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PRAISE THE NEW CHAIRMAN.

The Tory papers, of course, assail the tariff board, but now and then one speaks without bias. The Hamilton Spectator says the board under the presidency of Right Hon. G. P. Graham, who is of proven capacity and experience, should be helpful in the effort to reconcile differing viewpoints. The country will, at least, hope for the best. The Hamilton Herald, independent, believes the choice of Mr. Graham is a happy one. He is not an advocate of high tariff; on the other hand, he is no free-trade doctrinaire, but a practical statesman sincerely desiring the industrial advancement of this country. We believe that any reasonable plea made in behalf of an Ontario industry will receive fair treatment at Mr. Graham's hands.

BRITISH AND THE DOMINIONS.

Hon. W. H. Triggs, New Zealand, writes in an illuminating way regarding the idea of extending the British overseas dominions that war should not be entered upon until every part of the empire has been consulted in some way and has given its approval. Unfortunately, the conditions under which war is now being fought afford no opportunity of any such leisurely consideration, and it is as certain as anything can be in this transitory world that an empire governed on such a principle would not long be able to hold its own against nations able to decide and act in an emergency with the promptitude which is of the essence of success both in diplomacy and war. In 1914 the British government had no time to "consult" even the House of Commons, although it was actually in session. Sir Edward Grey at the height of the crisis was not even sure of the English cabinet, and we in the dominions realize that we owe it to the patriotism and promptitude of the Unionist leaders that the necessary decision was taken before it was too late. We now know, however, that, even as it was, too much time had been spent in deliberation, and it was "touch and go" whether our expeditionary force would arrive in time to be of material assistance to our Allies. Mr. Triggs' views are sensible as any thoughtful man can see. They certainly nullify the remarks of Hon. Mr. Meighen who wanted the Canadian people to speak before Canada joined Britain in the defence of the empire, of which the dominions are an integral part. But of course, Mr. Meighen, was speaking politically. He wanted to win a by-election.

TEMPERANCE PURPOSES.

Mr. Wilfrid Bolam, Renfrew, a worker for the Prohibition Union, has faith that Ontarians will not throw out the Temperance act, but will demand a return to the original act. The legislature has a majority of members from dry constituencies and they will play safe for another year. The temperance people he says, do not desire to bring out candidates. They prefer to have good temperance men chosen by the great parties. This is what they will try to secure. And the Union will also seek to develop a more alert temperance sentiment in the province.

BIBLE THOUGHT AND BEHOLD AT EVEN-TIDE TROUBLE.

And behold at even-tide trouble: and before the morning he is not. This is the portion of them that spoil us, and the lot of them that rob us.—Isaiah 17:14.

SERVICE CLUBS NOT CHURCHES!

That ripe scholar, accomplished lecturer and delightful humorist, Sir Bertram Windle, is reported as pointing out that service clubs are not as new as we may think, and that the ancients were similarly organized, particularly in the medieval guilds. Referring to these present-day clubs he went on to say, "Though I do not belong to any of these organizations myself, yet I see an immense amount of good in them. However, if a man turns them into a religion and thinks that he can go to a luncheon on Wednesday and sing, 'Yes, We Have No Bananas To-day,' and expect to get out of going to church on Sunday, he is making a great mistake." Rev. Dr. Bland in writing comments them both and he wishes the churches were less non-sectarian and exclusive. The clubs breed fellowship to a greater extent than modern churches do. The church should show the world the graces of goodness, hospitality, self denial and service. But does it?

BUSINESS MEN'S FAVORITES.

Some time ago Dr. John C. French, of Johns Hopkins University, said that the average man in business knows about 50,000 words. But Dr. Vizetelly, editor of the New Standard Dictionary, thinks this a ridiculous exaggeration and that if the average business man commands 10,000 words he will have a full vocabulary. As a matter of fact, the average man of business is prone to fall in love with a few words and keep on repeating them, rather than expand his vocabulary with more precise terms. We have such words as "service," "conference," "reaction," "worth while," "efficiency," being worked to death, and we suspect that it was the average American business man who took the word "hectic," meaning habitual, and insisted that it should mean "feverish." That is now what it seems to mean to everybody who uses it, and we have not the slightest doubt that Dr. Vizetelly, in his new dictionary will set the seal of his approval upon this impudent fraud.

A NATION ON WHEELS.

