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Mr. King, in which he charges him taxation is concerned, in the assesswith endeavoring to hang on in defiance of a heavily adverse verdict from the people of Canada. King, it is true, has about 15 fewer Liberal followers in the new house than he had in the last one, but it is hardly correct to call it a "heavily adverse verdict."

While Mr. Meighen made very considerable gains, the losses were suffered largely by the Progressives, who were reduced from 63 to 24 Be that as it may, Mr. Meighen will surely admit that he made the issue high tariff versus low tariff and the low tariff advocates undoubtedly have a majority in the house. Should Mr. King be defeated in the house his course will be clear, but The Whig cannot see that he would be justified in relinquishing office to a group, that while having the largest number of supporters, could not possibly carry on, and would only result in a state of chaos. Mr. King's duty would appear to be to endeavor to carry on for a couple of years and give the country a chance to recover from the recent election before plunging it into another contest.

No one pays any serious attention to the charge that the country will suffer. The country has been well governed during the past four years and the results are just beginning pulp and paper; and now the crop of to show it. It is true the Maritimes were dissatisfied at conditions gen- with alarming rapidity. Ontario industry was frightened, but when things settle to melt away to provide, in the early had in 1924. Favorable crop condi- the Progressive camp, was a booming, there will, we feel sure, be to Britain and later saw logs to be all markets for agricultural produce knows that free trade is impractical general endorsation of Mr. King's attitude at this critical time.

THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

post-election document. During the weeks anterior to 29th October our Conservative friends kept up steady wail about the unsatisfactory state of Canadian industries; and that sort of appeal appears to have been heeded by many electors throughout the country. But the Royal Bank, impartial and well-informed, tells quite another story Here is what it says:

"Not since the beginning of the economic readjustment period have fundamental conditions been more avorable to a healthy expansion of what is going on. adustry and trade. There are aleady signs of improvement in the usiness situation, and while for the most part they relate to seasonal onditions, some of the changes are ndicative of the gradual restoration sary to general prosperity. The and agriculture has during the past ot entirely relieved and the highly ory crop returns now indicate that the purchasing power of conventions, where the world's best greater than for the past five years and more widely distributed."

That is not all. It adds that "the major industries of the country are generally more active." The textile industry, which had suffered from acute depression in 1924, "is feeling the stimulus of improved conditions." The situation is better as to woollen goods, and in silks "relative prosperity prevails," Attention is called to the steady growth of mineral production; and in the pulp and papen industry "production and shipments are ahead of last

The West is showing evidences of

_____ BIBLE THOUGHT COMMIT THY WAY UN-TO THE LORD; TRUST ALSO IN HIM .- Psal 37:5.

Wholesalers generally report in- ticle. It may be said that

improvement both in number and extent of liabilities. Our foreign trade continues to show a growth that is particularly noteworthy. September exports amounted crease over \$80,960,729 for the cormonth since 1929. For the months of the fiscal year ended September, total exports were \$571,-315,340 against \$482,091,954 for the same period last year."

In the face of such strong and independent testimony, one sees hollowness of Conservative propaganda during the recent election campaign.

MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX.

The basis of the municipal income the year before the assessment is made. Thus, the Kingston assessor uses the earned income of 1924 for his assessment of 1926. For some the year the assessment was made, as these explanations and specula- ligh heels. We cannot agree. the Court of Revision could change tions were made. Only a few were in was changed and now the assessor is the past it can be told and it gives compelled to use the income of the another interesting chapter to the appeals to the Court of Revision. many people assume that it is their that they were very much alert. 1925 income that is being assessed. Such is not the case. If they are earning less in 1925 than in 1924. Mr. Meighen has issued a reply to they receive the benefit, insofar as ment for 1927. The law may seem strange, but it appears to be the only way that income assessment car be properly made.

CONSERVATION.

The American Gas Association in convention at Atlantic City predicts that the day is coming when artificial gas will be used throughout the country as the sole fuel for homes and motor cars.

Chemists now are at work on sev eral processes looking toward this

The real hope of preserving the natural resources of the world lies in the hands of scientists. A new discovery by science conserving oil and coal will do more than years of constant propaganda.

NEED OF REFORESTATION.

