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## THE BUDGET.

After a debate lasting more than a month, during which singularly little originality was displayed, the House of Commons has adopted the budget by a majority of thirteen. As was expected, the Progressives and Labor aligned themselves with the Government and the Conservatives were equally solid in opposition. From the moment the Conservative want of confidence move failed there was little doubt as to the outcome of all this talking.

The actual budget provisions were discussed in these columns when the budget was brought down and the past month has produced nothing new on which to comment. It is a clever budget, politically; it remains to be seen what will be the exact effect of the tariff changes introduced, and if the present administration can hold office long enough to prove, as it contends, that the alterations are not going to react unfavorably, it will have won a marked victory. It is, however, just one of those things that time alone will show.

It, on the contrary, it turns out that Canadian industries have been injured, Canadian workers deprived of employment or driven to the United States, the Mackenzie King Government will have sounded its death knell. Meanwhile, we must watch results and, at the same time, derive a modicum of comfort from the undoubted relief contained in those sections of the budget which lift burdens from the rank and file of Canadians.

## MADE-IN-CANADA.

Mr. J. E. Walsh, of Toronto, speaking to the Maritime manufacturers here yesterday, touched on the Made-in-Canada movement. This is something that has the sympathy of every Canadian, of every resident in Canada, because he realizes that money spent in his own country returns to his own pockets in one way or another.

Mr. Walsh reviewed all the points in favor of the slogan, stressing in particular that the home-made article is good at the alien product. Thus far none will disagree. Usually the price is the stumbling block. The matter has been discussed over and over again. Canadian manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers, always come back to the tariff and it is not proposed now to enter into discussion on how far our present fiscal system acts in their disfavour.

The purchaser is primarily concerned with getting the best value for his money. He may be willing, all other things being equal, to sacrifice a small percentage to buy Canadian-made goods on the principle that money circulating in Canada will react to his advantage in the end. But there are some discrepancies in prices which he cannot follow.

As an instance, let us take a certain brand of tobacco sold both in the United States and in Canada; in the former under the label of the American Tobacco Company and in the latter under that of the Imperial Tobacco Company. In Saint John a bag costs a quarter, Canadian duty paid. Across the line two bags cost fifteen cents. American duty paid. The Canadian bag is slightly heavier than the other, the difference of two cents value at the outside. It is hard to convince the people that the tariff makes up for the difference. This is only one example.

The manufacturers of Canada may rest assured that in principle the people of Canada are wholeheartedly behind them, but at the same time they must remember that each individual has his private budget to consider and that patriotism is sadly strained by the drag of the dollar, more especially when that appears inequitable.

Doubtless many seeming anomalies may be explained and explanation would be appreciated by the public. On general principles Canada is all for buying Made-in-Canada goods.

## LOYALTY OR SOCIAL AWE.

A despatch from the British United Press dealing with His Majesty's personal affairs towards reconciliation in the late strike says:

"The King may lack the constitutional power to interfere in such matters, but this social influence is so awe-inspiring that few of his subjects are able to resist him when he makes an appeal on grounds of public welfare."

This is singularly infelicitous. It is not "social influence" that gives to His Majesty this great power. It is the Britisher's deep-rooted loyalty to royal traditions which makes him willing to sink personal considerations at the Sovereign's bidding, provided that does not conflict with his conscience—which might be defined as his loyalty to divine tradition—well knowing that the King would demand nothing of any one of his subjects that he would not himself perform. Furthermore it is less, not awe, that inspires the subject to bow to the Monarch's will.

"A disaster motivated by blind passion to try out a machine, which is only perfect on paper, took no account of simple human nature and economic forces," so does Mr. Frank Hodge, the Secretary of the International Miners' Federation, describe the general strike. Singularly like pre-war Germany and her army, with a parallel outcome—also a warning to governments and sane labor organizations.

There will be little or no opposition on the part of the citizens of Saint John to the suggestion to erect a suitable flag-staff on the roof of City Hall. It is just such trifles that cost little and yet lend dignity to the home of our local government. Only those who cannot see below the surface condemn such schemes as trinketry. They have a deep meaning and create a profound effect.

Congratulations to St. Vincent's School on its athletic success yesterday. Thirty points against Dufferin's eighteen for second place is a notable lead and doubtless the losers are at one with those not directly concerned in applauding the winners. The more our boys indulge in sport of every kind, the better nothing approach it for inculcating the many virtues and ensuring healthy minds in virtuous bodies.

