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LABOR DAY.

Labor Day was not as propitious as could have been desired, the latter hours of the afternoon, however, turned out fine and the Trades and Labor Council pulled off a fine line of sports on the cricket field to the delight of a big crowd of people. All classes enjoyed the day. The fact that Labor Day is a governmental holiday gave significance to the event. The workers had a day off from their daily tasks and they will be the better for the pleasures participated in. It is an interesting fact that the status of the industrial worker has materially increased, in recent years. In Kingston they are enjoying prosperity, happiness and contentment. That these conditions may pertain throughout the year, and the next anniversary will see the workers even more assured that Canada is the finest country in the world for the man who wants to work, is the earnest hope of The British Whig.

BENEFITS FOR KINGSTONIANS BY LIBERAL GOVERNMENT.

Hon. Mr. Meighen with great persistence holds that the tariff reductions made by the Robb budget are pure shams. The people of Canada however, do not think so. The money they find in their pockets as a result of lowered taxation is the best possible evidence to them that lower taxes have been imposed. The purchasers of automobiles find that they can, to-day, buy them at from \$100 to \$800 less than they could in May last, the reduction depending upon the type they purchase. To-day there are more cars being made in Canada than ever before. And more of the parts entering into the construction are made in Canada than ever before. The manufacturers agreed to build forty per cent. of the car in Canada this year and increase it to fifty per cent. after July 1st, 1927. This arrangement is of great importance for the employment of more workmen in all sections of Canada, busily creating the parts which are assembled at the big factories and the car finished for distribution in Canada or for export outside.

This is but one division of the beneficial legislation passed by the Liberals at the last session of parliament. The people know it is not a sham but gives a real substantial reduction in prices, which they appreciate. Hon. Mr. Robb and Hon. Mr. King declare that if the Liberals are returned to power—and they should be for the benefits of reduced taxes conferred—they will continue to cut down taxation without damage to any industry and with the purpose of providing employment for thousands and thousands more of the people of Canada. In Kingston Jim Halliday is the Liberal candidate and a vote for him will aid in bringing about the desired benefits for the overburdened taxpayers. Cast a ballot for Jim on Sept. 14th.

MADE MANY MISTAKES

Mr. Meighen makes too many mistakes. There was no need of his insulting parliament as he did at the end of the session. He could have caused the House of Commons to be notified that at four o'clock p.m. the Governor-General would visit the Senate for the prorogation of Parliament in the regular way. Then his friends in the House of Commons by prolonging debate till the hour of prorogation, arrived, could easily

BIBLE THOUGHT THE LORD IS A GOD OF KNOWLEDGE, and by His actions are weighed—I SAM. 2:2.

have prevented the passing of any vote that the Liberals could have proposed. And he might have formed his ministry protem, of four or more Senators, who would not have had to vacate their seats for re-election. The House of Commons would not have been put into the very embarrassing position in which they found themselves on the last day of the session. At the beginning of the session he should have let Mr. Lapointe's motion of confidence go to a vote. Several Progressives could hardly have voted for that motion at that stage, for the Government's policy was not yet announced. It is required of a statesman that he be wise, not merely clever in little tricks that often prove vain.

SEVEN CONSPICUOUS SIGNS.

The Bell Telephone Company's summary of business conditions points out seven conspicuous signs of trade revival. These are:

- 1. Bank clearings in July were up as compared with a year ago in all the cities with clearing houses, excepting one. Montreal and Toronto led with increases of \$35,000,000 and \$32,000,000 respectively.
- 2. MacLean's Building Reports show an increase of 42 per cent. in business buildings; 30 per cent. in residence buildings; 6.6 per cent. in industrial buildings and 21.3 per cent. in public works and utilities.
- 3. Exports in June, the last month for which figures are available, were \$119,400,000, an increase of \$25,100,000 over June, 1925, and imports were \$92,500,000, an increase of \$16,000,000.
- 4. In June last the production of pig iron in Canada totaled 70,584 long tons, compared with 45,882 long tons, 1925, and steel ingots and castings, 81,277 long tons, compared with 63,149 long tons in June, 1925. Newspaper production increased 5,000 tons in June over the previous month. In June last 101,459,000 pounds of sugar were manufactured, compared with 100,437,000 in June, 1925. For the first half of 1926 the production of automobiles was 33 per cent. higher than in the same period of 1925, and the value about \$13,000,000 greater. The production of gold in 1925 established a new high record, with a total of 1,735,735 fine ounces, worth \$35,380,826, against a value of \$31,532,448 in 1924.
- 5. Commercial failures for Canada in the second quarter of this year were 497 and liabilities \$2,085,720. The number was the smallest in any second quarter since 1921.
- 6. Immigrants into Canada for April and May numbered 36,113, an increase of 11,791 over the same months a year ago. A total of 14,917 Canadians returned from the United States in April and May, after having gone to that country with the intention of remaining there.
- 7. Gross revenue of the two great Canadian railways were \$185,041,000 in the first six months of 1926, as compared with \$162,607,000 in the same period in 1925.

