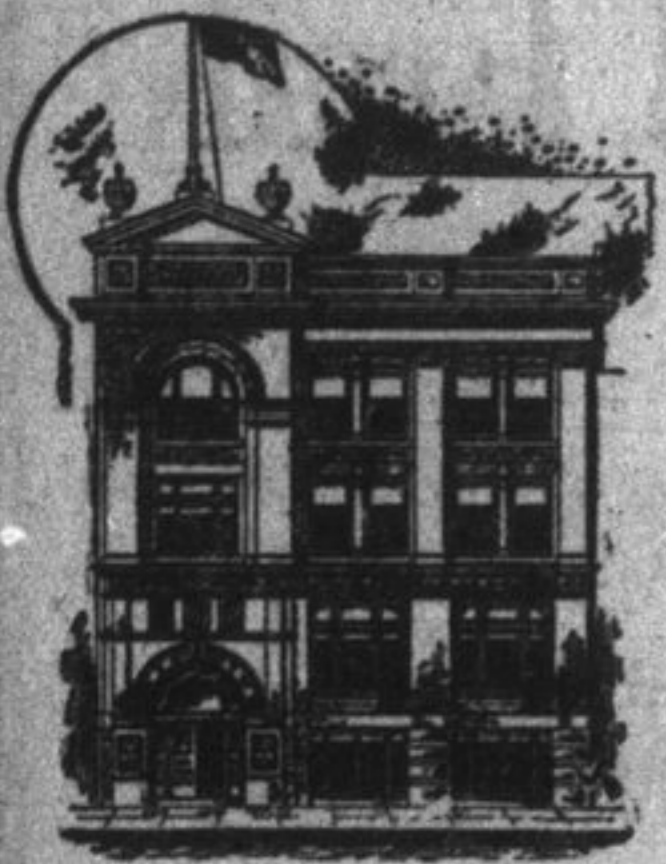


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A STABLE TARIFF NEEDED

Prof. McIntosh of Queen's University spoke in Belleville this week on "Tariff Commissions" and approved of Canada having such a body, but all that can be hoped from the members is as investigating experts to report to parliament.

The professor looks for some kind of a tariff board. Both parties want it. To his view he could not see why the government could not appoint three Cabinet ministers to act as a tariff advisory board.

The main thing about the tariff, said Professor McIntosh, was for people to understand that it was not nearly as important as it was made out to be, and if there were no tariff at all Canada would carry on as usual.

THE FARMERS' VIEWPOINT.

The Farmers' Sun, the U.F.O. organ, is opposed to old age and women's pensions. Both, it claims, are wrong in principle, because both are calculated to discourage thrift.

DIVERSION OBJECTION A BLIND.

Lackland MacLeary, secretary of the Mississippi Valley Association, is hot after the opponents to the Chicago water deal.

they stealthily attempts to take the water from the waterway and convert it into dollars to swell the already bulging pockets of the Niagara power barons.

NEW COIN PROPOSED.

The United States Treasury officials have practically decided upon a new coin as a possible solution of the difficulty presented by the rapid deterioration and replacement of dollar bills.

The treasury is conducting experiments with a combined gold and silver dollar of smaller size and less weight than the old cent.

PEACE IN NORTHERN EUROPE.

Sweden and Denmark have outlawed war in an agreement just signed. Their arbitration is unlimited. They have not pledged and conditioned their peace pact with reservations.

LIFE IN OUR GOLD FIELDS.

Growing attention is being paid in Britain to the Canadian gold fields. Writing recently from Porcupine Camp to the London Daily News, Hugh Martin describes Timmins as the "centre of Canada's greatest gold camp."

But what more greatly appeals to Mr. Martin is the population of Timmins. Perhaps you have been thinking of a gold camp as a place where the men gamble desperately, drink deeply, swear ornately, and sometimes have a little shoot-up just for fun.

WE ARE GAINING.

The world does move, after all. Dumb as we are, we have gone a little farther along the path of progress than our recent ancestors.

The other night a flaming meteor, glowing like a giant skyrocket, swept across the eastern sky, trailing a great arc of fire behind it as it sped through the darkness.

BIBLE THOUGHT

PLEASANT WORDS are as a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and health to the bones. Proverbs 16:24.

that would have inspired universal terror a short time ago.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Dancing still leads as the chief winter sport. Golf balls will cost a dime more in Scotland. The game is ruined.

What does Mussolini mean by his "Napoleonic year?" Is it Waterloo or Moscow?

"Beauty is only skin deep." Yes, but consider the top-dressing of paint and powder.

Dancing the Charleston will bring on St. Vitus dance. And that's not the worst danger.

Sterling is at par in New York, the highest since December, 1914. Britain is coming along.

And now the weather forecasts declares March will be a severe month. Well, we can stand it!

One of winter's peculiarities is that although his back may be broken, he can still get there with both feet.

Married women, according to the Brandon Sun, have a keener sense of humor than unmarried women. Well, they need it.

Austrian chemists have invented a glass that will bend and bounce, whereas what is wanted in Ontario is a glass with a kick in it.

There is only one sound way to get taxation reduction and that is by economic and efficient administration in every public administrative body.

What's good for a wedding ring, enquires a correspondent. The Buffalo Post says dish water will make it last longer. And housekeeping will make it brighter.

The Detroit river is three feet lower than ever before recorded. This is the first sign shown that Windsor and Detroit are concerned in regard to the fluid.

The impression we get is that every radio fan is positive he could pick up European programs if all other radio fans would go to bed at a respectable hour.

Something like five-sixths of the value of all of Manitoba's field crops are required to meet municipal and provincial spending plus Manitoba's share of the federal spending.

