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THE WHEEL THAT CREAKS THE LOUDEST

Our Conservative friends who regard trade with the United States as dangerous and disloyal ought to be appalled by the increase in that direction. Last year our trade with Great Britain increased by \$18,342,157; but our trade with the United States last year increased by \$65,522,340.

It is the vain dream of Canadian protectionists that they are going to build up in Canada a policy like the Chinese wall, in the form of a tariff "as high as Haman's gallowes," and high enough to prevent a great deal of this trade with the United States.

The figures just quoted should indicate even to the maddest of the spokesmen for the "interests" how little there is for the success of the policy they advocate.

"The wheel that creaks the loudest is the wheel that gets the greatest." said Mr. P. W. Ellis at a meeting of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association some time ago.

No one has expressed so pitifully the manner in which these gentlemen organize for the purpose of compelling the government to raise the tariff and give them a still greater hold upon the Canadian consumer.

Sometimes they do quarrel among themselves as to which wheel needs the grease most, but the industry that is most powerful and that makes the biggest noise generally secures assistance first.

However, the protectionist sky at present is not without clouds. That which is considered recently in Saskatchewan was considerably bigger than a man's hand, and there are newspapers, even Conservative newspapers, which believe that cloud presently will darken the whole sky.

Here, for example, in the Conservative Kingston Standard, which checks the more devoted protectionist organs by the following deliverance:

"The West—and it is a great growing section and will in the next election be entitled to a larger representation in Parliament than now—must have larger and freer markets. Its very life depends upon that. It must grow and it will grow—and it will not be content to be held in leading strings for all time.

"Wise statesmen will take heed of these things. Reciprocity may be dead as the Conservatives say, or it may not be, as the Liberals say. All the Standard cares to say is that wider and larger markets and the fight for them are not dead and never will be dead. Trade cannot for long be forced in artificial channels."

Great Britain has steadily refused to tax the food of its people. In the United States the great issue in politics today is the popular demand for tariff reform.

In Great Britain tariff reform means the introduction of protection. In the United States it means the downward peroration of the tariff, the removal of tariff duties from natural products and such articles as are controlled by combinations in restraint of trade with the effect of enhancing unduly prices to the consumer.

If the Conservative party is wise it will avoid sectional agitation in Canada. No good citizen desires to see the West arrayed against the East. The interests of the people east of the lakes is not different, but identical with, that of those west of the lakes.

The people of the prairie provinces will not tolerate any policy which punishes them for the profit of one class in the East. The agricultural population in Eastern Canada will not tolerate high protection in Canada at a time when the tendency in Canada and elsewhere among the people who pay the taxes is toward lower tariffs and toward the freedom of natural products and food from taxation of any sort.

Canada, both East and West, is bound to be a great manufacturing country. There is no desire among any numerous class anywhere in the country to treat the manufacturers unfairly.

But should Mr. Borden yield to the demand for more protection, or should he fail to grant relief in those cases where it has been shown that a lower tariff is necessary, farmers, East and West, and the great mass of Canadian consumers, will deal with Mr. Borden and with the interests to whom he has shown subservience.

"This inquiry will meet a great want and serve a great purpose. We are all agreed as to the evil—that the English land system, the last of its nature left in Western Europe, is draining the life-blood of the country. Look at the empty countryside—at the crowded emigrant ships—at the deserted villages, and the congested towns. The facts are writ so large that he who runs may read. But when we come to remedying these many schools of reform, as dogmatic and as quarrelsome as the religious sects. Those schools want light and leadership. Their forces must be concentrated and combined in one great sweeping movement. Only in that way shall we achieve our great end—the reconquest of England for the people of England."

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Roughly speaking, it may be said that Sir Gilbert Parker's plan is to buy out the great landlords, while the Liberal policy is to tax land values for the benefit of the whole population on a scale that is bound to result in the division of many large holdings into small farms which would be available for peasant proprietors. While the parties differ as to the method that should be employed to reach the end they desire, both agree that the time has come when England cannot afford to permit hundreds of thousands of acres to be devoted to sport and other unproductive uses. It is argued in some quarters that the efforts at land reform smack of confiscation and of Socialism, but both Liberals and Unionists deny that their plans will involve either, and back of the whole movement is the conviction that the greatest good of the greatest number must become a more active sentiment in practice as well as in theory.

SENATOR LODGE AND THE CANAL

Canada's old acquaintance, Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, who was a member of the famous Alaska Boundary Tribunal, now comes forward with some peculiar reasoning in connection with the Panama Canal.