The nations of the world—all, that is to say, except the unfortunate neighbors—are not inclined to take Mexico seriously. But there comes a time when some act or series of acts of that explosive country arouses general resentment, seldom, if ever, approbation. Religious persecution of any kind tends to excite human nature, and Mexico's deportation of the Papal Nuncio is a serious matter. Mexico, of course, contends that the action was directed against the Bishop personally, not against the Vatican. That is as may be, but the deportation seems ill-advised, to say the least of it.

## Odds and Ends

### A Fishing Trip

PREFACE—Anticipation, speculation, prognostication, vacation, elation. CHAP. I. (He's Off)—Embarkation, destination, rustication. CHAP. II. (The Big Fish That Got Away)—Navigation, stimulation, rustication, impracticality, peturbation, lubrication, illumination, spiffification. CHAP. III. (Back at the Club)—Celebration, recreation, interrogation, reiteration, irritation, elaboration, irrigation, evasion, irrigation, exaggeration, fabrication, saturation, inebriation.

The Miracle. (Wilhelmina Sticht in "The Fragrant Minute for Every Day", Cassell.) The hours sped by the usual way. How could he tell that there would be a miracle performed that day? No sign was there, no prophecy. There he sat upon the floor and tumbled his bright bricks about, looked up to greet the opening door, and gave his usual happy shout.

There Daddy stood, and said no word. Who can explain what happened then? Why was the child's ambition stirred to walk erect like sons of men? What made that baby heart then swell with sudden, fierce and new desire? His tadpole crawl had served him well. What urged him, then, thus to aspire?

First feet and hands pressed on the floor. A mighty effort—he is straight. With eyes fixed on that nursery door, he moves, he walks, oh, wondrous gait! And watching him, a man full-grown, by this miracle struck dumb, while Baby Boy who walks alone, shouts out, triumphant, "I'm come."

His Will. (Vancouver Province.) A Princeton student recently contributed to the college paper the following suggestion for a will: "To Martha I leave my sense of humor. It may be a mile, but any girl who giggles when a tire goes flat is in dire need of all she can get; to Dad, my bills; to Adele I bequeath my empty purse—I have used it a great deal whenever I have dragged her anywhere, and I desire that it fall into hands that will love and respect it for the sake of its former prosperous self; to Ruth, a draft for seventy-five cents on my New York bank to purchase a record to substitute for that awful 'My Sweetie Ain't Got Angel's Eyes' that she habitually sings; to Betty I leave my love with the sincere hope that she will think as much of it as of that pesky puddle of hers."

Not Much Use. (N.Y. Tribune-Herald.) The trouble with public opinion is that there is so little of it when it is really needed and so much of it when it isn't.

What It Costs. (Border Cities Star.) Educator says that to rear a boy to the age of 18 costs \$6,077. The \$77 represents the windows he breaks playing "catch."

## Just Fun

MANY men wait until they are in jail before they think of living their lives over again.

A GIRL can look at you without doing a thing and leave the impression that she winked at you.

FARE, FAKE AND FORTY CONDUCTOR (receiving half fare) "How old is your little girl?" Little Girl (beating her mother to it) "I'm 11, and mother will be 40 next month."

NO BASEBALL umpire ever ran for office.

DIVORCE is one of the penalties for watching dear old season.

SEE IF WE CARE! From just a little loving little beast; Just a little loving thing like this; That makes a lovely breach of promise suit.

MANAGER—That is the most realistic fight I ever saw on the screen. How did you work that actor on the quiet that the other considered him a punk scraper.

SISTER SUSIE SAYS: SOME people are so dumb that they think Iceberg is a famous Alaskan Jew.

A COUNTRY club is where country folks who've moved to town pretend to enjoy playing golf.

WHAT a charming baby! And how it does resemble your husband!

Gracious, I hope not! We adopted it!

Jack and Jill went up the hill to get some modern licker; Jack took two and he was thru, and Jill died even quicker!

AND were just as happy as any married couple that ever lived—together.

PROF. MARCONI says that Mars has been trying to get us for a thousand years. Bet some one told Mars "The line is busy."

IT ISN'T a thick tongue unless the banker's wife knows how much you have on deposit.

DRUNKARD enters saloon and sees sign, "Drink Coca Cola, Billards, Root Beer."

