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CANADA'S PROSPERITY.

During the recent election cam paign we heard a lot of nonsense from speakers and newspapers anxious to discredit the Mackenzie King Government, about Canada's business depression. Anyone listening to or reading these jeremiads might be pardoned for assuming that Canada was really in a very bad way.

It is therefore very comforting to learn from a statement just issued. that the net improvement in Canada's favorable balance of trade for the twelve months ended October 21st last, as compared with the preceding twelve months was \$77,383, 766, while the increase in imports was only \$46,530,420. The total net improvement is also nearly \$20, 000,000 better than the net improvement for the year ending September 30th last, the figures for that period being \$58,369,930.

There was also a marked improvement in the exports from Canada to the United Kingdom, the increase totalling \$55,029,515. Trade with Australia also improved, showing a gain of \$500,000 for the year. Exports to the British East and West charges of Conservative orators.

THE MUNICIPAL FIELD.

A three-cornered election contest makes a merry battle, and electors of Kingston will have the opportunity next Monday of deciding which candidate they wish to be chief magistrate for 1926. The present mayor has been in office three years and asks for a fourth term. Ald. F. J. O'Connor also has had wide experience, being a member of the Kingston council six years and mayor of Gananoque three years. Ald. Nash has had one year's council experience.

An unsatisfactory thing about three-cornered contest is that winner, if the election is at all close, does not receive a majority vote. but he is selected just the same. In the last election, Mayor Angrove had | sponsible for the evil, vice, poverty a sweeping majority. The relative strength of the three candidates in this contest is difficult to guage, but the candidate with the best organization is likely to be the choice Timothy and his grandmother Lois. of the electors.

tion is that he has served in the surroundings. And this, too, works a great deal of the hazards and trag-Kingston council as long as Mayor in inverse ratio. A child brought up edies. Angrove, and that by reason of his in luxury and a child reared in poor experience in municipal affairs he is circumstances, puts the qualities of entitled to the position of mayor. The greatness with the latter providing present chief magistrate claims that the ancestry was equal. Dr. D. A. his experience as mayor of the city is Thomson, a director of child clinics worth much to the citizens when he in Boston and an authority on child is willing to serve again. Ald. Nash training, clearly demonstrates the finds fault with methods of civic matter when he says that good seed government and proposes to effect a corn carefully selected may be cure and practise greater economy if planted. In good soil and under favgiven the people's confidence. The orable climatic conditions it will deratepayers have five more days in velop much better than poor seed

BIBLE THOUGHT

CAREFUL FOR better chance. NOTHING: but in everyand minds through Christ Jesus .-Philippians 4:6, 7.

which to consider which of candidates would suit them best.

THE MEN OF THE HEATHER,

The Scotchmen of Kingston. sturdy and progressive set of men had a rare time last night at the anniversary banquet in the Hotel Frontenac. The clansmen of Auld Scotia take their fun in serious fashion. They set about in a determined way, and after haggis they have a real enjoyable time. The speakers, talked entertainingly, wittily and philosophically. In this form of recalling the history of Scotla 1, the hearts and minds of those from the the land of the heather are revivified and animated as no other occasion can stimulate them.

Scottish history, traditions and services have done much to give to Canada a body of people of the highest integrity, the sternest rectitude and the truest of business and industrial methods. A community is blessed in having these clansmen This is applicable to all of us. associated in the political, social and religious activities. They add a full quota to the stability of any place. Kingston is fortunate in having in One year, by mail, cash\$1.50 the past, and at the present time, One year, to United States 2.00 Scotchmen of worth, of probity, of intelligence and business ability, and of their country they honored them- it. NEW YORK - Ingraham-Powers, Inc., selves, and none the less honored Canada, the land of their fond hopes and desires, which they love.

HAIL TO KING BABY!

Recently the Toronto Globe wrote baby under the caption of "King old fireside. Baby." The Whig reproduced it as a gem of good English. "An Old-Fashioned Mother" at Kenora writes the efforts of the commission to setthat she had seldom read anything the the Ulster boundary will disthat expressed her sentiments so please many people. well. She will have the article printed in large letters and framed.

say: "My husband and I think that disgorge \$250,000. That's the most the dull contortions of a "the our babies are the most important costly dinner on record. thing in all the world. They always come first. They are the only thing worth while, and I know whereof I speak, for we have had eleven. Our eldest is twenty years, our baby, nine months-and all hale and hearty. One of our neighbors raised fifteen. and they say that every one of them was a good investment. When I pick my babies up and hold one above the rest and say, 'This is the King,' I feel that I have said something."

Would that thousands more mothers could feel the same way. Then we would have a Canada worth liv

EXTENDED TO 1928.

