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Mr. Lemay, the managing director of the White Star Line, will eventually be sorry that he did not rest in his office in New York and attend to his business. He tells the people, in a signed article which he may have written, and may not, that he shipped as an ordinary passenger. He had a suite of rooms. He moved about largely among those on board. He said his idea was to observe things generally, and to note how the great ship acted. Yet he did not see the engine room, had not talked with the engineer, did not talk with the captain or with any one else in authority. He did not eat with them. He did not give them any orders. In fact he was, according to his own account, so little around that one is left to mar it what he was doing on the Titanic.
He had been accustomed to make first trips on new boats, but only as some first nighters patronize the theatres, because he was accustomed

NO EVIDENCE OF DISLOYALTY.
Le Temps, of Ottawa, has been quoting from Premier Roblin a statement with regard to socialism, and a statement that brings reproach to certain of the people of Canada. Mr. Roblin, it appears, on a recent occasion, boiled up in his contemplation of the initiation, the referendum, and the recall, which he referred to as an evidence of the socialism that is spreading and expressing discontent with prevailing institutions.
The occasion of this declaration is not recalled, but it was probably that on which Mr. Roblin had antagonized popular opinion on the license question. Manitoba was some years ago the ground on which an acute campaign was conducted on behalf of option law, and Mr. Roblin's party professed to be in sympathy with it and to be anxious to give effect to whatever the people voted for. There was then the referendum. In a sense there began with the people, and the government of the day proposed to give it effect.
The government of Manitoba did not carry out the people's desires or

its own promises. (For one reason and another there was not the temperance legislation which had been advocated. The conservative party, in place of becoming the party of prohibition, gradually veered around until, in the last session of a comparatively new parliament, it became the open advocate of the bar, and the premier and his minister of education espoused the treating system. It was then probably that some one ventured to suggest that a referendum would be an effective way of testing public opinion, and Mr. Roblin denounced it as revolutionary.)
Many years ago Canada had a referendum on the prohibition question, by order of the federal government, and while Sir John Macdonald was premier. It has had the suggestion of the referendum now upon the navy question. It would have many things worse than an appeal to the people on some great issue and when the feelings of the people upon it are most earnestly desired. The referendum, it is true, is not a British institution, but it is not anti-British, and the Canadian who advocates it is not to be charged with disloyalty.

THE CITY'S OLD MEN.
The recent adjustment of the wages list at the city hall, and in connection with the works department, may not be a good thing in the interest of certain old men. These have been for many years the dependants of the department. They have been pretty well worked-out. They have, however, the spirit of industry and will, as long as possible, continue to earn what they can towards their living. They cannot, and do not presume, to compete with the younger and more stalwart men in the labour market.
The city has favoured them for many years. They have been given a wage which is beyond probably what any private employer will pay, and they have been given a preference by the works department. It did well in this, for it is responsible in a sense for their maintenance, and it would, if in England, be contributing to the old age pension which is a god-send to the man who is aged and poor.
Now it is doubtful where they stand. The city engineer occupies a peculiar position. He hires the men who must earn the wage the city pays. He realizes that some of these old men are not able to do it. What is he to do? Pass them over, as the action of the

EDITORIAL NOTES
Mr. Haultain is being deserted in the Saskatchewan election, because he deserted reciprocity in September last. In helping Mr. Borden he seems to have very seriously hurt himself.
Hon. "Bob" Rogers threatens to go to Saskatchewan and handle the election on behalf of Mr. Haultain. The leader of the opposition needs help and sympathy, but not from the party whose opposition to reciprocity has caused all the trouble.
The last conservative candidate in Saskatchewan to abandon the field locally, is Mr. Laidley, in Redberry. He could not endure the dissatisfaction of the party on the reciprocity question. This makes four notable changes. Evidently the Haultain party is in distress.
The railway commission is forcing results in the west. Mr. Cowan, N.C.

A MARKED ADVANCE

CANADA'S TRADE INCREASED OVER NINETY-THREE MILLIONS
Despite Defeat of Reciprocity Business With United States Shows Phenomenal Growth—Trade With Britain Also Increasing.
Ottawa, April 21.—Despite the defeat of reciprocity and the keeping up of the tariff restrictions against trade between Canada and the United States, the significant fact is shown by the trade returns for the twelve months ending with February last that Canada's total trade with her neighbor to the south increased during the year by \$63,582,240, or about fifteen per cent, while trade with Great Britain increased by only \$15,342,157, or not quite eight per cent. Canada's total trade with the United States for the twelve months was \$153,225,632, and with Great Britain, \$260,672,657.
The dominion's aggregate trade with the world was \$847,372,738, an increase of \$92,432,178, of which \$81,820,639, was in imports. Exports of domestic products, which totalled \$285,007,312, increased by only \$9,455,768. The dominion's total trade with the United States, is, therefore, considerably more than half of the total trade with all the world, and is increasing at a more rapid rate than with any other country.
Canada's imports from Great Britain during the twelve months were \$115,461,027, compared with this, imports from the United States totalled \$248,478,262, an increase of \$69,334,447. Exports of domestic products to Great Britain totalled \$145,268,630, a betterment of \$12,892,110. Exports to the United States totalled \$106,747,370, a decrease of nearly six millions.
The duties collected upon imports for consumption totalled \$36,949,865, an increase of \$14,119,533.
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