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## CANADA'S RECORD TRADE YEAR.

The fiscal year 1910, which ended on March 31st last, was a record one in Canada's foreign trade. This is the cheering story told by the report just issued by the Department of Trade and Commerce. The total export and import figures for 1910 are \$693,211,221, an increase of \$122,000,000 over the fiscal year 1909.

The export of home produce in 1910 amounted to \$279,947,551, classified as follows:

The mine	\$40,957,017
The fisheries	1,663,182
The forest	41,511,933
Animals and their products	53,296,512
Agricultural products	39,435,747
Manufactures	31,483,418
Miscellaneous	123,161
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$279,947,551</b>

The United Kingdom still leads as a purchaser of Canadian goods, the exports to Great Britain for 1910 totalling \$149,634,109, a record figure. Exports of home products to the United States, the next greatest buyer for 1910, amounted to \$104,199,675, an increase of nineteen millions over the figures for 1909. The figures of the exports by countries taking considerable quantities of goods in 1909-10 are as follows:

Great Britain	\$149,634,107
United States	113,150,778
West Indies	5,948,245
South America	4,744,524
Newfoundland	3,970,952
Australia	3,583,447
Belgium	2,300,092
France	2,640,648
Germany	2,501,191
Holland	1,957,552
China and Japan	1,910,724
Italy	829,508

Imports from the United States increased from \$182,609,988 to \$235,071,155 in the year, but of this sum over one hundred millions came in under the free list, being mainly raw materials and articles not produced in this country. Imports from Great Britain totalled \$95,666,004 in 1910, an increase of fifteen millions over the figures for 1909. Since the preferential tariff went into force in 1897 imports from the United Kingdom have grown to \$29,328,576. By countries the imports for 1910 were:

United States	\$235,071,155
Great Britain	95,666,004
France	10,109,544
Germany	7,935,230
West Indies	7,336,056

## DEVELOPMENT OF FOOTBALL.

October is the great football month in Canada. Englishmen play the game all winter long, but with us the season is short and sweet. We hear of a London club winning a victory already at home. London has not had a senior "team" for years, and the juniors deserve encouragement for keeping up the interest in this ancient pastime.

If age counts for as much as beauty, the game of football ought to be held in great respect. But this G. O. G., like the G. O. M., in his day, comes in for much malice. Some folk-lore, however, tell us that the game arose out of old sacrificial ceremonies in Visigothic times. In the spring and fall an ox or horse was slain, and its parts contended for by the people, who calculated their degree of good luck for the next half-year by the pieces each could secure and hide in stable or field. For the head, a coveted prize, the greatest scuffle took place, often two districts or clans contending against each other in this more important matter. In Rome a horse was sacrificed to Mars on Oct. 15, and two leading wards struggled en masse for the head, which the winners nailed up for the year in their chief public edifice. It must then have been a battered-looking head, a mere bone and a hank of hair. One game a year sufficed the players, and as for the ball, it never came back, a new one being provided next October. Such a contest was not a bad spectacle, in its way, to the gladiator-loving people of the other wards, though punting and passing and signal plays could hardly have been among the fine features, and only the gods refereed the game. It was a religious and proportionately serious encounter, the "sacrifice" not ending, from our viewpoint, with the death of the horse.

In time the primitive scuffle became somewhat regulated. Boundary lines were marked out for the contending sides, who each were to carry the head into their own territory, and so win possession of it. Shrove Tuesday, a Christian festival, was the great field day in ancient England, and even still an old-fashioned football melee is held at one or two places on that date, much the sort of game which "Mr. Dooley" has described as the foot-

ball of his youth in the Irish village. As generations passed by, there arose by degrees the modern game, with its inflated ball, its referee and its strict rules.

