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CANADA'S PROSPERITY.

During the recent election campaign we heard a lot of nonsense from speakers and newspapers anxious to discredit the Mackenzie King Government, about Canada's business depression.

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 31st last, as compared with the preceding twelve months was \$77,383,766, while the increase in imports was only \$46,530,420.

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.

THE MUNICIPAL FIELD.

A three-cornered election contest makes a merry battle, and the electors of Kingston will have the opportunity next Monday of deciding which candidate they wish to be chief magistrate for 1926.

An unsatisfactory thing about a three-cornered contest is that the winner, if the election is at all close, does not receive a majority vote, but he is selected just the same.

Ald. O'Connor's claim for recognition is that he has served in the Kingston council as long as Mayor Angrove, and that by reason of his experience in municipal affairs he is entitled to the position of mayor.

BIBLE THOUGHT

BE CAREFUL FOR NOTHING: but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

which to consider which of the candidates would suit them best.

THE MEN OF THE HEATHER.

The Scotchmen of Kingston, a sturdy and progressive set of men, had a rare time last night at the anniversary banquet in the Hotel Frontenac.

Scotch 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.

HAIL TO KING BABY!

Recently the Toronto Globe wrote an editorial about the lost Muldoon baby under the caption of "King Baby."

Then this good mother goes on to say: "My husband and I think that our babies are the most important 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."

EXTENDED TO 1928.

In 1919 the Dominion parliament set aside \$20,000,000 for the construction and improvement of the highways in the various provinces because of the wonderful development in motor traffic.

WHICH?

In the shaping of a child's character, 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 amusing.

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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.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Father is down on the Christmas list for handkerchiefs and neckties—as usual.

And following Christmas what a lot of new resolutions we will have to make!

"Set not up your horn on high and speak not with a stiff neck." This is applicable to all of us.

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

It is better to give than to receive, and there is no doubt about it either. If you don't believe it, try it.

The King of Italy these days, observes The Brockville Recorder and Times, looks mighty like an innocent bystander.

Make ready for the home-coming at Christmas. The boys and girls will be back to make merry at the old fireside.

Nothing is more certain than that the efforts of the commission to settle the Ulster boundary will displease many people.

A Chinese banker attended a banquet of a military leader and had to disgorge \$250,000. That's the most costly dinner on record.

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 seeding.

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 of a hole.

South America has no country 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. government.

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 the greatest number of votes, is a topic that lends itself to debate.

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The Pembroke Observer thinks that many of these fatalities might be prevented if hunters took the precaution to carry a rifle with them in the magazine rather than 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 a great deal of the hazards and tragedies.

SONG OF AN EX-SOLDIER. When I go hawking with a box That's full of abiding writing blocks, And call at every house I see To ask the folk to buy from me (Who fought for them away in France, And since then never had a chance); They look me up and down, and say: "We don't want writing pads to-day."

I hear that sentence in my dreams, And in my thoughts, until it seems The world is full of closing doors, And full of folk who've scores and scores.

Of writing pads; and sometimes I Think with a grin of when I'll die, For when I get to Heaven's gate, And put my burden down and wait, I know what Peter's sure to say—"We don't want writing pads to-day!"

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 against competition.

Would Help Railways.

Peterboro Examiner: The man on the street cannot get the idea out of his head that a return to the old system of cheap fares for exhibitions and other special occasions when excursion rates used to prevail would greatly increase the volume of traffic on the railways and the earnings as well.

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 any of you name another?"

There was silence, then a happy look illuminated the face of a boy at the back of the class.

"Please, miss," he called out, proud of his knowledge, "collie-flow-ers!"

Anglo-Saxon France.

London Daily Telegraph: We are advised from Paris that the Briton and the American are corrupting the ancient virtue of France. Beneath their influence the Gaul is becoming an Anglo-Saxon. They are destroying his manners and his morals, his traditions and his secular elegance.

Wit and Humor

Principles.

Jim: What's the fight about? Joe: They're fighting because Bill 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-Bits.

A Starter.

The auctioneer was holding up a pair of unique silver candlesticks. "Give me a start!" he cried. "Fourence!" "What!" "Ah!" said the bidder. "I thought that would give you a start!"—Answers.

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 very plainly.

A Good Bet.

One Clerk: If the boss liked to get off on Saturday afternoons as well as I do, I'll bet he wouldn't work. Other Clerk: Yes, and if he liked 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 foreign trade nothing has been more striking than the development of commerce between the Dominion and Germany. In 1910, when this trade was regarded as well established, Canada exported to Germany goods amounting to \$2,065,768 and imported from Germany goods valued at \$7,935,230.

The war put an end to this business, but commercial relations were resumed immediately after peace came, and in 1920 Canadian exports to Germany reached \$2,215,337, with imports amounting to \$1,547,685. Since then there has been steady and rapid growth until in the last fiscal year Canada sold to Germany to the extent of \$24,234,685, and brought from that country to the amount of \$6,772,590. Not only has the volume of trade grown enormously, but the favorable balance has shifted from Germany's column in the ledger to Canada's column.

Canada's exports consisted of agricultural and vegetable products valued at \$18,000,000, animal products valued at \$2,500,000, while non-ferrous metals and non-metallic minerals formed a considerable item. Germany sent to the Dominion among other products fibres, textiles and chemicals. In cereals Germany takes constantly increasing quantities of wheat and flour.

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LOOKING AROUND

Well which of the three do you want for mayor next year? Tom, Fergie or Joe? Take your choice—fat, short or lean?

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 count.

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 get 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 council. Now they want to put the incinerator out there. Catastrophic ward will raise no objection.

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 might visit the public library and enquire why the board does not provide more heat for the place in this very cold weather. The library is to be moved into the new building soon, but in the meantime, the present quarters might be kept warm. Some kind body perhaps would offer the use of a couple electric heaters to keep the staff from catching the gripe.

Queen's rugby team has made Ottawa so happy. It could not have given the Capital folks a finer Christmas present than losing the championship to the Ottawa last Saturday. In old Bytown they are as gleeful over their victory as the little boy over his stick of candy.

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 a bit young, perhaps, but he was merely copying his elders.

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