"Gimme a glass of billards," bartender decides to have a joke and gives him some pluto water. The drunkard sips, then stops, then gurgles it down.

"You know, if I wasn't an experienced billiard drinker I'd think this was pluto water."

ABOUT the only kind of money that doesn't have wings, is the money we spend for aviation.

IF HE CAN see a bone without three assistants, he is just a common practitioner.

A MAN is what he thinks—not what he thinks he is.

CORRECT this sentence: "I think this jazz music is the stuff," said the president of the Women's Civic League.

WHEN a girl refuses a man, and he takes to drink, maybe he's celebrating.

## Other Views

NOT A DIRGE (St. Thomas Times-Journal.) It may not be generally known that when King George came to the throne he gave instructions that the national anthem should be played and sung faster than it used to be. The result is that in the Old Country it is sung and played in half the time it takes here. It is given snap, does not drag, and there is heartiness in it. Pop it up next time!

FRIENDS (Kingston Standard.) That great and good man, Dr. Peterson Smyth, is resigning as rector of St. George's, Montreal, after nearly fifty years' service in the church. In saying farewell he said: "Charles Kingsley was once asked, 'What are you most thankful for in your life?' He replied 'That God gave me friends.' With all my heart I thank you, my friends, for having me here, and take pains to make and retain them."

PRESERVE RESPECT. (Ottawa Journal.) "There should be well-planned organization of charity, but not too many charitable institutions," says J. J. Kelo. "If relief is freely given people will expect to be taken care of and they will not take care of themselves as they otherwise might and should. Stern necessity has been proved for dependent people that is infinitely better than charity. Self-respect should be preserved at all costs."

U. S. A. AND LEAGUE. (C. K. Webster, in the London Nation and Athenaeum.) (One of the chief obstacles to American entry into the league is the belief that they will get nothing out of it.) As yet the advantages of understanding obligations hardly seem to bring

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## Same Old Presentation Dress



—From London Opinion.

## POEMS HOME

"Indirection," by Richard Realf.

REALF was an Englishman who came to the United States young, and fought in the Civil War with the Northern forces. His was a curious and little-appreciated genius. It is tragic to know that he died by his own hand. This poem is far too seldom spoken of.

Fair are the flowers and the children, but their subtle suggestion is false. Rare is the rosebud of dawn, but the secret that clasps it is rarer. Never a Shakespeare that soared, but the strain that precedes it is sweeter. And never was poem yet writ, but the meaning outmastered the metre.

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Space is as nothing to spirit, the deed is outdone by the doing. The heart of the wooer is warm, but warms the heart of the wooing; And up from the pits where these sliver, and up from the heights where those shine, Twin voices and shadows swim starward, and the essence of life is divine.

THE POWER OF PHYSICAL FORCES.

MAN, in his conceit, is quite apt to think himself as quite the most wonderful product of God's creation. He thinks, he creates, he overcomes, he utilizes the forces of nature and adapts himself to all sorts of adverse conditions. He decides that he is quite irresistible—that nothing can subdue him.

And yet, after all, how puny and helpless is he! If he cannot obtain food he lasts but a short time; if he is deprived of drink he manages to maintain life for an even shorter span while if air is denied him, he perishes in a few moments. The merest accident snuffs out his little life in a moment or a storm may strike and he will be gone. He is powerless in the grasp of those very elements of the earth which he proudly boasts that he controls and harnesses to do his will.

The wind passeth over him and he is gone; and the place thereof knows him no more, as the psalmist says.

TRULY it behooves us to respect and admire the physical forces of the universe.

"During a thunderstorm we get an inkling of how fearfully and wonderfully the universe in which we live is made, and what energy and activity its apparent passivity and opacity mark. A flash of lightning out of a storm."

any compensating protection. Few Americans feel that they are or can be in danger. It needs more imagination than we possess to realize that the next war will be of such a character that American civilization will be threatened as it is now. Yet, as every year makes the ocean grow smaller, so this complacency will grow less.

Many thousands of people are dependent upon it and the annual value of the fur harvest is from fifteen to twenty millions of dollars. Trappers say "No self-respecting wild animal will live in a burn." Their trap lines always run through green timber. Fire prevention is essential to the prosperity of our fur industry.