In 1919 the Dominion parliament set aside \$20,000,000 for the construction and improvement of the Indies increased \$3,000,000, and to highways in the various provinces New Zealand they jumped nearly because of the wonderful develop-\$2,000,000. In commodities export- ment in motor traffic. It was stipuled from Canada there are very gen- ated that this amount should be exerous increases. These include gold, pended within five years. As this lead, nickel, newsprint, automobiles, was not done, the government exwheat, flour, meats, etc. This all tended the time to 1928, so that the happened under the Mackenzie provinces that did not earn the King Government and is a definite amount alloted to them could do so. and final reply to the election Up to March 31st the provinces had expended \$16,779,779. The highways have been greatly improved and will rank with those of other countries. Quebec was expected to complete her work during the past season, and Ontario by the end of next road-making season, but Saskatchewan and Alberta will probably require two more seasons.

WHICH?

In the shaping of a child's charac ter, which, heredity or environment plays the most important part? The scientific and philosophic world are contending over the question and the discussion, reduced to ordinary language, is very enticing. Across the border the disputation over the Jukes family and the Edwards family still goes on. The general belief, however, is that heredity was reand crime of the Jukes'; equally so the noble, pure, true lives of the Edwards was due to the outgrowth of progenitors as the equal of

A child of good ancestry has a better chance in bad environment than Ald. O'Connor's claim for recogni- a depraved child brought up in good would. On stony soil and in bad weather neither would do well, al

"Growing boys and girls involve Of writing pads; and sometimes I by prayer and supplication somewhat the same problem," he Think with a grin of when I'll die, non-ferrous metals and non-metallic with thanksgiving let your requests continues. "Their heredity is fixed, For when I get to Heaven's gate, be made known unto God. And the but the environment can often be And put my burden down and wait. Germany sent to the Dominion derstanding, shall keep your hearts improved. The parents are the ones I know what Peter's sure to say— among other products fibres, textiles who control the destiny of the child "We don't want writing pads to- and chemicals. In cereals Germany and make his environment to a large

though the good seed would have a

extent. Their mental ability, their control of their emotions, their interests, particularly their interest in their child, their ambitions or lack of them, their moral standards these all determine what the child shall make out of the endowment

that Nature has given him." This leaves the problem of training largely in the hands of the fathers and mothers where it should be placed. It is not necessary for the parent to go into scientific research. The problem begins at home and

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Father is down on the Christmas list for handkerchiefs and necktiesas usual.

lot of new resolutions we will have

and speak not with a stiff neck."

Some day perhaps there may be a wheat developed which can be grown in the Arctic regions. Hail the day!

It is better to give than to receive, any of you name another?" > and there is no doubt about it in their celebration of the great day either. If you don't believe it, try look illuminated the face of a boy

> serves The Brockville Recorder and ers!" Times, looks mighty like an innocent bystander.

an editorial about the lost Muldoon will be back to make merry at the ancient virtue of France. Beneath Nothing is more certain than that

A Chinese banker attended a ban-Then this good mother goes on to quet of a military leader and had to were the graces of a salon are now

> A vociferous citizen who always "tooted his horn" was chagrined at being fined by the county magistrate for "not having tooted his horn."

Hon. Mr. Ferguson is to have an early session of the Legislature. Good, the members may get through in time for spring plowing and seed-

International peace' will be promoted, says Sir Oliver Lodge, by radio. It is hoped it will always have the same effect on the peace domestic.

Mighty Briand of France. In hours of need and financial difficulty how the French people turn to him. Seven times he has held France out

South America has no country Bits. roads worth speaking of. If the roads are too bad to be traveled they go some other time. Oh, for a temperament like that!

It is proposed to add 300,000 acres of land to Yellowstone National Park. This would put the great Teton range of mountains, finest of Wyoming's scenic attractions, within the protection of the U.S. gov-

Mayor Jutten's suggestion that Hamilton adopt a new method of electing its chief magistrate, installing as mayor the candidate for the board of control who polled greatest number of votes, is a topic very plainly. that lends itself to debate.

The widow of the dead commander of the Shenandoah testified under oath, that high navy officers sought to get her to lie in order, ap- work. parently, that the U.S. Navy Departloss of the dirigible. Was this the act of "an officer and a gentleman." a term usually applied to men who wore gold braid or a shoulder bar?

The Pembroke Observer thinks that many of these fatalities might be prevented if hunters took the in the barrel, for to bring a shell into position for shooting with a modern rifle involves only the pulling of a lever. This would eliminate

SONG OF AN EX-SOLDIER. When I go hawking with a box That's full of shilling writing blocks. And call at every house I see To ask the folk to buy from me (Who fought for them away

France. And since then never had a chance); | last fiscal year Canada sold to Ger- | Saturday. In old Bytown they are They look me up and down, and many to the extent of \$24,234,685, as gleeful over their victory as the

hear that sentence in my dreams,

And in my thoughts, until it seems the ledger to Canada's column. The world is full of closing doors, And full of folk who've scores and

News and Views.

Popular Fame.

Woodstock Sentinel-Review: Popular fame is not always an indication of solid worth, and it is not always the things of most value that are most eagerly sought.

Plenty of the Native Product. Montreal Gazette: The Canadian Education Association quite rightly protests against the admission of half-witted immigrants. The native product should be protected againstcompetition.

Would Help Railways.

