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VALUE OF THE PREFERENCE.
Mr. Wyndham, in the imperial commons, raised an important issue when he enquired what the effect would be of the adoption by the United States of a maximum and minimum tariff. Mr. Churchill, the secretary for the colonies, did not know, but he would consult with the chambers of commerce. It was astonishing that Mr. Churchill was so candid, so free in his admission of not knowing some things, for our secretary is generally a very pert young man and not given to confessions of this kind.

The Canadian Gazette jollies Mr. Churchill a bit, and suggests that there is in London, in public business, one who can give all the information he wants, and first hand, on the subject of minimum and maximum tariffs. That person is Hon. Mr. Fielding, who has an experience on the subject, and an experience that could stand recital in London at the present time. "Canada," says the Gazette, "has a special schedule of duties for negotiation purposes in her intermediate tariff, and of the enactment of a minimum tariff the United States would, presumably, be clasping the outstretched Canadian hand."

In the event of a reciprocal arrangement of that kind, the margin of the preference in Canada would, in the opinion of some of the best authorities, be so reduced upon large classes of goods as to drive British manufacturers out of the Canadian market. Sir Frederick Borden told the Canada Club, last week, "not to worry." If the United States lowered its tariff on Canadian goods it would be done in United States interests, and not for love of Canada, "whose heart is with you of the motherland." But, on the other hand, we have the chief journalistic exponent of ministerial policy, the Toronto Globe, advocating just that kind of commercial arrangement with the United States which would be to the British manufacturers in many lines of goods a notice to quit the Canadian market.

The discussion may have a very beneficial effect. It may be the means of inducing the Britishers, our friends in the home land, to appreciate the Canadian preference; to understand it as they have not done heretofore. Better that its value should come persuasively than by the compulsory methods which the Tupper party advocated some years ago.

Will the legislature act upon the petition of the council and amend its law regarding police magistrates? Or will the government not insist upon the present law being given a trial?

LABOUR MEN AT VARIANCE.
The future of the labour party in England will be mightily affected by the decision of the British Court of Appeal, and to the effect that labour organizations cannot be taxed for political expenses. The labour unions are essentially non-political and do not have any reason to be, from the law under which they are incorporated, for political existence. The case came into court, and elicited an unlooked-for judgment, on the protest of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants, against the levying upon the members the cost of parliamentary representation. The court has decided that this course is contrary to public policy and to the law which provides for the recognition of unions generally.

There is no indemnity or salary for the member of the British parliament. He must serve without any remuneration, and for the honor of it. Thus it came that formerly only the rich could essay to enter an expensive election and represent the people in the House of Commons. It followed as a matter of course, that the labour interests did not receive the attention which they claimed, and that the labour party saw no hope of an improvement without representation in the popular chamber. Hence the proposition, which was generally approved, that the labour organizations should be assessed pro rata, and that they should provide the funds for elections (necessary expenses), and indemnities.

The difference of opinion, or disruption, is the result of socialistic aggression. The socialists are getting control in the labour unions, and they are presuming to dictate to the parliamentary party. In checking them by objecting to the political tax, the anti-socialist element is frustrating their own ends indirectly, for if the tax for parliamentary purposes must be sustained the labour party will suffer through the retirement of most of its members. The argument

is that as the labour members must subscribe to the covenant of the labour party and obey its whip they are not free and independent; on the contrary they are like the personal representatives of financial agents and great corporations, under their influence and bribe to do their bidding. The labour men may deny this. It is a secondary issue. It comes up incidentally in the disposal of a great question.

Civic defects and inefficiencies are exposed in Toronto but not by civic committees. Judge Winchester does the work, and does it well.

WEAKNESS OF THE ENQUIRY.
The only enquiry with regard to the recent fires which will be effectual is that of a judicial character, before Judge Price, and with power, on his part, to summon sundry persons who were witnesses of the conflagrations and are in a position to give evidence. The fire committee has recommended—and the council has accepted the recommendation—that it hold two sessions on the afternoon and evening of the 28th, and that the citizens be invited, by advertisement in the papers, to attend and tell what they know.

