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THE IRON INDUSTRY.

Certain esteemed contemporaries appear to be most troubled by the effect which the proposed new duties upon iron will have upon our relations with the mother country. It seems that British iron masters are not too well pleased with the action of the Canadian government in regard to duties upon iron, and a member of the British cabinet, replying to an interrogation by a member of the house, is reported to have replied that although the imperial government could not interfere in this matter, yet the unfair action of Canada would not be forgotten when the British government came to consider the request of the Dominion government for a subsidy for a proposed Canadian Pacific line of steamers between Vancouver and Hong Kong.

There is ground for the fears expressed in certain quarters for the success of the new policy regarding the iron industry in Canada, what is to be said of the protest of British ironmasters? Evidently they anticipate competition in the Canadian market from the product of Canadian furnaces, and fear the loss of the Canadian trade. The argument of opponents of the policy of the government that the new duties will stimulate an artificial and unhealthy development in iron manufacturing in Canada is supported by alleged facts which turn out to be baseless. Instead of millions being locked up in unproductive furnaces in the United States, as was alleged, it is proved from official reports that many new furnaces are now in course of construction in that country, while the output of iron last year was the largest in the history of the business.

It is argued also that the new duties will only help smelters in Nova Scotia, while Ontario smelters will obtain no benefit. The argument is unsound. The iron mines of Ontario furnish a good quality of ore, which, under the new duties, can be smelted, if necessary, with anthracite from Pennsylvania mines, at a profit. In 1886 no less than 443,746 tons of pig iron were made in the United States with anthracite fuel alone, and 1,656,801 tons were made with anthracite and coke united.

Carving critics of the new iron duties will find an unanswerable argument in the action of American capitalists who, within the past few days, have invested capital in Canadian iron mines and Canadian establishments for the manufacture of iron products. These American gentlemen certainly have faith in the future of the Canadian iron industry. But there is a class of Canadians who are never able to discover any good in their own land until a stranger proves its existence, or to see merit in any action of the government looking toward the promotion of Canadian enterprise until the stern logic of accomplished facts compels them to admit the wisdom of the course pursued, and then the admission is made with an ill-grace which robs it of even the semblance of good will.

ADDRESS TO LORD LANSDOWNE. The following is the full text of the address recently forwarded to his excellency the governor-general by 504 of his Willshire tenants:

"May it please your excellency.—We, the undersigned, being the tenants on your English estates, having seen in the papers, and otherwise heard, that your excellency had differences of a wide and serious nature with some of your Irish tenants, and that some persons have intimated their intention of proceeding to Canada in order, if possible, to stir up unpleasantness between you and the Canadian people, desiring to express our esteem, regard, and unabated confidence in your excellency as a landlord.

"You have with great personal sacrifices, from the time you entered into your family estates, met us in a manner which reflects honor on yourself and credit to your advisers.

"You have expended a large proportion of your rental on improvements on your estates, both in farmhouses, buildings, drains, and cottages, and you have, since the depression of agriculture, met us liberally in abatements and reductions of rent.

only, and good feeling which have always been shown to us have been extended in an equal manner to your Irish tenants, we cannot but learn with surprise and regret that the latter should differ in so serious a degree with your excellency, and we desire to express our sympathy with you.

"We wish your excellency and your family long life, happiness and prosperity, and express our hopes that the differences above alluded to may not long disturb the harmony that has till recently existed upon your estates.

The Ottawa Free Press says: "Hon. Edward Blake, as a citizen of Toronto, has publicly entered his protest against the cowardly attack made upon Mr. O'Brien, and urges that something must be done to retrieve the good name of the city. Mr. Blake is found now as always, on the side of law and order.

On Wednesday evening last a few poor people belonging to the salvation army were mobbed by a crowd of roughs who disapproved of their method of worshipping God. One helpless and friendless woman was knocked senseless. Up to the present time that great and good man the Hon. Edward Blake has not found leisure to 'express his deep feeling of humiliation at the disgraceful and cowardly courses which have been pursued towards these poor 'people.' Why the difference? Is he waiting till there is a robust salvation army vote?

ONTARIO CROPS. Summary of the Reports of the Bureau of Industries. The following is a summary of the report of the bureau of industries for May. The report is based on information furnished by 560 correspondents, under date of the 13th inst., to Mr. A. B. Blue, secretary.

THE FALL WHEAT CROP is far from fulfilling the promise it gave of a good crop when the snow came on last fall. The winter was not so unfavorable to the crops as the preceding one, as the reports indicate that there was no such general formation of ice sheets, and in only a few localities was there either any snow or a heavy covering of ice.

WINTER EYE. One of the oldest of collections is a cabinet of birds collected by old Bill Pontin, a well known culinary authority of this city. From the toothsome red bird to the wild swan, the cabinet contains all here represented. The marked difference between the formation of the bones of birds whose flesh is white and those whose flesh is dark is the subject of these trophies as they are some of the times collected by guests at large summer hotels. After cleaning and bronzing they are tied with ribbon to the Christmas cards.

THE LATEST PARISIAN FOLLY. Morning dinners are the latest Parisian folly. Twelve young ladies, dressed in the deepest mourning and heavily veiled, about an hour, and then the advent of the luncheon. These are great Hindu temples of massive proportions, cut out of the solid rock and dedicated to Siva the Destroyer. Nothing accretes in the mind of time as to the antiquity of these caves, and the natives about Bombay do not seem to hold them in much reverence. They are not pleasant places to visit, and the fun of the time account of the great numbers of cobras which infest them.—India Cor. Baltimore Sun.

THE BEAVER IN THE SOUTH. The beaver, which before the war was pretty well driven out of the southern states, appears to be returning, changing the negroes are not such keen and industrious hunters as the whites, and the latter have not the leisure to give to field sports as formerly. The fur of the southern beaver is inferior.—Chicago Times.

