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SIR THOMAS WHITE'S SPEECH.

In the course of his masterly address in Parliament, yesterday afternoon, Sir Thomas White effectively shattered the remnants of any pretensions the Opposition may feel they have to represent the sentiment of the country. In view of the fact that the Government has still three years of its present lease of power to run, and with every certainty of its having a substantial majority in today's anticipated division, his suggestion that Mr. King had made a mistake in being in too much of a hurry will no doubt not fail to be appreciated by that gentleman before he is much older.

Sir Thomas scored pretty heavily when, in dealing with the Opposition taunts that the Government was disorganized as the result of the resignations of some of the ministers, he declared that it was a great tribute to the Government's strength and popularity that it could afford to lose these ministers and still stand as one of the strongest and most efficient Governments Canada ever had. He could point to Britain, to France, to Italy, among other countries, where the exigencies of conditions have caused the resignations of several of the leading ministers, with in some cases the fall of the Government also. In this country, the Government still stands just as firm as ever.

The ex-Finance Minister opens up a vista of very interesting possibilities when he forecasts the prospect of a permanent Unionist party. Such a party is by no means the unlikelyhood that certain Opposition orators are seeking to make it appear to be. There are many sound and staunch Liberals who would never subscribe to such a programme as the Opposition Leader is planning his faith to. They realize that the policy of a tariff for revenue only will never keep Canada prosperous. Canada's continued prosperity must depend very largely upon the development and success of her industries, which as yet are not sufficiently mature to exist without some measure of protection from the hordes of the competitors across the line. Sound Liberals, no less than Conservatives, are finding the old National Policy to be the policy best suited to the needs of Canadian industrial life, and they are just as interested in its maintenance unimpaired as the most rabid protectionist in the country.

The cry for unrestricted free trade is a delusion and a snare, and is founded upon an erroneous understanding of economic conditions. It is idle to point to the case of Great Britain and say that she became rich in spite of free trade, owing to other conditions of which Canada has not the advantage as yet. Free trade may succeed in Canada when this country reaches a population of 374 persons to the square mile as is the case in Britain, instead of only two persons to that area as at present. As Sir Thomas White said, the present financial situation, for which the war is solely responsible, would be aggravated if we had had free trade, by reason of the quantities of goods which would have been dumped into the country from across the line.

From the fact that Mr. A. B. Copp, of Westmorland, was put up to reply to Sir Thomas White, it is clear that the Leader of the Opposition regarded the latter's arguments as too sound for it to be of any use to make any attempt to answer them.

THE "BUY IN CANADA" SLOGAN.

Readers of the daily newspapers have no doubt noticed that the "Buy in Canada" movement is making creditable headway in various parts of the country. To such an extent has this movement made its effect felt in some districts bordering on the neighboring Republic that many American firms are accepting the Canadian dollar at its face value. Our American competitors want our trade, and they are willing to pay to get it. But, all the same, we should keep as much of our trade as we can at home for our own merchants and manufacturers.

On the face of things, why do Canadians purchase from across the line articles that can be got at home just as well? According to recent returns, we are buying about \$750,000,000 worth of goods from the United States each year. Of this amount, \$154,000,000 is for iron and steel; \$46,000,000 for wool; \$51,000,000 for coal; \$20,000,000 for meat; \$15,000,000 for hides, and \$20,000,000 for breadstuffs. Is there any substantial reason why Canada cannot be self-supporting in most, if not all, of these classes of goods? They certainly cannot be obtained from the United States more cheaply than they can here, and pay the duty as well.

We do not wish to be considered as advocating the "No truck or trade with the Yankees" cry. There is a narrowness of vision and policy about it that we do not care to endorse. At the same time there is not the slightest necessity for Canadians to do the immense volume of business with their neighbors that is done. Doubtless much that is bought from the United States cannot so conveniently be

bought anywhere else; but probably the greater part of what is imported could just as readily be produced at home. If the people of Canada must go outside their own country in search of the particular goods they seek, why not try some other parts of the Empire? The Canadian dollar is worth its face value in other British possessions at any rate.