The board of trade is under obligation to send to the enquiry those who can enlighten the committee, for it is presumed some information was laid before the board which would warrant the letter to the council on the "inefficiency of the brigade." The persons who suffered by the last fire may be moved to discuss the matter with the committee. One of them occasioned a remarkable communication to be addressed to the council, and he cannot do less than follow this letter up with a verbal recital of the facts.

But the number of persons who will volunteer testimony—going out of their way to suggest civic reforms, and knowing the while how thankless is the task—is very small, and the committee may realize this when it meets. Scores of people saw the piano factory fire. A dozen of them should be summoned to attend and give evidence but the civic committee is not in a position to compel attendance, or to analyze the evidence and submit such a critical report as the circumstances demand.

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WILL THERE BE A CHANGE?
The council has put itself on record as against the legislation of the Whitney government, and with regard to the office and services of a police magistrate, reflects, they say, the mind of the local lawyers. It is to the effect that present conditions are of the greater advantage, that with a city of the population of Kingston the whole time of a man for police court is not required.

The difficulty is in dealing with the circumstances here and of acting upon them. The law which governs must, of necessity, be general in its terms. That is the law must apply to all cities of a certain class or size in the same way. The change in the law came about through the case which occurred in Bradford, Ont., when its police magistrate was removed. The former occupant of the office practiced law, giving his spare time, of course, to the causes which had no relation with his court. The new magistrate was given a larger salary, but it was enacted that he, and others similarly occupied, should from January 1, 1909, give to the duties of the office all their time.

The council is interested in a continuation of present conditions, because it will be required to provide the lesser sum in salary; and the magistrate is interested in the same way, because he wants work and prefers it, and will accept the lower salary for judicial service, if permitted to fill up his time usefully. Common sense and reason would dictate a change in the statute, and in the direction indicated by the council, but common sense and reason do not always hold sway in the legislature.

EDITORIAL NOTES.
Col. Goudreau holds office yet—on leave of absence—at \$5,000 a year. It's time the government let him go. It cannot think of retaining him.

In all probability Commander Spain will be more exacting with regard to his expenses in future. He did not figure well before the Cassells commission.

The auditor-general has a trying position. He seems to be a good man, but he would be a better auditor if the government gave him stronger support.

Judge Cassells lifted a reflection from the dead by remarking that there was nothing in the Holiday deal which reflected on the late Mr. Prefontaine.

What did the council expect would happen when it referred the communication of the medical health officer to a committee which will not meet again? How can the finance committee of 1909 deal with the question?

The Delivery Boy's Viewpoint.
Fort William Times-Journal.

"Yes, mum," said the grocer's boy earnestly, as he deposited the parcels on the kitchen table; "if the wimmin folk would only think in time 'twould save us boys a whole lot of trouble."

"Think in time?" I questioned, with an eye on the eggs he was lifting from the basket.

"Yes, mum, that's it. The wimmin don't think about ordering their supplies until the very last minute. They order over the 'phone about five minutes before they want to use the things and then they work themselves into a fine rage if we don't get 'round at once. Wimmin is funny."

With a smile breaking over his broad freckled face he lifted the emptied basket and turned to go, but just as he was closing the door he threw a bit of consolation: "All wimmin's not like that, though."

But he had started a train of thought and one of the "wimmin" decided to investigate his charges. Even an uncouth, freckled-faced delivery boy of some sixteen summers cannot make a wholesale condemnation of the sex in general without rousing the ire of some member in particular.

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Future Of W. F. Maclean, M.P.

That excellent defender of "progress, public rights and public ownership," the Toronto Telegram overcoat pocket organ of John Ross Robertson, is worried about the future of that other advocate of public rights and public ownership, W. F. Maclean, member of parliament for South York. During the late general election Mr. Maclean "went in his tent," and declined to "go up to the help of the Lord against the mighty." In other words, this independent Conservative member did not allow his newspaper, the Toronto World, to help E. L. Borden in his fight against Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

It is indeed a great question. Has Mr. Maclean decided that he will no longer play the role of "a voice crying in the wilderness"? Has he decided that he will no longer do the thinking and the leading for the conservative party, while all the honor and glory goes to Mr. Borden? Has he decided to abandon the role of an Ishmaelite and to turn himself into a hard-working and well-disciplined member of a busy opposition?

