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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11.

PEAT AS FUEL

If attention had been given earlier to the use of peat as a fuel this country would be less anxious than it is over the coal scarcity. So long as coal and wood remained at normal prices but poor encouragement was given to the provision of a substitute fuel, but it is well to know that in the peat bogs of Canada there is an abundant supply for any emergency. The point is, to have it at hand when wanted.

Mr. Thomas Macfarlane, the Dominion analyst, in an interview on the question, states that the earliest trials of peat in Canada were made in Chumby and West Farnham, in Quebec. A great amount of work was done to provide fuel for the Grand Trunk engines. The process employed was Hodge's plan which consisted of excavating the material by means of machinery placed on a scow. By this machinery the peat was cut and conveyed to the adjoining land, where it was dried. This turned out to be a very light sort of fuel, too bulky to be economical for locomotives, and the venture did not succeed financially. In Mr. Macfarlane's opinion, the sponginess was caused by the intermixture of too much of the upper part of the bog, which consists usually of dead moss. If these wastes had first been drained the upper layer, most rejected and fuel made of the black peat only, the enterprise would probably have been more successful. In Scotland this process is followed and good fuel is obtained from lower layers. Some time ago Mr. Macfarlane visited extensive peat works in Holland, which provided the fuel burnt in houses and hotels in Rotterdam. This bog is situated at Helmeveen, and is worked most successfully, the upper four feet of its thickness being used for the production of moss litter, large quantities of which are exported for stable bedding purposes. The lower layer of the bog is then cut in the ordinary way, dried in the air, and makes an excellent fuel.

At Beaverton, Ont., good peat fuel has been prepared by means of a compression process invented by Mr. Dobson, who resides there. The production of peat as fuel has a great future before it in this country, provided always that those engaged in the enterprise will take care to discard the light, spongy moss of the upper layers, and use the black peat only.

THE MINERS STAND FIRM.

As was anticipated, the striking coal miners do not approve of President Roosevelt's suggestion that they return to work pending an investigation which he will invite congress to make. The local miners have met, considered the suggestion, and unanimously rejected it.

It would have been most amazing if the miners had agreed to go back to work on the strength of such a vague hope of relief as Mr. Roosevelt held out to them. After they have maintained their struggle successfully for more than five months, it would scarcely be reasonable to expect them to resume work on the old hard conditions without any solid ground for hoping that the concessions which they demand will be made. What, after all, could be accomplished for them by an investigation held by a committee of congress? The most that such a committee could do would be to ascertain the facts of the situation and report them. That has already been officially done by Commissioner Wright, acting under instruction from the president. It is not likely that a congressional committee could learn any more than he has learned, or that its opinions would be any more illuminating.

The time for gathering information has passed. The time for action has arrived. Perhaps, however, the president is not the proper official to take

the action necessary to compel the resumption of work at the mines. Probably the official whose duty it is to take such action is Governor Stone, of Pennsylvania. He has the power, if he chooses to use it. The coal-carrying railway companies violate the law by owning and operating coal mines, and by enforcing the coal law against them the governor could very soon put an end to the present intolerable situation.

CANADA'S FOREIGN TRADE.

By apathetic negligence and indifference Canada lost a great part of the Yukon trade. Canadian merchants stood inertly looking at the Yukon while United States merchants rushed to the front and skimmed the cream of the business. It is an actual fact that Seattle merchants made fortunes out of the Yukon trade alone. In Canada going to lose a golden opportunity of expanding its foreign trade in South Africa by the same neglect? We hope not, for there is an immense field in South Africa for Canadian enterprise. An almost unknown world is being opened up there where Canadian manufactures and products could be sold rapidly in great quantities.

Brookville makes carriages, gloves and many kinds of hardware. An excellent suggestion was made recently that these factories might unite in sending a joint representative out to South Africa in their interests. His expenses would be reduced to a third for each firm. With even ordinary success such a representative would at least make a start in introducing Brookville manufactures into South Africa. Now that a direct steamship service between Canada and South Africa is to be inaugurated the chances for successful Canadian competition ought to be good. If other countries can succeed Canada can do so too.

AN INVOLUNTARY ADMISSION.

Toronto World.
 The World editorial and reportorial rooms are on the ground floor. They are easy of access.

A HOT SPELL COMING.

Montreal Le Journal.
 The Laurier cabinet will not suffer from the coal famine. Things will be warm enough without fuel when the ministers have their reunions.

THE GENERAL FEELING.

Hamilton Times.
 There is a growing feeling that Canada ought to become, as far as possible, independent of Pennsylvania in the matter of fuel supply, for the present situation may be repeated or even aggravated.

A HOT SHOT.

London Express.
 A city clockmaker has the following notice in his window: "The misguided creature who removed the thermometer from this door had better return it as it will be of no use where he is going, as it only registers 125 degrees."

OUR GROWING WEST.