Fifty to sixty ytars ago magnificent forests of pine and spruce spread over Ontario. The value of the pine was fully recognized and appreciated, but the spruce became valuable only after it was discovered that it was the most available source of the raw material of newsprint both pine and spruce is disappearing calculated that the agricultural

days, squared timber for exportation tions with high prices prevailing in made into sawn lumber in Canadian will put farmers in Western Canada mills, the process of reforestation on a firmer financial basis than they had been commenced, and had been have been in the last five years." carried on continually ever 'since Ontario would have had a practically undiminished source of revenue; but The November bulletin of the reforestation of Government lands, Royal Bank is a highly illuminating denuded of this timber, has not been even begun in any systematic way, or to any considerable extent. The catastrophic result is now impending

and inevitable. The thoughtless destruction pine and spruce forest trees goes on band, J. G. Phelps Stokes. increasingly, but not interminably; ful appreciation two generations York and several other states for to induce other members of the Min- dal being attached to the case

MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE.

costs doctors who keep up with the advanced knowledge in surgery and the treatment of diseases. Medical science is ever expanding, and the successful practitioner must ever be on the alert. At large medical physicians and surgeons may be met at clinics, doctors increase their knowledge of treatments. Last week, a western Canada specialist travelled 2,000 miles to attend a medical convention in Philadelphia. wanted to see one little stunt-the

latest way to release a safety pin from the windpipe by means of s tube. He gained the knowledge he sought, and it cost him the sum of two thousand dollars to acquire it. He had saved the life of a child who had swallowed a safety pin, but he wanted to find out the very latest nethod of extraction. That type of doctor will not go to seed.

ANOTHER WAR MYTH.

BRITISH WHIG marked commercial activity. For the famous Zimmermann telegram quiry may reveal that is what the whole country, it is pointed out of 1916, proposing an alliance by started it. that "the usual statistics which re- Germany with Mexico and Japan flect the current volume of business against the United States, was told indicate a tendency to expansion. a few days ago in a magazine arcreased turnovers." These further story of the proposed plot was taken observations are also relevant and literally out of the air. The telegram was sent by wireless and "Commercial failures for the German code. It was picked out third quarter of 1925 show a distinct the British Intelligence service, translated and forwarded to Presi-

Commenting on the story, the to New York Times says it throws a comic light upon the fear in which the whole world stood during the presents a record total for this war of German superiority in six espionage and the organization of information from enemy sources. "All the while, it is now evident, the British were beating the Germans at their own game. The British Intelligence service was doing no bragging, but it was delivering the

Thus another of the war myths has been exposed

The whole affair is not without the element of humor. The British press was attacking the tax is the amount a person earned British secret service and declaring is a prognostication that embraces ft to be inefficient, comparing it the weather, politics and industry. with the efficiency of the American secret service which had ferreted out his income assessment. This law on the secret. Now that it is far in previous year as the basis. In the war. Many believed that the British were slow and dull. But this proves

THE WORLD'S WHEAT CROP.

The world's wheat crop exclusive of Russia's yield will total 2,174,-000,000 bushels compared with 2,-106,000,000 bushels in 1924, according to a statement issued by the Dominion department of agriculture after a survey of condition in the 22 principal wheat growing countries.

"Europe will have about 200,-000,000 bushels of wheat more than last year," says the statement, "and with a good rye crop in prospect its import requirements will be reduced considerably. The wheat crop of the United States is 190,000,000 bushels below the 1924 total and the crop of India is 40,000,000 or 1 per cent less. Neither of these countries will figure in leading wheat exporters this year.

"With a crop running 100,000, 000 bushels ahead of the 1924 yield Canada will be the main source wheat export supply. Russia an the Balkins will probably be extensive exporters, but the Dominion

will be the main reliance. "The five principal grain crops will bring Canadian farmers a gain in revenue of nearly \$265.000,000 over last year's returns. Value of the 1925 grain crop is placed \$879,726,362, compared with \$615. 337,000 in 1924. When all farm products, including livestock, brought into the reckoning, it population will have \$325,000,000 If, when the pine forests began more to spend this year than they

DIVORCES.