It is only twenty-five years since the automobile emerged as a commercial product, and to-day the manufacture of motor vehicles takes first place among American industries. The Bureau of Industrial Technology estimates the annual automobile bill at \$14,000,000,000. This makes an interesting comparison with the total business of our retail stores, which has been estimated at \$35,000,000,000, says the New York World. Computations of this sort are obviously subject to a wide margin of error, but it seems safe to conclude that, roughly, for every dollar spent for food, clothing and house-furnishings we spend 40 cents on motor-cars and their upkeep. The country has enjoyed a prolonged building boom, and yet its yearly outlay for new construction has been less than half what it has been spending for automobiles. With 20,000,000 registered cars for 115,000,000 people we are literally a nation on wheels. The rapid development of the automobile business has no parallel in the world's economic history. It has brought about a revolution in our social and economic life which may prove to be as far-reaching in its ultimate results as the industrial revolution ushered in by the mechanical inventions between 1760 and 1820. We are too close to these changes at present to view them in their proper perspective, but we do know something already of the effect of the motor-car on health, the death rate, the crime wave and the redistribution of population. While our annual expenditure on automobiles is large, the figure does not necessarily represent a gross increase in our national outlay. For if the gasoline engine had never been invented we should now be spending a large sum for horses, vehicles, harness and feed, instead of for cars, tires and gas. The national bill on account of Old Dobbin would probably be smaller than the present outlay, but his services would be less satisfactory.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Kingston has ninety-nine automobiles for every 1,000 inhabitants.

The best way to build up our city is to beautify it, is a slogan of the Kingston Horticultural Society. It hits the idea very neatly.

When Prof. Bell exhibited the telephone at the Philadelphia Centennial in 1876, people laughed at it, and said it was a mere toy.

It may not be long until Canada will be able to produce many of the spring flowering bulbs which we now import. The cerealists are busy on the job.

As long as the notion prevails that old age is a qualification for entry into the Senate women's ap-

pearance will be delayed. Such was Mr. Graham's tactful answer to a question on that point given at a gathering of women.

People apologising for the vagaries of March say, "Well, we would prefer to have all the cold weather over at once!" But it doesn't come that way.

The Bishop of Aberdeen is very frank in saying that modern girls dress more sensibly than any girls have done in a thousand years! The dear, good bishop!

At a recent public gathering the chairman at the close called for "three years for the distinguished speaker." So said the paper. Some speakers may deserve it.

The Cincinnati Enquirer says it is hard over there to tell whether it is a shot or just the backfire of an automobile. Over in Italy they never know whether it is Mount Vesuvius or Mussolini.

They can burn all the soft coal they like for all a crow cares. It takes more than that to make a crow cuse. For crossword puzzle purposes the alternative word is a spring flower—Crocus!

To make money out of honey is the object of a continental organization of beekeepers now being planned. We hope the promoters will meet with the success they deserve, says the astute Hamilton Spectator, and that the consumers won't get stung!

A Chinese general offers \$1,000,000 for the head of his opponent. The head of a general would do more to end a war than the heads of ten thousand coolie soldiers. But it is a dangerous undertaking and is worth the price.

The Washington government has the power and the means of compelling the observance of a treaty honorably entered into, and should be required to enforce it, irrespective of the pleas of Chicago. The damage to others is a serious matter and must be remedied.

We are informed by Dr. C. A. Zavitz, Agricultural College, Guelph, Ontario, that 2,332 Ontario farmers conducted experiments with field crops on their farms in 1925. The number is increasing from year to year. Choice seed of some of the best varieties is being distributed.

The present premiers of Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba were all school teachers at one time. The premier of Ontario took to the school as soon as he headed the government and showed good sense in doing so. The best training for a public man in Canada is a few years as a school teacher.

Chicago must solve its sanitary problems in some other way if Canadian shipping and Canadian harbors are harmed by the illegal action of the Illinois municipality, and the federal government must stand by its guns until the menace is removed, is the conviction of the Peterboro Examiner.

Mr. James Somers of the City Hall, Toronto, has been a great asset to the city. His kindness, courtesy and good judgment in caring for city guests is proverbial and all who have been under the sway of Mr. Somers' hospitality will congratulate him in his promotion to the Assistant Clerkship of that grand old town.

The west is well on the way again to agricultural prosperity. Big crops and high prices in years past have put farmers once more on a sound footing. Debts have been largely paid off, and buying on an extensive scale has been resumed. The east is already feeling the good times created by western prosperity.

Hon. George P. Graham, the white-headed veteran of many a parliament, has come under the spell of a woman for he says "Parliament would be the better if we had a few more Agnes MacPhail's. She does not talk overmuch, but when she does speak, her remarks are couched in short, terse sentences, and are right to the point."

