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DR. EDWARDS AND THE TARIFF ON FARM PRODUCTS.

In connection with the Frontenac-Addington Liberal Conservative picnic yesterday, a programme was issued. In this programme Dr. Edwards, the member for Frontenac is quoted as follows:

"I believe in adjusting our tariff so as to guarantee as far as possible that Canadian farm, dairy and garden products will be used on Canadian tables and not the cheap surplus of foreign countries. Read the rates on the next page and judge for yourself whether the King Government is giving you a square deal."

On the next page appear some figures under the heading "See How the King Government Favors the Yankee Farmer." The figures are intended to show that the King Government is discriminating against the farmers of this Dominion. Of course everyone knows that the King Government has done more for the farmers since it attained power than the Borden-Meighen Governments did during their ten years of office. Still occasionally someone tries to prove the opposite and apparently this is the object of the figures on the programme.

We would not pay any attention to these figures, except for the fact that they were reiterated by Dr. Manion, the principal speaker at the picnic. Dr. Manion, is one of the brightest minds in the Conservative party today. He is a hard fighter but a fair one, and one of the ablest political speakers in Canada. Yet even the doctor should be really a little more specific when dealing with comparative figures.

Table with 3 columns: Canadian Duty, American Duty, Under Meighen. Rows include Butter, Cheese, Eggs, Lamb, Milk, Cream, Corn, Wheat, Potatoes, Flour, Hay, Cattle, Wool.

These comparative figures are of course printed with the idea of making the farmers of this district believe that they are being poorly treated by the King Government, but that if they will only turn the King Government out and put in one of which Dr. Edwards would be a member the duties would immediately be put up as high as the American duties.

The Tory party was always long on promises and short on performance. If the Conservatives are so heartbroken over the condition of the farmer, why did they not do something for him while they were in power. According to the figures above it is seen that under Mr. Meighen, wheat, potatoes and cattle all came into Canada free of any duty. The King Government, however, have put a duty of 12c bushel, 21c a bushel and 25 per cent, respectively on these farm products; so that the farmer enjoys a good deal more protection today under King.

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than he did in 1921 under Meighen and Dr. Edwards. On every other item mentioned except milk, cream and flour the Meighen duty and the King duty are identically the same. We cannot say what the Canadian duty on milk and cream was under Mr. Meighen, but according to the 1926 Canadian customs tariff it is not now free as it says on the programme, but there is a duty of 17 1/2 per cent duty, against the American duty of 2 1/2 and 20c a gallon. On flour the Canadian duty under Mr. Meighen was 25c a barrel. Under Mr. King it is 50 cents a barrel.

We just mention these figures so that the people will know what the actual facts are. We don't blame Dr. Edwards and Dr. Manion one bit for trying to build up a case against the King Government. That's their business. But they are finding the going awfully hard. The three hundred or so people that heard them speaking yesterday, must have realized that they were having a hard time. It is pretty difficult to arouse any enthusiasm against a government that two years ago reduced the price of farm implements, and has this year reduced the price of automobiles. The King Government is in power to stay for a good long while, despite the ill-timed manoeuvres of the Board of Strategy, and if it does much more by its economic and efficient methods, of administration to lower the cost of living and improve the position of both the farmer and artisan, there will be a very different story told in Ontario when the ballots are counted after the next election.

THE TROUBLES IN FRANCE.

The franc is a source of great trouble in France. It has caused the downfall of nine Briand ministries. The coin is rated at 19c but to-day it is only worth 3c. M. Briand is sticking to the job and is seeking to bring about financial adjustments, but he has a finicky people to handle. The latest ministerial crisis has come about through M. Peret, minister of finance, resigning. He was not pleased over the attitude the parliamentarians took in regard to his financial projects. This led to the ministry stepping out. Briand is now seeking to reconstitute his cabinet, to give it a national complexion, giving many groups in the Chamber representation in it. The endeavor is to re-establish the franc but it is hard to accomplish in the face of the huge debt that the nation must meet. Briand was on the way to effect a cure for the conditions prevailing but the people lack patience and persistence and this causes trouble and alarm. If Briand cannot succeed no other French leader can. The world will watch with interest his final efforts. If success is not attained there is only one way out, ask the League of Nations to handle the finances, as has been so successfully done in Austria.