AN 1,800-POUNDER GUN. Two thousand one hundred and twenty-eight feet per second was the initial velocity of the 1,800 pound projectile fired twice with 1,000 pounds of powder from the new 100 ton gun intended for the British ship Ben Bow.

"SUFFER NOT A MAN TO PASS." "And They Made a Deceit: That No Man Should Know." The interstate commerce bill having made free passes a thing of the past, so to speak, on the trunk railway lines, a new modus vivendi has been established between the newspapers and the railroads. The newspapers propose to charge for all free notices of the railways and their noble managers, and the editor will be expected to pay for his ticket when he rides. The Chicago News announces the following as its new schedule for railway puffery:

1. For the setting forth of the virtues (actual or alleged) of presidents, general managers or directors, \$2 per line for first insertion and \$1 for each subsequent insertion.

2. For puffery expressed in choice English, with occasional French phrases or poetical descriptions (the whole worth a paltry motive of least enthusiasm, \$2.50 per line; 50 per cent. reduction on each subsequent insertion.

3. General passenger agents and division superintendents will be accorded half rates on the terms offered in rule No. 1. But in all cases where the title of column is used regular first class rates will be demanded.

4. No deviation from the basis of the two cents per mile will be received in exchange for advertising done on our cart rates, but these tickets must hold good on passenger as well as on freight trains.

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6. For complimentary notices of the wives of the children of railroad officials we demand \$1.50 per line. We have on hand ready for immediate use, a splendid assortment of this literature.

7. Poetry will be made to order at \$3 per line, against measure. We are prepared to supply a fine line of heptameter puns, also a limited number of sonnets and triplets, in exchange for 1,000 mile tickets. Epitaphs, containing descriptions of scenery, dining cars, etc., will be published at special rates.

8. General superintendents sending requests for the suppression of news must accompany their requests with \$10 bills—not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

The California Boom. People are always lambling over each other in their haste to become owners of orange groves and vineyards in southern California. Scale bug and phylloxera have no terrors for the eastern farmers; they drink of the vine and eat of the fruit with-out dread of pests; they dream of the vine-clad cottages, covered with roses, in a flowering orange grove, of orchards of olive, flowering with the olive; of pomelos and with their rich, red fluid bursting from their green sides. It does not occur to them that the raising of fruit is attended with the labor and costly expenditure, that one cannot work and live upon pomelos, oranges and olive oil, nor upon climate and imagination, but that the stomach of the laboring man yearns after him, side bacon and corned pork brought from the east; after coffee imported from South America; after tea raised in China or Japan; after sugar brought from the Sandwich Islands and refined by Sir Edward Stoeck; after flour, potatoes, rice and corn; after clothes—for even the soft and balmy climate of California cannot dispense with a clothing comfortable at all seasons, and at times indispensable; that dwellings are regarded as necessary for people who are to be independent of the higher luxuries of civilization; that fences are required for the enclosure and protection of crops; that barns and corrals are needed for the housing of stock; that as none of these things and the thousand other commodities indispensable for comfort can be raised in southern California, they must be imported from other lands, and must be paid for in such produce of southern soil as can find some broader market than the locality in which they are raised.—San Francisco Argonaut.

Thieves of All Nations. "The criminal code is a great highway of nations," said Judge Anthony the other day, while chatting with a friend in the jail, while waiting for the grand jury to come in. "I have been over here five months this time, and in that time I have met representatives of every civilized nation waiting for the grand jury to come in. I have had professional thieves here from every country and every principal city in this country and Europe—England, Scotland, Ireland, France, Germany, Russia, Austria, Italy, Spain, Canada and all the provinces, and every state in the Union are represented at every term of court. We had one case the other day in which not one of the defendants, or witness, who bore witness, could speak a word of English. Not one of them was a citizen of this country, and I don't believe any one of them ever will be. The thieves particularly seem to find some charm about Chicago, or perhaps there is some peculiar temptation to do business here. Anyway, they seem to come here from every part of the globe, and to follow the Joliet route."—Chicago Mail.

A Measly Old World. Mrs. Arp flies round all the day fixing up something for the sick children. She makes them chicken soup, and tastes it and seasons it, and tastes it again, and she fixes up toast and gelatine, and she fixes up their forty times a day to see if they are warm, and she does them up in onion juice, and she keeps a camphor ball on her breasts to make their old measly cough easier, and she keeps the room dark to keep the light from hurting their measly eyes, and away in the night she is slipping and sliding around like a ghost and putting her hand on their measly foreheads to see if they haven't got fever or something. Such a life in this measly world, and we must take it as it comes and be calm and serene, measles or no measles. She is reading old "Robinson Crusoe" to them now, but by and by she will stop, and then they will be yelling for me. I thought that our crop was laid by, but it has got the measles, just like the cotton sometimes takes the rust.—Bill Arp in Atlanta Constitution.

Headquarters in Kingston. SPORTING GOODS. BASEBALL. LACROSSE. TENNIS. CRICKET. CROQUET.

Room Paper! We had thought of giving up of this branch of business, but changed our mind, and have this year in stock a lot of pretty goods at right price.

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Haines & Lockett

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F. X. Cousineau & Co., PRINCESS STREET, ORANGE HALL BUILDINGS. WHITE GOODS DEPARTMENT. Walsh and Steacy's, 106 and 108 Princess Street.

THE IRON PALACE STEAMER. W. GARRETT, Captain and Proprietor.

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GENTLEMEN, You will want a pair of Low Shoes for the 24th, Bear in mind that our Calf Oxfords at \$2.50 and \$3 are neat and durable. Sole Agent, Kingston. CATARRH BLENDS, GLEEM BALM.

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