This is an imposing array of facts relative to the prosperity of Canada in all lines of business, is the idea of the Brantford Expositor. These and other similar statements are so impressive and convincing that even the chronic pessimists, with the exception of a few who have not yet got out of the gloom, have been completely silenced.

PURE BUNCOMBE.

Under the caption "Canada Being Bled" the Prosperity League in its amateur way, tells us the sad story of a financial transaction.

It says that when a man buys an American motor car in Calgary for the sum of \$2,000 a bond is issued, and that bond is sold to the United States, in order to pay for the motor car.

We have no idea why they select a motor car for the illustration, but if it is applicable in general to all Canadian trade, it means that for every commodity that we bought from the United States, we issued a bond in payment.

If this process of doing business is done with the United States, it must apply to other countries as well, for the same general principle will apply whether we are dealing with the United States, with France, or with Lithuania. When we had completed our year's business on the 31st of March last year, we had sold abroad \$401,000,000 more than we had purchased abroad. Now, therefore, according to the Prosperity League, we would have received during the year, in bonds, \$401,000,000 more than we sent out.

Of course this statement of the case is pure bunk—it is the purest of purple high protectionist piffle. We sold to the United States last year goods to the value of \$485,000,000. American tourists are supposed to have spent in this country in the same period \$125,000,000 more than Canadian tourists spent in the United States. What the American tourists spent, plus the goods we sent to the United States paid for every dollar we brought in from the United States. That is one way in which payment was made.

Still we have certain interest payments to make in the United States. How are they made? We have just pointed out that our total surplus of exports over imports, with all the countries in the world,

DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH

BY W. L. GORDON
WORDS OFTEN MISSED: Don't say "absolutely" strictly correct. Only "more." "Strictly" may be used for emphasis.
OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: opponent. Accent the second syllable, not the first.
OFTEN MISPELLED: Chautauque; note the au, au, ua.
SYNONYMS: bashfulness, diffidence, modesty, humility, coyness.
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: ENERGIZE; to endow with energy. "He has the faculty of energizing the men around him."

amounted to \$401,000,000. We paid the interest we owed by transferring a certain amount of our credit balance to the United States. But what about the bonds sold in the United States? Part of these are refunding issues—simply a renewal of existing indebtedness. Part, on the other hand, represents vast investments being made by American capitalists in the Dominion of Canada. It represents the development of our natural resources. Is Canada poorer because these bonds are sold and the money invested in Canada. Does a nation sink into poverty from the development of its resources? Would the establishment of a great new enterprise in Kingston, Halifax, Moose Jaw, Calgary or any other city, injure the city in which the industry was established? Is Canada going down hill rapidly because a natural resource lying dormant, becomes a productive industry? The Prosperity League of Canada says that it is, but it will have a hard time making the selectors believe it.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Germans, we see, are cheering the Kaiser again. Why should they? He's the one man in Germany who really did well after the war.

Wood products are to be utilized to produce cheap gas. Another raid on Canadian forests and another reason for reforestation.

Many of the world's greatest financiers believe the Canadian National Railways if continued under their present policy, will pay off Canada's debt in fifty years.

Old historic buildings in Toronto are being razed without serious reflection. In after years this will be regretted. Relics are good things for youth to look upon.

The people of this country are going to return to Ottawa a government with sufficient majority to ensure sound and stable administration. And that government will be Liberal!

