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BRITISH MONEY STANDARDS.

After a year and a half of inquiry and study a Royal Commission has reported against the adoption of a decimal coinage system for the United Kingdom. The matter has been before the country for many years, points out the Montreal Gazette. Decimalization of the money standard is regarded as the natural accompaniment of the metric system of weights and measures, which, in spite of its scientific simplicity, makes almost no progress in British countries and the United States. The sovereign and the shilling are as fixed as monetary units for the measurement of values in the United Kingdom that it was deemed useless to suggest any change that would affect them directly and so, indirectly, change the apparent values of the thousands of articles that go to make up the volume of daily commerce. The cent of a shilling would be too small a unit for use, while the cent of a sovereign would be too large a value for much retail trade, even in these days of high prices. The plan that received greatest favor among the advocates of decimalization was that the florin—a two-shilling piece, the tenth of a pound—should be taken as the unit, and divided into a hundred cents, the cent being the mill, or thousandth part of a sovereign. There could under this system be no exact decimal equivalent of a penny, and this appears to have been regarded as a serious matter by the commission. As put in the report, four mills is 4 per cent, less than a penny and five mills is 50 per cent more. This insignificant fraction, it was explained, meant much in some ways. In the case of the postal service a 4-mill coin used instead of a penny would mean a loss of a million and a half pounds a year. The records of the mint indicate that there are 2,200,000,000 pennies and half-pennies in circulation, with a steady demand for more for the use of trade. In spite of much skillful propaganda by decimal and metric associations the commission seems to have found difficulty in obtaining evidence of any general interest in the inquiry. Some four hundred commercial bodies were asked by circular for their views, but less than seventy sent replies. Even trade unions, which are usually ready with opinions on all sorts of subjects, showed reluctance to put themselves on record. The commission interpreted the evidence presented to indicate that the general feeling in the country towards the change was one of indifference, and while there was some hostility to any change, those who favored a change had not as a rule any clear idea of the objects to be attained nor of the difficulties of effecting it, while among those who do understand the question there is acute difference as to what the change should be. The existing system is declared to be suited to the needs of everyday life. The conclusion of the report is that in any scheme of reducing the existing system to a decimal basis the pound should be retained, and that the pound and mill scheme is the only one strongly supported that complies with this condition; that the advantage to be gained by such a scheme as regards keeping accounts is in no way commensurate with the loss of the convenience of the existing system for other purposes; that grave difficulties will be created by any alteration of the penny; and that the scheme cannot be tried as an experiment or on a voluntary basis. It is likely, therefore, that for some time at least not much will be heard of the decimalization of British money. Long custom and the adaptation of values to the pounds, shillings and pence with which the people are acquainted count for more than theoretical perfection.

SHALL COLLEGES RETRENCH?

Retrenchment for the universities: that is what Henry Smith Pritchett, president of the Carnegie Foundation, virtually proposes in his incisive and unsparring report. He attacks what he regards as the waste of great sums expended annually in connection with university work on useless semblances of research. He charges likewise that universities in their desire to increase their student enrollment have inflated their curricula so as to include a needless multiplicity of subjects at a needless lengthening of the faculty payroll. He even accuses institutions of

learning of carrying a proportion of inferior or incompetent teachers, kept in employment by the too secure tenure of office now grown customary. These assertions are put out at the very moment when the campaign for funds to defray salary increases to college teachers reaches the highest pitch. The report seizes this moment to urge the universities "to take stock of themselves" before pressing their appeals further. This amounts by implication to calling upon them to correct a material degree of wastefulness in their professional outlay, and apply the savings to the improvement of the salary scale for the really useful teachers.

Criticism so forcible, from the observer so peculiarly qualified to ascertain and judge of the facts, has quite probably a degree of truth in it. It would help more if it had more of positive and less of prohibitive suggestion about it. Let the Carnegie Foundation tell how to differentiate in advance between useful research and mere academic dwelling. Let it suggest standards whereby to judge what courses, what professors justify their cost. What has the critic in mind? The restriction of each university, outside of the standard courses to a few specialties? Return from the small-class, personally conducted system of education to the other plan of great lecture rooms and a few superior professors? The university heads may find Dr. Pritchett embarrassing to their money raising efforts unless they pretty sharply challenge his assertions.