GAME PROTECTION. (Calgary Herald.) The game of our country is important that it attracts foreign tourists who leave money behind them when they return to their native land. Game also induces our own people to get out in the open in healthful recreation in the great out-of-doors. These game animals are for the most part forest animals dependent on the forest for food and protection. Forest fires either destroy or drive out the wild life.

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## The Very Idea!

By Hall Cockburn

ON MY FEET.

CALL me gypsy, if you like. That's the name for folk who hike. What care I what name is cried, long as I am satisfied? In the open, in the air, 'neath the heavens, anywhere. Out with nature! That's a treat. Set me pretty—on my feet.

Let me walk where'er I will. I can't keep my spirit still. Call me tramp, or call me Barmy—barmy let me go. Clear the way to out-of-doors, where there's grass upon the floors. Down the dirt road, edged by wheat. Turn me loose—upon my feet.

Let the sun shine down on me. Let me drink of oodles free. 'Ere I go, when I arrive, I will know that I'm alive. Watch my gait. Yea, see me swing, free and easy. That's the thing. Up the highway, down the street, I'll go my way—on my feet.

When a rich girl is engaged to nine young men, she can get rid of at least eight of them by having her dad go through bankruptcy.

They had been married 12 years and not a word had been said about his birthday. That's why they were divorced.

A kitten and a bird had had. Ah! There was discontent. And then the bird disappeared. The cat knows where it went.

They met at a seashore and both pretended to be very rich. Now they're married—and have discovered that he collects the payments on her piano.

There are 3424 known dialects, not counting the baby's 'cause that isn't known.

The prisoner's name was Smith and his occupation was locksmith—and that's what they did.

FABLE IN FACT. A FRESH YOUNG FELLOW KICKED TO A RESTAURANT KEEPER ABOUT THE PIE HE WAS SERVED COMMA AND THE RESTAURANT KEEPER REPLIED COMMA QUOTATION MARK MY SON COMMA I COOKED PIES BEFORE YOU WERE BORN PERIOD QUOTATION MARK AND THE YOUNG FELLOW REPLIED COMMA QUOTATION MARK GOSH COMMA I NEVER THOUGHT THE LONIC PERIOD QUOTATION MARK.

WHO'S WHO IN THE DANG NEWS

MARSHAL JOSEF PILSDSKI

AFTER remaining in comparative seclusion ever since the termination of the World War, Marshal Josef Pilsudski emerges from retirement to lead an army on Warsaw, the capital of Poland, and seeking it is thought to overturn the present government.

Pilsudski is a Socialist, although at the time of his dramatic entrance into Warsaw it was not clear whether he had the support of the Poles and monarchists or of the radical Socialists and Communists.

He is regarded as a hero by many Poles and holds sway over soldiers who admired him during the war.

He is an intense nationalist and at present announces that he proposes to free Poland from corruption and instability.

No man has had a greater part in freeing Poland from her oppressor, Russia, than Pilsudski, the founder of the famous Polish Legion and former commander-in-chief of the Polish army.

His father was a revolutionary and he spent practically all his life working for the education of the Polish people that they might intelligently seek their own independence.

For years Pilsudski was almost a fugitive, yet he managed to edit many books, printing them by hand on a small printing press hidden in a small village. With the literature thus created he traveled here and there spreading the revolutionary spirit.

In 1896 the printing press was at length discovered and Pilsudski was arrested. His friends helped him to escape. Until January, 1906, he refused to accept money from the Austrians, but necessity made him accept their help to help the Russians. When his beloved Poland was finally cleared of the last Russian soldier, Pilsudski began to work out the task of forcing the German and the Austrians.

He landed in a German prison, where he remained for considerable time.

other day I saw one; she gave me a pound-note for a shilling fare and walked away. 'Ere, mum, I says, 'what about yer change?' 'Don't be a blinkin' old fool,' says she; 'keep it an' get drunk enough to kiss yer mother-in-law.' Now,' he ended, triumphant, 'that's what I calls a real life.'

A TAXI-DRIVER charged with using violent language protested that the complainant, a woman, was "no lady."

"Indeed," said the magistrate, "I wonder if you know a lady when you see one."

"Of course I do," answered the driver, indignantly. "Why, only the

A VISITOR to a country village went into the post office and, with the object of getting into conversation, asked the postmaster what his views were on vegetarianism.

"Hav'n't any views of that kind," replied the official innocently, "but I've got some fine postcards of the new farmhouse, the church and the library."

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