, and planting tomato seeds in a pot. When both have grown to vines about one-quarter of an inch in diameter, he makes a cut diagonally across them and ties the grafting together with a thread. Special care must be taken to prevent wilting.

Soderholm now plans experiments in grafting cucumbers on Hubbard squash, the roots of the squash being much the 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 crossword competitions lately."
Employer: "Yes, but I want someone who can be smart during office hours."
Boy: "This was during office hours."
—Ewforth Herald.

New York man jumped out of a 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 nothing.

This Week's BARGAIN LIST
15c. STAMPED GOODS
Runners, Buffet Sets, Centres, etc. All for 15c.
Stamped Pillow Cases 79c. pair
Ladies' Milk Lisle Hose 3c. pair
Plain White Potato Dishes 25c.
Fine Glass Tumblers for 25c.
Glass Fruit Nappies 5c. each
Medium Size White Plates 6 for 59c.
China Cups and Saucers 6 for 49c.
The Variety Store
R. L. Saunders, Prop.
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NATIVE: "But, Signor, you can't have seen all Rome in two days." UNITED STATES TOURIST: "Sure, we divided the work—my wife and I saw the Colosseum, you saw the Vatican."