RADIO IS THE CAUSE?

The dull wet weather that has fallen upon the world is now charged up against the radio and the wireless. The strong radio activity the world over has, according to Paul Painleve, minister of war in France and a foremost scientist, had a strong effect upon the weather generally. He has put up what he considers a logical hypothesis in explaining that "if you introduce radiotelephonic emissions into a tightly enclosed room where the air is absolutely transparent, in a moment little drops of water will begin to form on your face. What has happened? The Hertzian fog has become ionized and electrified, and the invisible fog, found even in every home has turned into water. You have made rain in your own home. One, therefore, can conclude that the multitude of radiotelephonic waves existing in the ether just now produce the same effect upon the atmosphere the result being the very beautiful month of June with rain each day."

A STARTLING RECORD!

The Canadian Pacific Railway lines, from February 1st, 1925, to January 31st, 1926, show 239 cases of danger practices by automobile drivers; 496,926 cases of pedestrians, and 35,850 cases of bicycles, passing under lowered gates. Notwithstanding safety devices and cautionary signals people take chances and disregard safety. Motor accidents are becoming more frequent. Every sane motorist deprecates this. If accidents are to be lessened, the same motorist must educate the culpably negligent motorists.

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DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH

BY W. L. GORDON. WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Don't say "he was deeply effected by the news." Say "affected." OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: pseudonym. Pronounce su-donim, the u as in "rule," o as in "no," i as in "him," accent on first syllable. OFTEN MISPELLED: eligible; ibis. SYNONYMS: difficulty, dilemma, predicament, plight, perplexity, puzzle, quandary. WORD STUDY: "Use a word three times and it is yours." Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day. To-day's word: RETINUE; the attendants of a person of rank; an escort. "She was followed by her retinue of servants."

Y. M. C. A. Camp supplies the answer to the problem.

There are about 50 million life insurance policy holders and \$9 million savings depositors in the United States.

How is it, asks The Border Cities Star in a tone of regret, that flower vandals never seem to pick a sprig of poison ivy by mistake?

"Man was made when Nature was but an apprentice, but woman when she was a skillful mistress of her art." Mere man, tack that up!

If we must take our choice between electric power and the natural beauty of Niagara Falls, by all means let us have the scenic beauty.

The Kitchener Record editor, after a week-end jaunt, reports that the most convenient spare parts which motorists should carry are a few ten-dollar bills where they can be got at handily.

An American instructor says the problem of education is "to take the baby and change him into a good member of society." Every mother will want to know whose baby he is talking about.

In Lexington, Ky., Cleveland Snelling sued for damages, alleging that he was injured by a bull, but a jury upheld the contention of the defense that the plaintiff had assaulted the animal, which merely protected itself.

A very massive chain of evidence is being forged to the effect that parents will drive flivvers that progeny may ride in limousines, and eat unbuttered bread that the children may gorge like lords. How unwise and how melancholy.

A Fathers' Council, the purpose of which is to emphasize the responsibilities of fathers to children, has been organized in London. Perhaps some day men will be really ready to do their half of rearing children.

Following the defeat of the bill, regarding old age pensions in the Senate, the Toronto Globe avers that if the friends wish to make progress, evidently they will have to go into the subject more deeply and seek to awaken general sympathy for their cause.

The president of the National Outer Wear Association at Milwaukee, Wis., said manufacturers were now producing bathing suits of just enough material to "get by" the censors. Each year the suits become less and less and he is conning the question: "What is the bathing suit coming to? Dissolution, maybe."