Should divorces be granted without scandal being attached to them? Rose Pastor Stokes, noted radical agitator, raises this point in a statement concerning the divorce which of the courts gave her millionaire hus-

She says that if two married perand if the Ontario government de- sons find themselves absolutely insires to be remembered with grate- compatible, there is no way in New hence, influential members will have either to get a divorce without scanistry to wake up to the realization of other words, without a co-respond- learning to loaf and others, if not

> cally from the old idea that the only way. The Adolescent School Attendreal cause for divorce is unfaithful- ance Act is badly in need of amendness or evident cruelty.

And it will be interesting to see whether the world will accept the Rose Paster Stokes viewpoint.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

on seeks to make men alike.

An old golf club and and make excellent rug beaters.

ponsible for the standardized child Absence from church was a crim-

mitted in France. And whole ryc liquor in Russia.

you really have,

Discovery has been made that

The Russian-German treaty is ten-pointed affair. The question is, are the points barbed?

The value of diamonds is going up. It has to keep ahead of the price of anthracite.

The British firm of Lloyds is now insuring clients against heavy doctor's bills. What next?

The sun's age is put at about five million years. But then it goes to bed very early every night.

October was the coldest month of any on record. And the political parties are agreed on this fact.

A French Chef says horse meat can be made as palatable as beef. We will take ours with blinders on!

A man at Anniston, Ala., weighs 50,000 pounds. It is iron pipe, though, and he does it every day.

"Conditions returning to normal,"

Dr. A. T. Schofield has found it this plot. Ambassador Page, who in his heart to say: Woman is finer, years past, if a person could show knew the facts of course, was bound stronger and better than before. The conclusively what he had earned in by secrecy, so he smiled to himself only idiotic things about her are her

> "The cup-that-cheers" still gaining in popularity in Great Bri-"The annual consumption of the beverage is reckoned at 8.61 pounds per head." Cheerio!

Hon. W. F. Nickle declares that level crossings must be abolished, and the public, will agree with him. But that will take a long time, and in the meantime motorists must protect themselves.

Austria is all fussed up because men are beginning to marry women who will work while the husbands oaf. The custom is so common in America that no one pays any attention to it, says the Buffalo Post.

The Montreal Star in discussing the Patenaude fiasco says: "The inference to be drawn is that there are things which Quebec fears more than Progressive rule." Were those things "the monied interests." Patenaude himself?

The house at Arthabaskaville Quebec, in which Sir Wilfrid Laurier lived from 1867 to 1896, is now tenantless and neglected. How sad The house in which Sir John Macdonald lived in Kingston pulled down and the Y.M.C.A. building reared on the site.

Wouldn't it have been a fine thing if the imaginary boundary line between Canada and the United States been drawn from north south, instead of east to west, sug gests the Guelph Mercury. Then both countries could have had benefits of seasonable goods without tariff boundaries or duties.

When people refer to the Progressives as Free Traders, they are hardly fair. Mr. Crerar, still a power in ber of the Union government and in this country. In 1921, Mr. Crerar publicly stated that if he was elected Premier he would not harm any industry.

News and Views.

Learning to Loaf? Mount Forest Confederate: Oppor tunity should be provided for those who have passed the entrance examination to continue their education; but that all should be obliged to attend school until they are sixteen years of age is an unwise requirement. Many of them would be better employed learning a useful trade or business. Too many of them are exactly loafing are working in a half-It is a new slant, differing radi- hearted, unsympathetic ineffective ment, if not repeal.

> Loneliness of Cities. New York Correspondent: The sheer loneliness of cities is rather disheartening. In a hotel cafe nightly at dinner there comes a queenly woman of middle years, rather strikingly gowned and alone. She eats a sandwich or perhaps a salad, and nothing else. Once she lived in the hotel until

Bulk Not of Advantage. New York Sun: The ambitious athletes of to-day do not go in for the ideals of the '90's. Even in football bulk is no longer a prime advantage. Firpo, perhaps as strong faster, was eliminated by the sudden and terrible Dempsey, who, ha Whole wheat bread is again per- muscles that answer his will-with electric speed. In golf, tennis, baseball-in every game that grips the American public-skill or swiftness or both are preferable to mere brute. New light on the Great War con- bobbed hair was in vogue during the Perhaps he played some part in the tinues to be provided. The story of French reign of terror. Further in- sweep of athletics over the land.

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