"FOR THE DURATION OF THE WAR."

Supporters of the Opposition in Parliament are very fond of reminding us that the present Government was elected "for the duration of the war," and that war being concluded, the Government should resign. It is true that actual hostilities have long since ceased, but there is still the war's aftermath to be dealt with. This includes many problems of reconstruction, which have as yet been met only in part, and the plans of which remain in a large degree still to be worked out. Who should be better able to satisfactorily work these out than the Government which conceived them? To what other persons or party should they be committed? Surely not to the Quebec group headed by that valiant non-soldier, Mr. Mackenzie King. Nor yet to the Western free traders, whose thoughts run chiefly to the buying and selling in the open market. The Government is endeavoring to improve the country's transportation systems, and to this end has begun the work of railway nationalization. Mr. King has condemned this policy. Would it be fair to entrust him with the task of carrying into effect so important a matter, to which he has admitted he is so strongly opposed? Some tariff changes must also be made. Who would care to trust Mr. King and his followers to deal with these in a manner fair to all?

WHERE WOULD CHEAP FOOD COME FROM?

Ottawa Journal: Parliamentary spokesmen for the Agrarian movement would be more convincing if less illogical. Dr. Clark and Mr. Cramer, for example, speak of reducing the cost of living by taking the duty off food. The logical deduction from such a contention is that somewhere outside Canada there is cheap food which Canadians could buy to lessen the cost of living but which a nefarious tariff makes it costly or impossible for them to import. But where could this cheap food be bought? Not in the United States; for our neighbors are just as burdened by dear food as we are. Not in England; for the cost of living in "Free Trade England" is even higher than here. Where, then, would this cheap food come from? From France? From Belgium? From Germany or starving Austria?

The truth is—no one knows it better than Dr. Clark and Mr. Cramer—that if all duties were abolished root and branch tomorrow it would not make one particle of difference in the cost of living; the simple reason being that there is no cheap food anywhere to buy.

Montreal Gazette: Senator Keeney's proposal that the United States should buy the Bermudas has excited even more indignation in the breasts of the Islanders than the suggestion by Lord Rothermere that the United Kingdom sell the West Indies to help pay the war debt. Neither proposal is within the realm of reason.

The United States Treasury Department has decided that gambling winnings are to be included in income returns, but that gambling losses are not to be deducted. This is carrying the "Hedge I win, tails you lose" principle a little too far.

In presenting his army estimates, Hon. Winston Churchill, Secretary for War, took occasion to sneer at "pious America." In the Canadian Commons on Tuesday, Mr. McKenzie, of lamp in the window fame, retorted to "that most holy place, New York." Uncle Sam's house certainly is getting kicked around for some reason or other.

Mr. A. B. Copp probably had no intention of paying Sir Thomas White any compliment when he said that every time the Government faced a crisis, Sir Thomas was hurried down from Toronto to speak in its defence. One can hardly imagine any Government calling for Mr. Copp's help in similar circumstances.

Italy is asking why President Wilson is seeking to impose his wishes upon Europe when he is not able to impose it upon his own household. This enquiry should be referred to the question column of any Woman's Page.

Mr. F. W. Michael, M. P., of Madawaska, says that his electors are entitled to voice their opinions as to who shall represent them in Parliament. Well, they chose him. Is he not satisfied, or does he think they made a mistake?

WHAT THEY SAY

Canada a Sovereign Power.

(Montreal Free Press.)
 We are told that "America is debating her course, before long she will decide." If the League of Nations is part of her decision it has a peculiar interest for Canada, but the League of Nations would have little interest for Canada if the reservation were accepted. We have our national status, we have proved our nation and our manhood; we intend to be a nation and a sovereign power, subscribing to the League of Nations as we do at present, but outside the League of Nations if such modifications as the League reservation proposes ever become, by evil chance, a part of its constitution.

A Clear Distinction.

