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FARMERS AND THE TARIFF

The Monetary Times declares that the towns and cities of Canada have for the past forty years imposed a tariff upon an unwilling country. There is nothing in the political history of Canada to justify any such statement. In 1871 a majority of Canadian farmers supported the National Policy. In 1882 they voted overwhelmingly to continue the first Conservative government. In 1891 they elected a Liberal government. In 1896 they elected a Conservative government. In 1900 they elected a Liberal government. In 1904 they elected a Conservative government. In 1908 they elected a Liberal government. In 1912 they elected a Conservative government. In 1917 they elected a Liberal government. In 1920 they elected a Conservative government. In 1924 they elected a Liberal government. In 1926 they elected a Conservative government.

Possibly in 1891, when free trade with the United States was the Liberal policy, there was a fairly even division of rural opinion. But in the elections which followed, the publication of Hon. Edward Blake's letter to his constituents in West Durham, in which he exposed the commercial and political tendencies of unrestricted reciprocity, it was almost impossible to elect a Liberal candidate. So the Laurier Government throughout its whole history had strong rural support. While it is true that that Government established the British preference, it is just as certain that the tariff was not materially reduced. After a few years of trial even the British preference was regarded as too good to protect Canadian industries from dangerous British competition.

It will be remembered, too, that in the trade agreement with Washington in 1911 there was practically no reduction of customs duties on manufactures, although reductions probably would have followed if the agreement had gone into effect. In that contest Quebec gave a majority for Laurier, as it did in many contests, but no one seriously argues that Quebec is against protection. Only in Saskatchewan and Alberta have the farmers ever pronounced decisively against protection, and even those provinces gave a majority for the Laurier tariff in successive elections. British Columbia is as protectionist as Ontario or Quebec, while never since 1871 have the Atlantic Provinces given a clear verdict against the tariffs of Conservative or Liberal Governments.

It has to be remembered also that the cities are grossly under-represented as compared with the farming communities. One vote in a city constituency counts for half or less than half a vote in the average rural riding. In many elections since 1871 the country would have voted at least two-thirds of its total vote in favor of protection if the cities had enjoyed representation at Ottawa equal to that possessed by the farming population. The Monetary Times, therefore, wholly ignores the facts of history when it suggests that the towns and cities of Canada have imposed the tariff upon an unwilling country.

THE "UNHECKLED" MR. KING

Hon. Mackenzie King says that no one heckled him in the West. That is because he gave nobody a chance. Orators who have nothing but words, words, words to offer their hearers escape heckling. The man who ventures to say something is the one who is heckled, and even he will not be heckled unless his opinions are robust enough, as well as distinct enough, to attract to his meetings people who do not agree with him. Mr. King may have interested some who were politically opposed to him, but he gave them no occasion to interrupt him with challenges of his statements.

What crowd would heckle a man who, as the Mail and Empire says, "talks about the long-awaited triumph of Liberal principles," who declares that "All that is needed to secure the triumph and education of Liberal principles is co-ordination or unification of effort on the part of all progressive groups?" The crowd would feel that he was talking more precisely what course he considered to be consistent with the "Liberal principles" he so often falls back upon as a rhetorical resource. They would like him to say what tariff scheme he has for co-ordinating and unifying effort on the part of all progressive groups. But it takes courage as well as political grasp for a leader to come forward with a clear-cut policy.

Mr. King seems to think dignity is more important than courage. He told his Toronto audience that he does not consider the Prime Minister to be enhancing the dignity of the Dominion by facing audiences which are so frankly critical of them. Mr. McKeen, an ex-Mr. King's judgment, by being too straightforward, is adding his colors to the mass and

standing by them before all audiences. Mr. King leaves the impression that he considers it undignified to give people who dissent an opportunity to express their dissent. By refraining from committing himself to any definite tariff policy, he avoids any "scenes" on the part of the questioners. If Mr. King would have the courage to tell every audience that he is one thing or another in his antagonism to the present tariff, he would have all the heckling he could attend to. But he will not say that he is an out-and-out Free Trader, or that he means to take the duties off everything but articles of luxury, or that he stands on the platform of the Canadian Council of Agriculture, or even that he is against adequate protection. Mr. King has no policy to support or oppose. His speeches are unheeded because they are heckless.

CANADA, THE LAND OF ACHIEVEMENT

"The Land of Achievement," is what the Bankers Trust Company of New York, terms Canada in a study devoted to the resources, the trade, the financial and the physical development of the Dominion, which has just been published by the bank under the title "The Dominion of Canada."