GEN. WOOD'S CAMPAIGN.

General Leonard Wood is at the moment the most outstanding candidate for the Republican nomination for the United States presidency, and he is making a strong bid to secure the honor at the convention in Chicago next June. According to the Review of Reviews, the General's managers claim that when the convention is called to order he will have 300 delegates pledged to him. There will be 884 votes in the convention, 433 being necessary to a choice. The article in the Review of Reviews points out that the history of Republican conventions shows that after one or two ballots, on which delegates cast votes for favorite sons, they swing over to the leading candidate, and, in the case of General Wood, this candidate is undoubtedly the General Wood.

The Wood boom had its practical origin at the Plattsburg training camps last year, when the Plattsburg Association, composed of men taking the course at that military centre of New York state, began to consider the General in connection with the presidency. The Rough Riders who served in Cuba with Roosevelt had already declared for a "Wood for President" movement. This spread to the Training Camps Association, the young men of which enthusiastically took up the cause. Their action was voluntary, they are paying the expenses themselves and are freely serving as clerks, stenographers and propagandists generally. They have established the Leonard Wood League, which has assumed the proportions of a national organization. Already there are branches in thirty-five states of the Union, the members of which number tens of thousands of men and women of every degree of fortune. They are missionaries who interview or write to friends urging support of Wood. They are seeking, furthermore, to persuade delegates to the Chicago convention that General Wood is an administrator of remarkable attainments, and in every way qualified to serve as President during the reconstruction period. Col. Wm. Procter, of Ohio, a prominent figure in politics, has become national chairman and active director of the league's activities, and will devote his whole time to the office. It is evident that the Wood baroque has been successfully launched and is sailing out of port with every confidence of weathering any gales that may arise between now and convention time. It seems a fairly staunch craft.

MEMORIAL HALL FOR GAGETOWN

Gagetown, April 17.—An enthusiastic and well attended meeting of the citizens was held Wednesday evening in the Temperance Hall to settle important questions in connection with the Memorial Hall which was decided upon at a public meeting last April as the most suitable memorial to the many men from Gagetown and vicinity who offered and gave their lives in the great war. Early in the present year it was planned to get matters under way, but the continued storms made it necessary to wait until better weather; and yesterday's meeting was none the less successful for being several times postponed.

TWO MEN DROWNED.

St. John, April 19.—A high north-easterly wind yesterday morning upset a canoe containing two young men in the Kennebec river, near Lower North, and one, Ronald Seely, son of Edgerton H. Seely, of that village was drowned. Ronald and his younger brother, Maurice, went out on the river in the forenoon, and some time after they started Patrick Murphy, a resident of the vicinity, heard cries for assistance. Murphy put off in a boat and found Maurice Seely clinging to the overturned canoe. He was almost exhausted, but soon revived after being taken to Murphy's home.

C. P. R. PROMOTION FOR H. C. GROUT

St. John, April 18.—Horace C. GROUT, general superintendent of the Atlantic division of the C. P. R., has received word that he is appointed to the position of general superintendent of the Ontario division with headquarters at Toronto. J. W. Woodman, who has been general superintendent of the Quebec division, has been transferred to St. John to take charge of the Atlantic division, and will arrive here today.

The new appointment for Mr. GROUT is undoubtedly a promotion, and he will leave for Toronto about the middle of the week.

Mr. GROUT came to St. John seven years ago last fall and has made a wide circle of staunch friends, who although very sorry to learn of his leaving, will be pleased at his promotion.

Summary of Night Dispatches

New York, April 19.—A New York surgeon was killed when taking up offering in church. He was shot down at the morning service in the fashionable St. George Protestant Episcopal church in the old aristocratic district of New York. His assailant was captured after a sharp chase.

Blizzard at Halifax.

Halifax, N. S., April 19.—A blizzard in Halifax brought about the snow plow and winter conditions prevail again. Church attendance was light and the streets practically deserted.

French Income Tax.

Paris, April 19.—The French chamber voted for increase in income tax.

Missing Monton Woman.

Monton, N. B., April 19.—Mrs. Rev. Lutes is still missing.

Lord French Resigns.

London, April 19.—Lord French is said to have resigned the Lieutenantcy of Ireland.

Order Miners Back to Work.

Pittsburg, Kansas, April 19.—A judge has ordered the miners back to their work.