President Coolidge got a cherry pie three feet across, and at once went looking for George Washington's little hatchet. As thousands do the president looked outside for the thing; it was sketched in the pie!

Hon. James A. Robb declares that, despite the hysteria fomented by paid advertisements, by city billboards, and by rural barn signs, Canada, at the present time, was prosperous.

H. C. McKillop, the Conservative candidate in West Elgin, is another member of his party who professes to approve the Robb budget. But he overlooked voting for it in the House, in fact he voted against it.

Harvesters will cross from the United States to Western Canada owing to labor shortages on this side. That is a new tune for the gloomsters to try on their fiddles, is the right chord from the Toronto Globe.

In a leading editorial the Indianapolis Star says Canada must be badly off for political issues when leaders of the Conservative party are seeking to create prejudice against the United States in the present political campaign. "If Canada has nothing worse to worry over," says our Indianapolis contemporary, "than the fear that the United States

cherishes a dark design of crossing the border some fine day and annexing it, it is an extremely fortunate country."

The slogan, "Vote as you like—but vote," perhaps hardly meets the situation, but at least it suggests what should be the general duty on election day. "Vote for the best interests of the country, in your opinion," should be the appeal.

In Berlin police are experimenting with a system whereby criminals can be identified by their voices. The mechanical means for recording voices have long ago been perfected. By the German system habit of speech are tabulated just as the marks on a thumb are tabulated.

Mr. Meighen has been telling his audiences that he is going to raise the tariff all round and then leave it alone, thus achieving tariff stability. Very well, Mr. Meighen, comments the Winnipeg Free Press, but will the people of Canada leave any such tariff alone?

The one paramount desire of the Canadian people, namely, tax reduction, is being ignored by the Conservative party. It is promising everything it can to keep up the costs to the people and to win the franchise of people in constituencies where the national vision does not extend further than the nearest market town.

Young men, be punctual; be always on time and never keep others waiting. To be on time means that you make an effort to do things according to order and method; the young man who observes no order shows that he is careless and lives not according to reason and common sense. Throughout the entire universe, order is observed.

The ordinary run of folks will best remember Dr. Elliot, of Harvard, for his famous "five foot shelf" of literary classics. From the literature of the world he made a selection that has found its way into hundreds of thousands of homes and has been the instrument through which millions have come to know the classics. To many it was the sole contact with great literature.

U. S. Under Secretary Winston has lost no time in declaring the opposition of the Treasury to Representative Madden's plan for devoting \$150,000,000 of foreign interest payments annually to tax reduction instead of debt reduction. The country calls, says the New York World, for a clipping of the colossal debt while the country is prosperous. The national credit should be kept in the best possible condition.

The Budget Immensely Popular. Regina Leader: The Conservatives look for their usual good showing in Ontario, but it is evident that many Conservative candidates are having a hard time in explaining away their attitude on the Robb Budget, which proved immensely popular with the people of Ontario, as it did also throughout the length and breadth of Canada. The Robb Budget was a practical bit of legislation which had its reflex in the pockets of all the taxpayers of the Dominion, and this Budget is going to be a very important factor in helping electors to make up their minds as to what candidates to support.

Telephone wires now span the Sinai desert across which Moses and Aaron led the children of Israel.

QUEER QUIRKS OF NATURE

Great Skill as Hunters. By ARTHUR N. PACK, President, The American Nature Association. Ever since man has been on earth, he has in all probability admired the spiders, their skill and courage as hunters, the ingenuity which they display in fashioning their snares, the underground retreats of some species with its closely fitting trapdoors, so fashioned as to be held shut by the occupant. The bite of all spiders is poisonous. It is in this way that they kill their prey. But the amount of poison is so small and their ability to penetrate the human skin so inappreciable, that very few species, out of the thousands known, may be considered dangerous.

Income Tax Slashed

This year a general slash was made in the income tax rates. The former exemption of \$2,000 allowed to a married man was increased to \$3,000, and large groups of householders were made eligible for the exemption. A married man with three children is now exempted from paying an income tax until he earns over \$4,500 a year.

A single man now gets an exemption of \$1,500, an increase of \$500 this year.

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