London's Tragedy.
Stead, in New York American.
No such distressing spectacle ever has been seen in any great city of the world as that which hourly confronts the throngs of Christmas shoppers streets and other fashionable thoroughfares are filled nowadays. Bands of miserably clad men, with faces thin and lined with hunger's marks, shuffle along in the gutters, shouting in unison: "We want work! We want work! All day long the manly chorus fills the ears of women shopping in the west end streets. No more saddening spectacle was ever seen in London, where vast masses of the people always live close to the starvation line."

After The President,
Toronto Globe.
Mr. Pulitzer, proprietor of the New York World, seems to have made up his mind to answer President Roosevelt's bluff with one of his own. He has gone off to Panama to study conditions and collect information for himself. He is accompanied on his yacht by a party of friends and by several staff writers, and he has timed his visit so as to be in Panama while Mr. Taft is there on a similar mission.

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could be greatly lessened and the hours shortened if the housekeepers would only make it a practice to place their orders in the forenoon. One dark, wet Saturday night a man was sending his way homeward. It was almost twelve o'clock, and the roads were in a dreadful state with mud and water, the night was intensely dark. As he slowly and carefully picked his way a delivery rig dashed past him and stopped a bit further up the street. As the man came up the boy was standing before the door of a house, which opened to his knock. The torrent of abuse that met the lad staggered the man who was passing by and he waited to speak to the boy.

"What was the matter there?" he asked kindly.

"Oh," answered the boy wearily, "she was mad because she had to wait up so late for her meat."

"Are you through now?"
No, I've several more places to go, and then must take the pony before I can get to bed."

It is perhaps in this case that the women can be charged with carelessness and thoughtlessness more than in any other instance. We think the delivery boys are going their rounds anyway and why not take our little parcel with the others? This is the argument the merchants themselves use. It is the merchants' desire to accommodate and please customers, and that is what the delivery rigs are for. We cannot lay any blame to the merchants, they are meeting a demand. It is only with the women of a city, if the women would only "think in time!"

"There is more evil wrought by want of thought," and "want of thought" is no excuse.
Says Hawthorne: "My best thoughts always come a little too late."

So did the woman who invited the butcher's boy to church and Sunday school. He couldn't believe that she really cared for his welfare when she would deliberately add one more burden to his already over-burdened Saturday.

Now, woman, dear, don't lay this paper away with the thought: "If they only would!"

It is up to you, individually YOU to better conditions. It is not any concern of yours what your neighbor will do, but the question is: "What are you going to do about it?"

Ruskin sounds the right note in his statement that: "Such help as we can give to each other in this world is a debt to each other."
This is your debt to the delivery boys of our city—thoughtfulness and consideration.
Are you going to discharge it?

Are You Wise?

Watertown Times.
The wise men of the east came bearing their gifts to a little child in a manger; the child of poor parents, for whom there was no place in the inn. No relatives or friends had brought embroidered clothing or wealth of toys, no Christmas tree glittered in the lonely stable. Only above shone the beautiful star. The parents could bring nothing on that first Christmas morning for the child. They were poor people, and this, the child of the poor, born in a manger and wrapped in swaddling clothes, had no gifts on that first Christmas morning. Would you be wise? Can you not seek out a child and make a merry Christmas for the neglected one? If you are wise go bearing gifts in the name of the Christ-child to those who like him are born into poverty. So shall you feel the true Christmas warmth in your heart lighter by the glorious star of Bethlehem. Isn't it a pitiful thought that any little child should go to rest on Christmas Eve with visions of Santa Claus and awake to disappointment on Christmas morning? It only takes a trifle to bring joy and keep the faith in little children that may glorify their lives.

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