Belleville Intelligencer.
 A gentleman who has recently returned from a trip through parts of the United States and the Canadian West, tells us, also, of the wheat fields of Manitoba, and in connection therewith, some things he saw in Minnesota, and St. Paul, Minnesota. In both of the above cities, he says, he was astonished to see great signboards around the outskirts, advertising, in letters two feet high, "Land for sale in the Canadian Northwest. A country with absolute freedom, which makes its own laws, administers its own laws, administers its own affairs, and offers unparalleled advantages to settlers. Millions of acres of fertile lands for sale. This is the chance of a lifetime." It would appear that our U.S. cousins are beginning to wake up to the advantages of Canada. The Conservative party, led by Sir John Macdonald, laid the foundation for Canada's future when it built the C. P. R.

BINDER TWINE.

St. John, N. B. Sun.
 It is announced that the binder twine establishment in Kingston penitentiary has been closed down. The business of making binder twine for Canada has now almost wholly passed over to the United States. During the year ending last June, \$1,307,000 was sent from Canada to the United States to pay for binder twine, which, under the former tariff, would have been manufactured in this country and probably sold cheaper than the price exacted by the foreign combine. The organization has formed an alliance with the few concerns remaining in Canada, and thus controls the whole output. The government has carefully avoided any action calculated to diminish the profits of the monopolists, who are represented in Canada by politicians with the largest kind of pull. The closing down of the penitentiary works will not make the monopoly any safer than it has been for the last two years.

Mr. Tarte told his audience at Gananoque that the government had made a mistake in removing the twine duty. Even the western farmers who use the most twine have no reason to disagree with the minister of public works. The removal of the duty makes no difference to the farmers of Canada. It is a neat present of \$200,000 a year to United States producers, and has destroyed a large Canadian industry.

Difficult Digestion

That is dyspepsia.
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BAER'S ANTEILUVIAN SPIRIT.

Boston Herald.
 President Baer's reported remark that all this talk about people suffering from cold this winter is only a scare recalls the reply of the gentleman who was invited by Noah to get aboard the ark, and who observed that there wasn't going to be much of a shower.

A LIBERAL PROTECTIONIST.

Belleville Ontario.
 In our opinion Mr. Tarte has sized up the situation correctly, and has taken a position which every true member of the Liberal party may take unhesitatingly. Free trade is impossible, a lowered tariff is impossible in the face of the attitude of the Washington government towards this country. Old-time Liberals, who were liberal and free traders, in this country when the editor of the Globe was cutting teeth are able to recognize this impossibility and are prepared to face it.

MIND AND DISEASE.

London Daily Mail.
 There is little doubt that the mind played some part in the recent smallpox epidemic. When the newspapers took the matter up and published every day alarming statistics, the mind of the general public became impregnated with fear, and the number of cases rose considerably. Gradually however the public got used to reading about smallpox, and, to the surprise of everybody, instead of smallpox continuing to increase through the spread of the infective microbes, as it certainly ought to have done, it began to diminish and disappear. No doubt other influences were also at work, but the mind was certainly a factor.

AN ANSWER TO PRAYER.

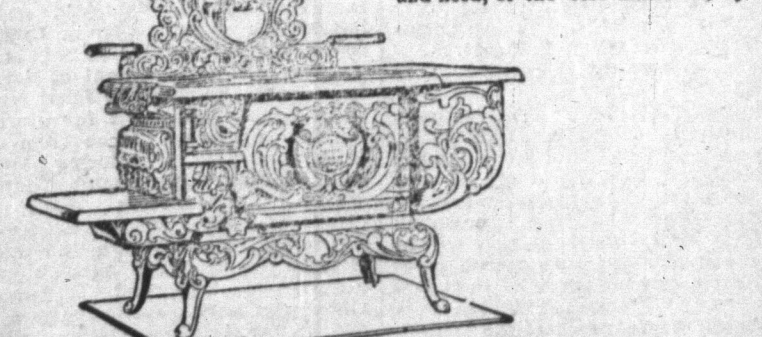
St. Louis Globe-Democrat.
 Booker T. Washington, talking what he calls "hard sense" to a gathering of his race, was trying to explain the shades of difference between self help and the mere moral obliquity of self-interest. He told them that there is little or nothing to be obtained without work, adding: "There was an old negro, professionally pious, who wanted a luxurious Christmas dinner, and who night after night prayed to the Lord to send a turkey to him. The days passed, Christmas approached and the old fellow undertook to compromise by asking for a small bird."

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UNJUST TO THE DEVIL.

New York Sun.
 According to the Rev. A. B. Simpson, the celebrated pocket compeller, the "novels and books that are given to our young people to read to-day are a scandal and a disgrace. They are clever, aye, very clever. As clever as the devil, in fact." This is unjust to the devil. If that old serpent is not cleverer than 99 per cent. of the books read by "our young people," then he is as much of an ass as the legends make him out to be.

MR. TARTE'S UNEXCUSABLENESS.

Montreal Herald, Liberal.
 If Mr. Tarte is at any loss to understand this outbreak of his, which, as he intimates, surprises him, let him ask those who know if such a spectacle has ever before been witnessed on earth as a subordinate member of a constitutional government, in the absence of his leaders, publicly getting himself to reverse by word of ill-regulated mouth, the published policy of those leaders and of the party to which they and he owe power. The grotesque absurdity of Mr. Tarte's performance can be its only palliation. Nothing can excuse it, but a public back-down and retraction such as Mr. Tarte is now in effect making.

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