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WOMEN AND HONESTY.

How many women out of each hundred will deceive or avoid the customs officers if they can? And how many women will smuggle will also avoid paying their fares on street cars if they can evade the collection box?

These searching if disagreeable questions are raised by the editor of Toronto Saturday Night, who professes to have acquired certain shocking knowledge bearing more or less upon the matter under examination.

Of course, most women are natural born smugglers. It is no crime in their eyes to beat the Fernal government out of a proportion of its revenues every time they get a chance.

There is a concrete ethnological problem. Would those two women steal bigger things than a street car ride? Would they take the same pains to avoid meeting a larger obligation?

It is a lamentable fact that some women will smuggle and that some will "beat" the street cars; but that is an old story.

As for smuggling, this is a free trade world at bottom, and no people ever assented to a customs tariff without some sort of mental reservation, or without saying afterwards in private that they did not understand the sweeping character of the transaction.

TYRANNY IN PORTUGAL.

The people of Portugal welcomed the proclamation of a republic only three years ago, but even after that short time the republic has given rise to some points in tyranny.

CONFESION.

On next Christmas day will fall the anniversary of a century of peace between Canada and her nearest neighbor.

There has been written about the horrors of war, there is now some new writing in many ways it is more terrible than war.

THE SHIPS.

Of the 5,095 vessels which passed through the Suez Canal during 1913, no less than 59.63 per cent carried the British flag.

The mercantile tonnage launched by the United Kingdom during 1913 was the highest ever reached, but 1913 shows an increase of 108,999 tons over the preceding year.

A SORRY SPECTACLE.

Partisanship carried to extremes has convinced the Conservative Ottawa Citizen that it is time for a change.

United States, which in 1913 amounted to \$2,263,996,000, or within \$5,000,000 of the British total, were in 1913 \$2,448,775,614, or \$185,819,956 less than those of the United Kingdom.

In the last five years British exports have exceeded the sum of exports and re-exports by \$800,000,000 to \$700,000,000 a year.

It is interesting to note that while the domestic exports of the United States for 1910 exceeded those of 1909 by 7.9 per cent, the British increase amounted to 18.36 per cent.

THE ROOT OF THE MATTER.

The reform of our present taxation system is demanded by justice, not by charity.

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AGR. What British Columbia the Land—A Pro Should Study.

British Columbia can promote something in the way of agricultural development.

Establishment of a creamery to make loans to farm owners.

Enlargement of agriculture. Separate portfolio for forestry with advisory board of farmers.

Adoption of an agricultural credit on the plan in force in New Zealand.

It is proposed that value added by the improved credit system should be distributed among the maximum loan which many land shall not exceed of the value calculated on basis. No loan shall be made exceeding \$2,000 share.

Dealing with the geological aspect of agriculture, the rapid rise in the price of land, and the division of many farms into small acreages being sold and divided, and that the land in the cities has attracted and made farm labor so scarce that farmers have had to import labor from other provinces.

Close Settlement Plan. With regard to land conditions, following the settlement plan in operation suggests that certain land owned upon suitable provisions, which should be closed settlement.

The reported murder of five Americans in Mexico will increase the already great pressure being brought to bear upon President Wilson and looking toward intervention.

It is the Flemington government going to hand over the additional \$10,000 mile (approximately \$2,000,000) to Mr. Gould for the building of the Valley Railroad?

St. John going to ask for definite information about the Valley railway of travel along in the dark for another year or two?

Prairie, Farm and Home, a western periodical, has a cartoon representing a farmer wearing a huge bushy labelled \$14,000,000 for militia, and carrying a tiny bundle marked \$1,000,000 for agriculture.

Next is a yellow buggy whip with a blue ribbon tied to it. He hints nothing that looks as good as a country boy as a street car conductor.