(Toronto Globe.)
 It is well that Mr. Justice Galt draws this clear distinction between the advocacy of change by violence and of reform by agitation within the constitution. Any citizen has the right to dissent from every law upon the statute books, from that under which the King of Hanover and his descendants were declared the rightful sovereigns of the United Kingdom down to the latest legislation concerning the liquor license law, and to speak and write in favor of the repeal of such laws so long as he does not advise those to whom he speaks or writes to overturn the government by force of arms.

Australia's N. P.

(Galt Reporter.)
 As a result largely of tariff protection supplemented by the additional protection provided by war conditions, the Australian confectionery industry has shown remarkable development, and there is keen domestic competition, which is an assurance of reasonable prices. At a recent hearing of the Royal Commission in Melbourne, inquiring into the sugar industry, Mr. M. Robertson, manufacturing confectioner, testified that he had spent \$100,000 in buildings and plant in the last three years. Similar action on a smaller scale, he said, had been taken by manufacturers in other States. The Association of Australian confectioners estimates that within twelve months the local industry will be supplying the local demand. As a result of the growth of local manufacturing, imports of confectionery to Australia have fallen off sharply.

A BIT OF VERSE

SOME DAY.

(London Daily Mail.)
 Courage, brave heart, for though the cost of raiment,
 Even a ditto suit of homely tweed,
 Be far beyond your humble powers of
 The wind is tempered to the shorn
 lamb's need.
 Though tailors' bills grow noticeably
 steeper,
 Fate does the profiteer's unholy
 way,
 And hope proclaims that clothing may
 be cheaper
 Some day!

What though at eve, your daily labor
 ended,
 Weary with bodily or mental strain,
 Your last poor energies must be expended
 In fighting for a place within the train?
 Even amid the racing motor's danger
 Remember as you wildly lurch and
 sway,
 That what may be a strap for every
 hanger
 Some day!

And taxes, it may be, shall yet be
 lighter,
 Though nought be left by them to
 tax at all,
 And hopes of peace on earth be some-
 what brighter,
 And Bolshevikism totter to its fall,
 Our leaders' pledges may be honored
 duly,
 Ah! when that time arrives it will be
 "Some day!"

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EGGS.

Every bird used to be a egg, especially chickens. When you eat a chicken you don't generally stop to think it used to be a egg once and would be still if it hadn't of bin hatched, and when you eat a egg you don't generally stop to think how it would look if its mother had sat on it all she wanted to.

If you hold a hole raw egg in your hand it will just stay there perfectly still, but if you suddenly let it all of a sudden crack it in half it will do just the opposite.

Hens lay eggs just for the pleasure of doing it and not for the pleasure of thinking how much enjoyment somebody will get out of it at breakfast. When a hen lays a egg it goes around cackling as if it has just did something that hardly anybody else could do, with it has. Roosters can't lay eggs and properly don't want to.

By just looking at a egg before it is hatched you can't tell whether the chicken will grow up to be a hen or a rooster, and after it is hatched you can't even tell by just looking at the chicken. This proves that nature is mysterious.

The most popular time for eggs is breakfast, people eating either one or two depending on how expensive they are. Eggs look prettiest fried and most natural soft boiled and most unnatural scrambled.

A egg can hardly ever be dropped without losing its shape.

The bigger a bird is, the bigger the size of a egg it will lay. If chickens wasn't discovered yet and children was supposed to eat a ostrich egg with a tea spoon for breakfast, they would properly all be late for school every morning.

A BIT OF FUN

A Trying Job.

"One of my New Year's resolutions was to be home every night at ten."
 "Are you keeping it?"
 "Y-yes. It's kinda late to be starting out for the evening, though."

With an "If."

"Mr. Higgins has a high opinion of himself."
 "Yes," said Miss Cayenne, "if he could compel everybody to take him at his own valuation he'd be terrible profane."

Too Bad.

"A woman came into the hospital the other day and was so cross-eyed that the tears ran down her back."
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