There was always opposition to this strenuous pastime. Royal proclamations of 1314 and 1349 forbade it. Henry IV. had time between suppressions of rebels and Lollards to punish football players. It is quite a surprise to find a heavyweight athlete like Henry VIII. repressing the game. Imprisonment was the risk run by players under Elizabeth: no wonder the sport was popular. Officials of the early Stuart rather encouraged or enforced the old games, and then, of course, football suffered its one short period of depression, only to regain its popularity in the reaction after the Puritan regime. "Rugby" is the form which it assumed at the famous school, and "Soccer," the latest variant, and widest departure from the ancient religious free-for-all, is now over 50 years old.

## AN EXTREME CLAIM.

Mr. Omer Heroux, associate editor of Le Devoir, writes in that journal:

"The Bishop of London is the guardian of the faith and the morals in his diocese. In this domain, and in all that pertains to it, his authority is supreme. But as soon as he concerns himself with the simple and prosaic, he has only the authority—considerable, we admit—which may be conferred upon him by his experience and his talent. It is to the fathers of families that primarily belongs the right to decide in which language their children will be instructed, what proportion of English or of French, of geography or of history, they will learn. That clerical authority should be restricted to matters of faith and morals is a proposition that will not be combated by the majority of people in this Province. It is surprising to find it enunciated by Le Devoir, as Mr. Bourassa has been an exponent of ultramontane views. No one alleges, however, that the Bishop of London has tried to enforce his views by spiritual penalties.

The second proposition will not find such general assent. The majority in Ontario would not concede that citizens of German or Italian extraction had any right to demand the teaching of those languages in the schools. Of course, French is in a privileged position, as compared with other non-English languages; it has a constitutional status which no good Canadian should seek to infringe. But Le Devoir goes too far in contending that French-Canadian parents have a right in an English-speaking province to determine the extent to which the English tongue shall be taught in state schools. The parents' rights are subject to the greater right of the state to insist that instruction in English shall be adequate. Le Devoir's argument, pushed to its logical conclusion, would give the fathers of French-Canadian children the power to expel English or to have it taught in such a manner as to be useless. The French-Canadians of Essex, to do them justice, have no such desire, and probably few of them would make such an extreme claim as Le Devoir. They may well pray to be delivered from the hands of their Nationalist friends in Quebec, who are putting them in a false light.

## TAY PAY'S GHOST.

[London Daily News.]  
 Birthday congratulations—all the more heartily because of the issue a few days ago of the first number of his excellent new magazine—fall tomorrow to "Tay Pay" O'Connor. This versatile Irishman, who is now 82 years of age, has spent two-thirds of his life in England, sits for an English constituency with a Scotch name and Irish electors, and has a great fondness for America, where he happens to be at present. He started the Star, then set the Sun in the firmament of Fleet Street, and has since added M. A. P. and T. P.'s Weekly to his creations. Not content with prodigies of work on earth, he is said, by Mr. Swift MacNeill, to be the creator of a parliamentary ghost, who has appeared in the House of Commons, where he happens to be a dying parent. His usual place in the House was on the third bench on the Opposition side below the gangway, and there, on the night in question, Mr. MacNeill saw him sitting, and he was seen, too, in the same moment from the Press Gallery. At that very moment, T. P. was on his way to Ireland, and such is the story. What is the explanation?

## MERELY THAT.

[Detroit Journal.]  
 "Papa," asked Prof. McDoodle's little boy, "what does it mean when a fellow says he's going to get another fellow's goat?"  
 "There is nothing necessarily obscure about that, my son," said Prof. McDoodle. "It is simply the colloquial way of conveying the idea that by some means or other, one has succeeded in driving the goat of the other person participating in the supposed colloquy."

## THE LOOM OF LIFE.

[Halifax Chronicle.]  
 All day, all night, I can hear the far Of the loom of life, and near and far It thrills with its deep and muffled sound. As tireless the wheels go always round, Busily, ceaselessly, goes the loom, In the gloom of day and the midnight's gloom, And the wheels are turning early and late, And the wool is wound in the warp of fate.

Click, click!—there's a thread of love woven in.  
 Click, click!—another of wrong and sin!  
 What a checkerboard this life will be When we see it unrolled in eternity!

Ah, sad-eyed weavers, the years are slow; But each one is nearer the end, I know! And soon the last thread shall be woven in—  
 God grant it be love instead of sin.