Quebec Viewpoint

La Presse expresses itself in regard to Lord Willingdon in the following manner: "The nomination of Lord Willingdon as Governor-General of Canada is officially confirmed. The departure of Lord Byng will be sincerely regretted. He has won the respect and esteem of all classes, thanks to the rare qualities that he has displayed throughout the whole term of his office here. But his decision not to continue the functions for an-

other term being irrevocable, we have every reason to applaud the choice the British Government has made. The reputation that Lord Willingdon has made in the course of a particularly brilliant career is a guarantee of the wisdom of the choice of Lord Byng's successor. The new Governor-General, we are sure, will continue in Canada the high traditions of his distinguished predecessors, a long line of eminent men who have maintained so happily the prestige of the British Crown in efficaciously collaborating with our governments in establishing the grandeur of the Dominion. It has seldom happened that the appointment of a Governor-General has evoked so much spontaneous enthusiasm among French-Canadians and Lord Willingdon will enter upon his term of office under the happiest auspices.

News and Views.

Opportunity. Walkerton Telescope: With the commencement season of school, college and university at its height, thousands of boys and girls throughout the country are confronted with that solemn problem of choosing a life career. Happily many of them have solved it or think they have. Perhaps the majority are in this fortunate group, but many others are pondering deeply the vital question.

Places to Breathe In. Boston Globe: High on the roll of real friends of future generations will be those who provide in their own municipalities for open spaces. It is never too early to begin the campaign to set aside suitable land. The building boom which comes to a town is always a sign that action should be initiated without delay. As congestion increases every bit of public land, preserved in something like a state of nature, is an insurance for the health and sanity of those who must live herded together far from their mother—the earth.

As Canada Moves Forward. London Advertiser: Whenever Canadians are inclined to be discouraged they should survey their history over a long period instead of a short one. Brief periods of discouragement are only little eddies in the great stream of progress. Read the Canada Year Book or Frank Yeigh's "5,000 Facts," and note the tremendous expansion since 1867 in area, population, railway mileage, farming, manufacturing, mining, domestic and foreign trade, banking, insurance and provision for education. The rate of progress varies from time to time, but we are now apparently on the eve of an era of remarkable prosperity.

Stick To The Farm. Tara Leader: A little advice to boys on the farm—the most independent life on earth. The folks in the city may laugh at old Rube with his tall whiskers, from the sticks, but when he stops plowing and sowing, then they stop eating. He is the one that furnishes them with their breakfasts, dinners and suppers. The telephone, broadcasting, automobile, macadamized highway, rural delivery and electric lights have robbed the farm of its loneliness and desolation. Most of the famous men of our land came from the farm, while 95 per cent of our criminals came from the cities. Our cities are great whirlpools where destiny hurles you on to make of you a hero or a devil.

The proposed Colorado river development will be one of the greatest undertakings ever attempted by the government.

QUEER QUIRKS OF NATURE

By Arthur N. Pack. All have seen the tangled web of the house spider, an irregular network of silken strands in apparently aimless confusion in the dark corner of deserted or at least neglected rooms. Perhaps they were made by the same species which, according to a popular tradition, helped Robert Bruce when he was striving for the crown of Scotland. Discouraged and sick, he lay on a couch thinking over the dark situation, when he saw a spider trying to fasten its web in a particular place on the rafters. Several times the attempt failed, but always the spider persisted. When after repeated trials the brave spinner won success, Bruce arose, heartened by the example, returned to the fight, and this time won his cause. Whether or not the story be founded on fact, the bravery and persistence of the spider is beyond question, for no rebuffs can discourage her. In due time she spins for her prospective eggs an urn-shaped nest and leaves the rest to Providence. When the young spiders hatch, the strongest subsist on the smaller and weaker ones. As the survivors grow larger and stronger, and are able to capture other prey, they gradually abandon cannibalism as a means of livelihood, and race suicide is averted. In the great class to which the spiders belong, the young are miniature of their parents. As they increase in size, the more or less unyielding skin is shed, and the growing body is allowed room for expansion. In most spiders the female is larger, and frequently devours her husband. Truly in spider land the female is more deadly than the male.

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