"The characteristic of the Canadian people which most impresses the observer," says the Bankers Trust Company, "is that of determination and achievement. Vision and courage were necessary to bring the Canada of 1867 and the Province of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick with their sparse combined population of less than three million into a confederation. It took courage, in 1870, to bring into the confederation the almost limitless territory stretching westward to the Pacific and northward to Hudson Bay and the Arctic Seas. It took courage to link together this empire, greater in square miles than our own United States, by railroads running into the untrodden wilderness. For nearly fifty years the men of Canada were busy conquering the wilderness, and bringing into full flower a representative government admirably adapted to meet the problems of a great democracy.

Then came the great war. Canada was ready. Immediately she set about mobilizing her man-power. Great armies were transported over the sea and at once they began "to do things." It was a difficult position to be held, a hard battle to be fought, an important part to be taken, the Canadians made good. They had conquered the wilderness. By the use of the same quiet determination, the same habit of achievement, they could and would conquer the enemy.

"Not only did they fight for the empire, but Canada paid their bills. The war cost Canada nearly fifty thousand lives and over a billion and three-quarters in money. This gift of men and money in defense of the empire came from a people of less than nine millions.

"Needless to say such a record of achievement as is afforded by the history of Canada during the fifty odd years which have elapsed since 'Dominion Day,' 1867, is not due to chance. Canada has been fortunate during this period in having in political life and in business a group of able, resourceful, morally strong, patriotic men who were not alone capable in action, but capable in leadership.

"As evidence of Canada's phenomenal development, the latest available figures indicate that the Dominion in relation to nine other industrial countries now stands first in area, second in potential water power, third in total railway mileage, fifth in total exports, sixth in pig iron production, total exports and foreign trade, and eighth in population.

"Canada has scarcely begun to grow. Her friendship and her business will be increasingly worth while. We have nothing to fear from her efforts to develop her resources and her manufacturing enterprises. Such development will only increase her need for greater quantities of goods from outside and her ability to pay for them.

"As her nearest and most convenient market," declares the Bankers Trust Company, "we will have only ourselves to blame if we do not hold our present trade merely, but also add immeasurably thereto."

No, it is not necessary that the Globe's opinions on legal questions should be submitted to either Judge Armstrong or Mr. Baxter, infinitely less able lawyers than either of those gentlemen would do. In fact, probably any article clerk in his first

year would know enough for the purpose. But the Globe's article yesterday afternoon emphasizes once again the great need there is for some legal censorship.

A little more "pulling" and the Reverend Mr. Spracklin will soon become as renowned a celebrity as the late lamented Mr. MacSwiney. There is just this difference between the two men, however. MacSwiney took his own life, but Spracklin was careful to take another man's.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

Disagrees With MacKenzie King.
 (Regina Post.)

Most of the country will support Mr. Hanna in his effort to keep C. N. R. employees out of politics. It may be hard in individual cases, but it will be of considerable advantage to the Government railways.

Better Than Fighting.

(Kingston Whig.)
 It is said that Greer will take a referendum to see whether or not she will retain the monarchy or establish a republic. This is a new way of settling the question, and one quite preferable to the old.

Fortunately.

(Calgary Herald.)
 The Meighen government policy is to do everything possible to aid returned men to help themselves. Some returned men find fault with this policy. Fortunately they are but a small minority of the whole veteran body.

The Waste of Bad Roads.

(Minneapolis Daily News.)
 Minnesota people will spend more than six-and-a-half million dollars this year in just operating and maintaining the upkeep of their automobiles. How much of that staggering amount is wasted because roads are unfit for motor travel? And for the same reason, how much is lost by the people of the state because the freight which now overburdens the railroads cannot be diverted to motor trucks?

Birds Discriminate Quickly.

(Hamilton Times.)
 The Hamilton Bird Club will be interested in learning that at the bird sanctuary in Grey County it has been found that safety and suitable nesting places will invariably attract birds. The provision of safety requires protection from enemies, including the currier and his dog. In this case, the Ontario Government assisted the owners by putting up notices, in the autumn of 1917, forbidding all shooting on the property. The sagacious Canadian goose has also come to know Jack Miner's place, and now thousands of these birds stop at it every season.

A BIT OF VERSE

FLOWERS' NAMES.

What the Fairies Wear.

(Punch.)

If only you walk with an open ear
 There's wonderful magic to see and hear
 By silently passing by,
 In meadows and ditches, here and there
 You'll find the clothes that the fairies wear.

You can see each golden and silvery frock
 In Lady's Mantle and Lady's Mock;
 There's Lady Geranium (which, I suppose,
 They wear with the cowslips called
 Hoses-in-hoese);
 The solemn fairies who ride on owls
 Shroud their faces with Moonweed
 cowl;
 And there's other things besides fairy dresses—
 There's Lady's Mirror and Lady's Tresses.