Peterboro Examiner: The man on the street cannot get the idea out of his head that a return to the old And following Christmas what a system of cheap fares for exhibitions and other special occasions when excursion rates used to prevail would greatly increase the volume of traffic "Set not up your horn on high on the railways and the earnings as

What's in a Name.

The Progressive Grocer: "Yes,' the teacher explained, "quite a number of plants and flowers have the prefix 'dog.' For instance, the dog-rose and dog-violet are well known. Can There was silence, then a happy

at the back of the class. "Please, miss," he called out

The King of Italy these days, ob- proud of his knowledge, "collie-flow-

Anglo-Saxon France. London Daily Telegraph: We are Make ready for the home-coming advised from Paris that the Briton at Christmas. The boys and girls and the American are corrupting the their influence the Gaul is becoming an Anglo-Saxon. They are destroying his manners and his morals, histraditions and his secular elegance. The youth of France can no longer talk; it has neither wit nor style, having bartered these, its birthright, for a mass of jazz and the bleak lowing of the saxophone. Where once

dansant." The new Anglo-Saxon French cannot even enjoy their

Wit and Humor

wine, for palate and spirit have been

alike ruined by tea and cocktails

Americans are to blame.

For this, says M. Marcel Pillon, the

Principles. Jim: What's the fight about? Joe: They're fighting because Bil said that Al's wife was squint-eyed. Jim: But Al's a bachelor. Joe: Yes, but it's the principle

that made Al mad .- Tit-Bits. Ferocious.

"And," concluded the meek husband, after he had at last ventured a mild protest, "I would have you know, Mary, that quite often I am not a man to be trifled with!"-Tit-

A Starter. The auctioneer was holding up a pair of unique silver candlesticks. "Give me a start!" he cried.

"Fourpence!" "What!" "Ah!" said the bidder. "I thought that would give you a start!"-An-

Time Out. Bert: Is time really money? Herb: Well, it takes money to have a time.

Poor Job. Teacher: That's the third time you've looked on Harry's paper. Little Boy: Well, he doesn't write

A Good Bet. get off on Saturday afternoons as well as I do, I'll bet he wouldn't will raise no objection.

Other Clerk: Yes, and if he liked ment might escape censure for the to get off as well as you do, he wouldn't be a boss,-Answers.

Canada's German Trade

New York Sun. In the expansion of Canadian for-\$7,935,230.

ness, but commercial relations were grippe. resumed immediately after peace came, and in 1920 Canadian exports to Germany reached \$8,215,- tawa so happy. It could not have 337, with imports amounting to \$1,- given the Capital folks a finer Christ-547,685. Since then there has been mas present than steady and rapid growth until in the championship to the Ottawas last and brought from that country to the little boy over his stick of candy. "We don't want writing pads to- amount of \$6,772,590. Not only has the volume of trade grown enormously, but the favorable balance has shifted from Germany's column

> Canada's exports consisted agricultural and vegetable produc valued at \$18,000,000, animal ducts valued at \$2,500,000, while minerals formed a considerable item. takes constantly increasing quanti- a bit young, perhaps, but he was E.B. ties of wheat and flour.

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LOOKING **AROUND**

Suits

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Those mystery letters on the sidewalks at the week-end made people wonder. But they would have wondered more had they slipped on the icy walks and gone down for the

It is to be hoped that French scientist is wrong in his prophecy that we are to have a bitterly cold winter. But any way it is time the anthracite boys got back to work, whether the winter is to be very cold or just cold.

It would be nice if our tax rate could be reduced to thirty mills, but it is doubtful if this can be done unless the assessment increases materially. It requires a certain amount of money to run the city, and when you have a high rate you may have a low assessment. A low rate may require a high assessment.

You cannot keep a town up-to-date by being too economical. So long as roads, drains, educational facilities, police and fire protection are needed large sums of money must be expended. Kingston holds the record of being the second lowest taxed city in Ontario.

It is claimed that the north end of the city has been neglected by the One Clerk: If the boss liked to council, Now they want to put the incinerator out there. Cataraqui ward

> Reasonable criticism of civic affairs is to be invited. Without it there might be a sorry mess. By the lack of public interest in the present municipal campaign it would appear that the people must be quite satisfied that they are not being robbed and that the civic government is quite satisfactory.

Some of the aldermanic candidates precaution to carry a rifle with the eign trade nothing has been more might visit the public library and enshells in the magazine rather than striking than the development of quire why the board does not procommerce between the Dominion and vide more heat for the place in this Germany. In 1910, when this trade very cold weather. The library is to was regarded as well established, be moved into the new building soon, Canada exported to Germany goods but, in the meantime, the present amounting to \$2,065,768 and import- quarters might be kept warm. Some ed from Germany goods valued at | kind body perhaps would offer the use of a couple electric heaters to The war put an end to this busi- keep the staff from catching the

Queen's rugby team has made Ot-

Looking over the Utilities Commission nominees, one is struck by the fact that all three candidates are electrical business men. Two of them have served on the commission, and the third has been in municipal politics for more than fifteen years.

A Detroit boy of 7 drew a revolver and shot his sister because she called him a monkey. He started merely copying his elders.

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