Are we sinners of good in this life-web—say? Do we furnish the weaver a web each day?  
 It were better, O my friends, to spin A beautiful thread than a thread of sin!

## A SUFFRAGETTE BATTLE.

[Mr. Dooley.]  
 A desperate battle followed. Th' ladies fought gallantly hurlin' cries iv "Brute!"

"Monster!" "Cheap!" et cetera, at the constabulary. Hatpins were drawn. Wan lady let down her back, and another, bolder than the first, done a fit on the marble stairs; a third, p'raps rendered insane by sufferin' fr a vote, struck a burly ruffian with a Japanese fan on the little finger iv th' right hand. Thin th' infuriated officers iv th' law charged on th' champions iv liberty. A scene iv horror followed. Polesmen seized ladies be th' arms, and led thim down th' stairs; others were carried out fainting by th' tyrants. In a few minutes all was over, an' nawnthin' but three hundred hairpins remained to mark th' scene iv slaughter.

## DISEASE CARRIERS.

[Montreal Gazette.]  
 Dr. Allan J. Smith, of the University of Pennsylvania, thinks he has discovered the germ which produces infantile paralysis. He also thinks that it is carried from place to place and from person to person by insects. This, like many other recent discoveries by students of disease, bears out the importance of old-fashioned cleanliness. Where there is no dirt there is no attraction for insects, and disease germs find no carriers.

## WALKING A LOST ART.

[Woodstock Sentinel-Review.]  
 Even when we go out to take the air we do so in an automobile, in a boat or a rubber-tired rig. Walking is actually becoming a lost art, more's the pity. We talk a good deal about getting back to nature, but most of us are content to lie in a hammock and read about it.

## CHARLES DICKENS'S GUN.

[London Times.]  
 Mr. J. C. Stevens' sale this week of curiosities at Kensington Palace, included an old-fashioned double-barrel, included the stock detachable from the barrel, in a lined wood case, about four feet long, with the name of Charles Dickens pasted within the lid, and on the top of the case a brass circle engraved "Charles Dickens, Gad's Hill." This gun was exhibited at the Dudley Gallery some years since, and was now bought by Mr. Charles J. Sawyer, the bookseller, of New Oxford Street, for £24.

## ANCIENT LIBRARIES.

[New York American.]  
 Libraries are known to have existed in Babylon and Egypt as early as 2000 B. C. A public library was founded at Athens by Pisistratus about 530 B. C. Another was founded by Ptolemy Philadelphus, 284 B. C. This famous library (at Alexandria, Egypt) was partially destroyed when Julius Caesar set fire to the city in 47 B. C. Four hundred thousand valuable books in manuscript are said to have been lost by this catastrophe.

## FINANCIAL DEADLOCK.

[Washington Star.]  
 "Who is that man who has been sitting behind the bar day after day, and inquired the stranger in Crimson Gulch."

## Canada's New Cruiser "The Niobe"

The Niobe is technically known as a protected cruiser, being one of the latest of a batch of eight protected cruisers built before the advent of the modern armored cruisers. The words, instead of having an armored belt on her sides she carries 1,900 tons of armor, disposed mainly as a turtle-back deck protecting the main gun magazines and other vital parts. The remainder of the armor is utilized for protecting the crews which man the sixteen six-inch guns. These guns form the main armament. She also carries a dozen twelve-pounders, four three-pounders, two two-pounders which may be used for small boat defense, and also two Maxim machine guns.

Her armament is completed by three torpedo tubes, two of which are under the water, and therefore cannot be hit by an enemy's shell during action. Can Fire Heavy Broadside.