Beetle-brats' Buttons must for elves
 Who have to do up their clothes them-
 selves;
 And the tailor fairies use Fairy Shears,
 Long cutting-grasses that grow by
 the meres;
 And they mend their things with the
 Spider stitches.
 Paint white flowers that you find in
 ditches.
 And there's the Needle, which you'll
 see plain
 In every meadow and field and lane;
 And when they've used them they grow
 again.

If only you walk with an open ear
 And watch with an open eye,
 There's wonderful secrets to see and hear
 By silently passing by,
 In meadows and ditches, here and there
 You'll find the clothes that the fairies wear;
 And if you look when they think you've
 gone on,
 Perhaps you'll see them trying them
 on.

THE LAUGH LINE

But With a Difference

Mrs. Prosy: "Reading is quite a passion with my husband."

Mrs. Dresser: "So it is with mine—when he reads my miller's bill!"

Going Up.

As girls did grow in other days
 There skirts grew also long.
 But now 'tis Fashion's strict decree
 That stuff is wrong all wrong.

A Gauge To Feminine Age.

Jack—Our boss' secretary is not as young as she looks.

Bob—Why do you say that?

Jack—The surest sign of age in a woman is wrinkled hose.—Answers.

Taking No Chances.

"Darling," said her rich old fiancé,
 "I could just die kissing you."

"That being the case," rejoined the girl,
 "we'll cut out the occasion until after we are married."—Boston Transcript.

Immodest Reimbursement.

"The preacher said this morning you'll remember" quoth hubby "that the finest garment a woman can wear is the mantle of charity."

"Yes," returned his wife "and judge."

Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAGE

We was eating breakfast this morning and pop sed, O by the way, mother, in going to bring a customer home for supper tonight but you won't half to bother getting anything special because he's a dyspeptic and hardly eats a thing but he's a queer duck and he won't give me an order unless I show him a lot of attention.

And when he came home this afternoon there was some skinny looking man with him named Mr. Boggs, and we went in the dining room and started to eat supper, being veal and stuffing under thick gravy and peech pie for dessert, Mr. Boggs saying, Now you people go ahead and eat, I'll just have some hot milk and eat my grain crackers with it if you don't mind.

And he took some grain crackers out of his pocket all rapped up in tissue paper and I ate a hole plateful of veal and stuffing under thick gravy and then I passed my plate for another plateful, Mr. Boggs saying, O my goodness, is he going to eat another entire dose of that?

O chaps mind for him, you must come some time when we have something he's really fond of, sed ma.

I don't think I could stand it, sed Mr. Boggs. And he kept on drinking his hot milk and taking little bites out of his grain crackers like a imitation of a bird and kept on looking at me still eating, which after I finished I sed, I haven't tackedly had enough but I want to leave room for my peech pie, can I have it now, ma? I sed, Wich ma cut me a slice saying, Thats all the pie there is for you, so eat it accordingly.

Wich I did, eating it slow to make it look as if it was taking longer, and then I sed, Well if I can't have any more pie, ma, can I have some more veal and stuffing and gravy, I still feel a pritty bit of a space. Wich Mr. Boggs quick got up saying, O horrors, I can't stand any more and drank them with water, took 2 pills out of a little bottle and drank them with water, saying, My stomach can't stand slices like that without soda minis, ware did I leave my hat?

Wich Mr. Boggs, we haven't had a chance to talk business yet, sed pop, and Mr. Boggs sed, May be we never will. And he went, and I had to go to bed early. Proving how the innocent suffer.

ing from the fuss they make over the bills it's about the only garment some husbands want their wives to wear.—Houston Post.

Describing It.

There was a look of sadness on five-year-old Elizabeth's face, and her father asked her what was the trouble. "Oh," sighed the little miss, "I've got such a headache in my stomach."

Enjoying Wretched Health.

Old Dame to visitor who has been condoling with her on a recent misfortune—"Oh, I'm very ill, I've been crying 'sin' fowr this mornin', an' I'm just gawn to start soon as soon's I've sippit this bicker of parritch.—Punch.

She Let the Cat Out.

Little Eleanor gazed long and thoughtfully at the young man who was calling on her grown-up sister Kate. "May I climb up on your knee, Mr. Greene?"

"Yes, of course, dear!" smiled the young man who wanted to make a hit with the family. "Want to pull my hair—eh?"

"No; I want to see if I can find that word." "What? What word?" asked the puzzled visitor.

"I heard our Kate say this morning that if ever a man had the word 'idiot' written all over his face, it was you."

Why They Stayed?

Robbers who stole from local churches Sunday morning seem at least to have remained long enough in the sacred edifices to pray.

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