The Callaux Case.

Paris, April 19.—A scandal is expected soon in the case of Joseph Callaux, charged with conspiracy.

New Position for Jellicoe.

London, April 19.—Lord Jellicoe may be the next Governor of New Zealand.

Overall Campaign Spreads.

San Francisco, April 19.—Overalls are the vogue for business purposes. The new fashion is spreading on the Pacific coast from California to Vancouver. In a Virginia a Methodist minister announces that overalls and bungalow aprons will be welcomed in church.

Maritime Provinces' Fisheries.

Ottawa, April 19.—The fisheries of three provinces are to be placed in one district. Ward Fisher is placed in charge of the work in the Maritime Provinces. There is to be yearly inspections.

Mother Left It for Me

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The Stock Market

(Associated Press by Lease Wire.)
New York (Wall Street), April 18.—Advances tending from large fractions to almost four points attended the early dealings on the stock exchange today. Traders and speculative interests evidently were encouraged by the further weakening of the railroad strikes and last week's favorable bank statements. Steels, equipments and copper's reflected a substantial demand with sugars and utilities. Consolidated Gas adding materially to last Saturday's gain. Investment, rails and shipbuilding also gave promise of further improvement.

The Quotations.
(By private wire to J. M. Robinson & Sons.)

New York, April 19.—The stock market quotations today are:
American Best Sugar 103 1/2
American Sugar 12 1/2
American Smelting 42 1/2
American Car Foundry 47 1/2
American Locomotive 10 1/2
American Wool 13 1/2
Anaconda 61 1/2
Athletic 32
Bethlehem Steel 38
Baldwin Locomotive 40
Mexican Petroleum 23 1/2
Canadian Pacific 120 1/2
Crescent 38
Central Leather 36
Erie 18 1/2
General Motors 35 1/2
Great Northern preferred 28
Great Northern Ore 27 1/2
Industrial Alcohol 27 1/2
International Paper 20 1/2
Kennecott Copper 20 1/2
International Paper 20 1/2
Lackawanna Steel 15 1/2
Marine common 10 1/2
Mexican Petroleum 23 1/2
Midvale Steel 42 1/2
New York Central 75 1/2
Northern Pacific 34 1/2
Ohio Steel 42 1/2
Pennsylvania 40 1/2
Reading 38
Republic Iron & Steel 38
Rock Island 34 1/2
Southern Railway 35 1/2
United States Steel 10 1/2
Union Pacific 12 1/2
Vulcan Chemical 17 1/2
Windsor 24 1/2
Haskell 72
Pan American Oil 111

Montreal Market.

Brasilia 45 1/2
Brompton Pulp 36 1/2
Macdonald 25
Ships common 25
Ships preferred 25
Spanish River preferred 25
Smelters 25
Victory Bond 1914 97
Victory Bond 1915 97
Victory Bond 1916 97
Victory Bond 1917 97
Victory Bond 1918 97
Victory Bond 1919 97
Victory Bond 1920 100

WEDDINGS.

Bartlett-McNeill.
On March 31st, Earl S. Bartlett, of Williamsburg, N. B., was married to Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Scott McNeill, of Maple Grove, N. B. The nuptial knot was tied at the manse by Rev. M. J. Macpherson, M.A., D.B. The happy couple will reside in Williamsburg.

Successful Church Entertainment.
On Easter Day evening the Taymouth Methodist choir, assisted by the Electric class, gave an interesting programme which consisted of music, readings, recitations and an exercise by the class. A collection in aid of the church was taken and the sum of \$140 was realized.

Mrs. W. F. Roberts, W. F. Roberts, Jr., and MacLaren Roberts, of St. John, spent Sunday with Hon. Dr. Roberts at the Queen Hotel.

A SPRING POEM

"CLEANLINESS IS NEXT TO GODLINESS." —KORAN.

"Oh, woman, in thine hours of ease
Unceasing, coy and hard to please,
When cleaning house bedew the floor,
Hustling Angel thou."

Oh, man, with boots outside the door,
Beware for ticks bedew the floor;
Fall not to rise early the carpets to beat,
All must be done before breakfast you eat.

Forget not the musical stovespices to clean;
Say not you are weary—'tis only your "spices"
With soot on your hands and black on your nose
And dust on your everyday second best clothes.

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