The ship in commission would be fought from a gun turret, which has a thickness of twelve inches of Harvey armor. Each of her eight six-inch guns can fire in a minute, with highly-trained crews, 100-pound projectiles, 13 1-4 pounds of cordite being used as propellant. The six-inch guns of the Niobe are valuable weapons. A gun of this type has a velocity at a muzzle equivalent to 2,200 foot seconds; in other words, the projectile of 100 pounds leaves the muzzle at 2,200 feet per second. To put this in another way, this gun exerts an energy at the muzzle equal to raising 3,358 tons a foot in the air. When it is borne in mind that the gun is capable of firing 100 rounds a minute in either broadside against an enemy, some idea may be formed of the great fighting energy of which the Niobe is capable. The gun can be operated either by electricity or by hand. The machinery of the Niobe weighs 1,525 tons, and consists of two sets of four cylindrical vertical inverted

"That's Stage Coach Charley. He's in a peculiar predicament. He went to town last week and got his teeth fixed. He came here, and bein' broke, ran up a bill on the strength of his seven dollars' worth of gold fillin'. Charley won't submit to having the nuggets pried out, an' the proprietor won't let him get away with the collateral, and there you are!"

## THE DIFFERENCE.

[Harper's Bazaar.]  
 "I don't see any difference between you and a trainee nurse, except the uniform," said her sick husband.  
 "And the salary," she added, thoughtfully.

## GRANDAMS OF LONG AGO.

[Chicago Record-Herald.]  
 Ah, where are the grandams I used to know?  
 In the halcyon days of long ago?  
 With their smiling faces in snowy caps,  
 With their sort, warm arms and capacious laps,  
 That were havens from childish woes and fears,  
 Where we told out our griefs and dropped our tears?  
 Ah, where are the grandams I used to know,  
 The dear old grandams of long ago?

Ah, where are the grandams who used to sit  
 By the evening fire and solemnly knit,  
 While they told us tales of goblin and sprite  
 'Till we shivered and shook from very fright?  
 The grandams with pockets deep and wide,  
 Where all sorts of goodies could snugly hide?

Ah, where are the grandams I used to know,  
 The dear old grandams of long ago?

We have grandams today (yet I speak with regrets)  
 Who are leaders of clubs and of social sets;  
 No longer they sit by the fireside bright,  
 Weaving out yarns for the children's delight.  
 They are off to the platform, to pour in the ear  
 Of the public the things that they think it should hear.

Beribboned, befeathered, bejeweled they go,  
 Ah, not like the grandams of long ago.

Ah, gone from our midst, with their quaint, sweet grace,  
 Are the grandams kind and the kindly face;  
 Gone is the firelight; around the wide hearth  
 No longer flashes the household mirth;  
 We have other things now in this glorious day  
 Of wondrous inventions, the wise ones say.

Yet, with all our improvements, still would I know  
 Oh, where are the grandams of long ago?

Col. Chandler. The first meeting was held last Friday night, and was very successful. The meetings are open to all Christians.

## MR. JAS. WRIGHT HAS BEEN PROMOTED

London Man Made Assistant Superintendent of G. T. R. Dining Car Service.

Word was received on Saturday from Winnipeg announcing the death of Mr. T. Harold Dewan, son of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Dewan, 380 York Street. Some months ago he took ill with typhoid fever, and although he recovered sufficiently to be about for a time, an abscess later formed on the brain. His condition became alarming, and on Friday last the physicians in charge decided to trepan the skull, in order to relieve the sufferer.

The operation was a last resort, and the young man did not rally from it, living but a few hours.

Deceased was the fourth son of Mr. James Dewan, and left for Winnipeg four years ago. Deceased is survived by his parents, four sisters, Mrs. Chas. O'Connor, Strathroy; Mrs. C. P. Graves, this city; Mrs. G. T. H. Platt, Mr. Jos. Rangan, Winnipeg; and Joseph P. and Frank Dewan, of London, and Fred, of Toronto.

The remains are being brought to this city for interment.

## MR. H. A. GRAINGER LEAVING FOR TORONTO

Board of Education Are Still on Hunt For a Successor as Science Master.

Mr. H. A. Grainger, science master of the Collegiate Institute, whose resignation has been in the hands of the board of education for some time, has notified the trustees that he will leave for his new position in Toronto on Friday.

As a result of a meeting of No. 1 committee to whom were referred the resignation, has been called for this afternoon to deal with the matter.