Badminton has become a very popular indoor sport. It has the merit of being more exciting, more stimulating and not a bit more dangerous than mah jong or carpet ball.

Whisky, good or bad, say the doctors, if drunk in excess, is apt to cause blindness. Strangely enough, it is well known that the same beverage drunk to excess also makes people "see things."

Americans are getting back to the old land, England, the home of their ancestors. The requests to be presented at the British court are on the increase. Democracy is learning how to bend the knee.

Curling has been a winter sport in Kingston since 1855. Belleville began playing in 1867. We are told that in those days clubs used wooden blocks, girt with a massive iron band, to add weight and prevent splitting.

Sir Eme Howard, British Ambassador to Washington, thinks good will among nations can be strengthened by having history written in an impartial and scientific spirit. Past history has been vividly partisan.

Discussing the tariff situation in China, Mr. Bruce Thornton says that tea in China was taxed 350 per cent, and silk 35 to 60 per cent. 350 per cent, tariff! Now there's the sort of tariff to warm the cockles of the Tory heart.

Sir Henry Thornton is right when he insists that if the Canadian National Railway is to succeed it must be allowed to do business on business principles. If it is to progress it must be allowed to charge freight rates that will be high enough to cover cost and leave a reasonable margin of profit.

The Canadian Manufacturers' Association condemns the sales tax as "economically unsound" and "an utterly discredited form of taxation."

Three hundred years ago that sight would have put the countryside into a panic. It would have been accepted, almost universally, as a portent or symbol of wrath and destruction.

Source of Criticism of Church. Duluth Herald: Nearly all the criticism of the church comes from those who know nothing about the modern church—either its teachings or its methods.

A SUNDAY THOUGHT

How Good Things Are. When the weather has been stormy. And at last the sun comes out. And we see the pleasant world it is. Where'er we look about—How good things are, we seem to say. And that's the kind of feeling that makes us end the golden day. By getting down and kneeling. When troubles have been very dark. And cares have shadowed black. How glad we are when burdens lift. A little from the back. How good things are, when all is said. And that's the final saying. Which leads us ere we jump in bed. To spend a while in praying. Oh, all around the sunning seems. To tell of hope and cheer. When through the shadows break the gleams. That chase the dull and drear. And all the earth on which we dwell. Such glory is and splendor. It makes us want to bow and tell. The thanks we ought to render.

THE TOWN WATCHMAN

The Toronto magistrate who gave a man a jail sentence as well as a fine for cruelty to horses acted wisely. Jail is the place for those ill-treating dumb animals.

That gunfire we heard late the other night reminded us of the old 9.30 gun at Fort Henry, as the sound was similar. It is now over fourteen months since the fort gun has been fired at night, but we still miss it.

The application of a resident for permission to start a motor bus service in Kingston recalls the application of an outsider twenty years ago for the right to build a second street railway line in Kingston. The promoter addressed the city council on the matter, but the mayor and aldermen could not see how two street railway companies could succeed in a place under 25,000 population.

Some day, however, the motor bus will likely out the street railway everywhere. That is Henry Ford's opinion and it is a reasonable view. When that time comes in Kingston, the present company will likely apply to have its charter amended so that it may become a motor bus company.

To be entering his sixtieth year of attendance at Chalmers church is the record of Mr. Thomas Driver, formerly collector of Inland Revenue for Kingston. The church Mr. Driver first attended was on Earl street, just below the former Carruthers' residence. It was razed in 1890 after the present edifice was opened. Very few Kingston residents can equal the record of Mr. Driver, who at the age of eighty-three is most regular in his attendance at church worship.

The getaway of the burglar at Harrowmith and Verona was crudely done. No clever burglar would have stolen a horse and cutter and kept driving the animal the next day. Even burglars who get away in automobiles discard the tell tale evidence in a very short time. However, the theft of an old Dobbin to aid in a burglary recalls old times.

Still another of Kingston's leading charitable workers has broken down in health and is greatly missed by other workers and by those in need. The Watchman refers to Miss Oberdorfer, who for years has labored among the sick and the poor for sweet charity sake. She is one of the outstanding Kingston workers who gave their all to the needy. One has passed to rest, another has been invaded for some time, and now the third is broken in health. But the memory of their labors will always remain.

Generous John Bull

Hamilton Herald: Britain is far more generous than the United States. After she had almost exhausted her resources in financing her own tremendous war expenditures and advancing huge loans to her allies, Britain was forced to borrow from the United States which had been piling up wealth for more than two years by selling war materials to the belligerents as exorbitant prices.

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Bare Knees and Morals

San Francisco Bulletin: Bare knees are no more immoral than bald heads, says Rupert Hughes. Perhaps not, but of course, there is a difference. A man is not to blame for losing his hair and in the presence of a woman he is obliged to remove his hat, whereas a woman is under no obligation to bare her knees. There is no comparison between a fashion followed with enthusiasm and a misfortune that cannot be avoided. But Hughes is not content to stop at the knees, and goes on to say that "Native women of Africa and Thibet wear no clothes at all, and are the most moral people in the world." True, but like the flowers that bloom in the spring it has nothing whatever to do with the case of bare knees in a land where women have been accustomed to covering them. Savage women have morals, but no modesty. Modesty in the conventional sense was not developed until men and women began to wear clothes. There may be nothing inherently immoral in bare knees, but they are not modest and the relation between modesty and morals, even though largely mental, is none the less intimate and real. Knees are not noticed in Africa and Thibet or on our own beaches, but that is no reason for exposing them on the street. One of the newest inventions in France is a self-inventing fog horn, which will begin its tooting whenever a sufficiently thick mist appears.

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