There is a demand for malting barley. For many years, reports the Dominion cerealist, the growing of barley for malting has been neglected until now Canada masters find it difficult to obtain sufficient quantities. The Midland districts of Ontario years ago grew the best barley the world ever had and the Bay of Quinte counties can do so again.

The League of Nations is setting itself seriously to the task of breaking the Dutch monopoly which restricts the output of quinine with a view to keeping up the price and providing a dividend of thirty-six per cent. for the shareholders. This will be a bitter dose for the Dutch. Experiments are going on with other alkaloids obtained from the cinchona plant, which may be equally as effective as quinine itself.

News and Views.

A Truth for the Ladies. San Francisco Chronicle: Dear lady, the art of making up is to look natural, not to look made-up.

All is By Now. Answer: It is eighty-five years since the first time table was produced. All the trains mentioned in that volume are in by now!

Would Try to Learn. Progressive Grocer: Grocer (to boy): "H'm! So you want a job, eh? Do you ever tell lies?" Boy: "No, but I'd be willing to learn."

Another Tax that Should Go. Goderich Signal: The provincial government has abandoned the tax on soft drinks, but still declines to remove the annoying tax on amateur sports.

Only His Owen Opinion. Hamilton Herald: Major D. Owen of Annapolis, N.S., told a Boston audience that Nova Scotia will secede from the Dominion in his lifetime. We trust that the gallant major is a very young man.

On the Bonny, Bonny Banks. London Opinion: A motor collision was narrowly averted at Loch Lomond recently. It appears that the drivers could not agree who should take the high road and who should take the low.

Canada Must Advertise. Border Cities Star: Canada is neither small nor congested. We have room and to spare for all who would come. But we must start issuing more invitations. We must commence letting the world know that we want people to come here. We haven't begun to do this yet.

Education in Quebec. Le Droit (Ottawa): "Whatever is of value is worth its price, and precious stones are worth what they cost. It is the same in the domain of public instruction. Education certainly is not gratis in the secondary and higher schools of the province of Quebec, but it is to that province we have to go to find the more frequented schools and the better results that are obtained through the instruction there given, even in the rural districts. Where instruction is free in the public schools, has it accomplished anything marvellous?"

The U.S.A. and the League. New York Times: What happens in Bulgaria has its consequences in Kansas. It is all very fine for us to stand aloof and wash our hands of what may occur, but that does not relieve us either of responsibility or consequences. Put aside the question of moral duty. Possibly if we were in the League we could make it work better. It is highly probable that an American delegate at Geneva would have been able to find some way to induce Brazil to refrain from exercising her veto power. But putting that on one side, a merely selfish point of view would dictate that we sympathize heartily with what the League of Nations is doing, and may do, instead of gloating over its mistakes and temporary failures.

Quebec Viewpoint

Viscount Allenby is warmly welcomed to Quebec by L'Evenement. "Viscount Allenby is one of the greatest captains of modern times, but he is also a governor and a diplomat of incontestable ability. The object of his present journey through Canada is to cement the bonds that unite Canada and England. In these days of propaganda carried to extremes, one may judge peoples by their ambassadors. The ambassadors whom London sends forth to spread their ideas through the British Empire are not only gentlemen but politicians of enlightened patriotism. Moreover English diplomacy is achieving miracles throughout the whole world. This is because mind governs matter in all the domains. In other words, the moral bearing of these statesmen impresses itself even on those who are hostile to the name of Britain. "In the glorious person of Viscount Allenby, Quebec pays homage to all that is noblest in the character of the English nation."

These Wild Young People

(Kincardine Review-Reporter) "This generation do despise God, destroy themselves, care nothing for the morrow. Debauchery there's always been, but never did it run so high among the youth. Men will tell you 'tis the unrest following the war. The generation speeds to waste like rapids. What signs! News of robbery and outrage on every hand. No sobriety among young men or chastity among young women. Monstrous wealth piled up by cheek and jowl with crushing poverty. The course of life whipped to a frenzy till our whole culture and civilization doth rock upon its base."

Hold on, now, hold on! Who's knocking the young people, now, you ask? We didn't write the above paragraph. We beg to inform you that it happens to be a description of Young England in the days of Queen Elizabeth set forth in an article by James Gould Cozzens in his great work, "Michael Scarlett." 'Twas ever thus, you see. It won't be long before the young people you

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