The opinion of the board was that the resignation would not take effect until the end of the present term, as it was impossible to secure a successor on so short notice.

However, Mr. Grainger has stated that it is imperative that he be in Toronto shortly, so it is quite likely that the board will allow him to go.

## SPECIAL SPEAKERS FOR SALVATION ARMY

Winter Programme Will Be One of Great Interest.

Arrangements are being made by the Salvation Army of this city for a series of special speakers during the winter months.

The first speaker of the series will be Major Cameron, who will be here in about two weeks. He will be followed at intervals of one or two weeks by other prominent speakers from Canada, United States, and England.

Envoy Brewer Brown, one of the most powerful speakers in the army, is expected here some time in November. His unusual method of addressing meetings on the streets, and in the citadel, dressed in the rags that he wore before he was converted 20 years ago, has been universally successful in attracting the wayward and downfallen.

A series of Friday night meetings for Christians, has been started by

## Kingsmill's DRYGOODS CARPETS Kingsmill's

## Last Days of the October Carpet Sale

Have you done all the buying of Carpets, Rugs, Curtains, Linoleums, Blankets and Furniture Coverings that you will need for the decoration and comfort of your home during the coming months? This sale offers opportunities which are greatly appreciated by careful women. COME TOMORROW for these items, which will add enthusiasm to the already large list of desirable Carpets, Rugs, Curtains and Housefurnishings in general, which are marked to prices which beckon you to BUY NOW.

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Size 3x9 feet	\$2.50	Size 6½x4½ feet	\$3.25
Size 9x12 feet	\$11.00		

## Kingsmill's

## LATE T. H. DEWAN

Londoner Died in Winnipeg as the Result of an Operation.

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Word was received on Saturday from the local Grand Trunk offices that Mr. Jas. Wright, formerly of this city, and at the present time chief clerk of the dining and parlor car service in Toronto, has been named assistant superintendent of dining and parlor car service, with headquarters in Toronto.

Mr. Wright is well known in this city, having been assistant to Mr. E. R. Ruse at the Grand Trunk ticket office for some time. His advancement has been rapid since going into the Grand Trunk's service. His mother, Mrs. C. Wright, still resides in the city at 855 Wellington Street. His father was the late Mr. Justus Wright, formerly principal of the Aberdeen School.

## ATTACK BUDGET

Japanese Papers Say Government's Loan Policy Is Contradictory.

Tokio, Oct. 23.—Today's Opposition papers attack the proposed budget, as outlined by Count Katsura, the premier and minister of finance, at the dinner of the Associated Clearing Houses last evening. The principal criticism is that the Government's non-loan policy is contradictory, because it is annually borrowing postal savings of \$5,000,000 for the railway funds. Consequently the redemption of \$5,000,000 of bonds yearly, which policy Count Katsura said would be discontinued, will result, it is declared, in releases of \$10,000,000 only. The Government avowal of the success of the last conversion of 4 per cent bonds is seriously doubted.

## KICKED BY HORSE

West Williams Farmer Painfully Injured at His Home.

[Special to The Advertiser.]  
 Parkhill, Oct. 24.—Allan McLean, of West Williams, was seriously injured yesterday when his horse kicked him. Mr. McLean was attending the animal when it suddenly lashed out viciously and its feet struck him in the side. Dr. Wilson is attending Mr. McLean, and will tell just what the outcome will be. It is believed that no bones are broken.

## GIRL IS HELD

Is Charged With Perjury and Was Trying to Escape.

Quebec, Oct. 22.—Detective Walsh received a telegram yesterday from Inspector Begin, of the N.W.M.P., at Prince Albert, Sask., to be on the lookout for a young girl named Helen Selmer, who is charged with perjury and who was supposed to leave this port for England. Detective Walsh went down to the C. P. R. wharf yesterday afternoon shortly before the Empress of Britain left port, and spotted the young girl as she was landing for the incoming western train. The accused will be kept in the Good Shepherd's Convent until the arrival of an officer from Prince Albert. The prisoner is only 18 years of age.

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