With respect to arbitration Senator Lodge said in Washington on Wednesday: "There is little doubt what the result of the matter would be should the question be submitted to the Hague."

"Don't you think we would lose?" asked Senator Smith of Georgia. "Unquestionably," Mr. Lodge replied.

Evidently, then, Senator Lodge believes The Hague tribunal is a body that would not weigh the evidence impartially, or he believes the case of the United States is so bad that to submit it to arbitration would be to invite an adverse decision.

Either horn of the dilemma is awkward enough. Senator Lodge says that if the United States decides to exempt its own shipping from canal tolls Great Britain and other countries could remit to their merchant ships every dollar of tolls paid by such ships for passage of the canal. So they could, of course; but that is not the question. The question raised by the bill under discussion at Washington is whether or not the United States, under the Hay-Panama treaty, is free to treat its own ships in any way different from the way in which it treats those of other nations.

Mr. Lodge says indignantly that "the only power that is trammelled, restricted, and curtailed in the performance of its duties is its own citizenship is the one that has spent \$400,000,000 in the construction of this great enterprise."

But, according to the British interpretation of the treaty, Britain clearly would retain certain rights some years ago for the express purpose of having it provided that, if the United States constructed the canal, the shipping of all nations should receive equal treatment. So that Senator Lodge is attempting to go behind the returns. He says, further, that the whole trouble lies with Canada, which fears that Canadian traffic will go through American ports if American ships are given free passage through the canal. Once more, that is not the question. What The Hague tribunal would be asked to decide would be whether the United States, under the treaty, is free to introduce and perpetuate the discrimination proposed by the legislation now under review at Washington.

Senator Lodge appears to hold the treaty obligations rather lightly, and his admission that The Hague tribunal would be certain to decide against the United States is a somewhat startling admission from the American standpoint.

DAYLIGHT SAVING Men speak fondly of the beauty of the summer mornings at sunrise, and just before and after, but instead of enjoying the beauty and the health-giving qualities of the early daylight they remain in bed, and confine their daylight-saving experience to more or less idle conversation about the matter.

Recently an Ontario town—Orillia—tempted an experiment in the matter of daylight-saving. After some agitation on the subject the Mayor, having found that the leading business people were agreeable, issued a proclamation as a result of which all the clocks in town were put forward one hour on June 22. This meant that those who had been getting up at six o'clock under the old arrangement, rose at five under the new, and would stop work or business an hour sooner in the afternoon. The experiment should have been a great success, but it wasn't. On July 7 the Mayor issued another proclamation, simply requesting the people to set their clocks as of old.

The trouble was that the very people who would have profited most by the change refused to give it a fair trial. A large number of men employed in industries in the town declined to start work an hour earlier, and without their co-operation the new plan could not succeed. Mechanics and clerks would have discovered in a week or two that the extra hour of sunshine every day could have been enjoyed without any real sacrifice whatever, but some of them were unable to overcome the ancient prejudice against early rising, not being able to understand that by the simple arrangement they were getting what would have realized that they were getting up earlier than usual.

The daylight-saving plan has so much common-sense in its favor that ultimately it surely will be adopted throughout the British Isles, the United States, and Canada. If the British Parliament should introduce the scheme it is likely that Canada would quickly fall into line, and a reasonably extended trial of the arrangement would suffice to render it universally popular. As one advocate of the scheme says: "To pay the price of a lifetime of loss of an hour's sunshine every day for lack of trying a change for a couple of weeks does not look like common sense, does it?"

A STILL MORE RADICAL LAND POLICY

Mr. Lloyd George is going to lead the Liberal party forward another long step in the matter of land reform. There was a breakfast party at his house a short time ago at which the subject discussed was reform of the land laws of England and Scotland, and after breakfast a committee was appointed to secure complete information and prepare a policy for the Liberal party. As a result of that breakfast the British Weekly says: "There is an unmistakable thrill in the air. We are on the eve of a new departure."

There is no more troublesome question in Great Britain, and in some other places, than this of the land. But let no one suppose that the English Liberals are going to stand still because the matter is difficult, and, in some respects, dangerous. This we find in the Daily News, some exceedingly plain testimony from Mr. Harold Spender: "This inquiry will meet a great want and serve a great purpose. We are all agreed as to the evil—that the English land system, the last of its nature left in Western Europe, is draining the life-blood of the country. Look at the empty countryside—at the crowded emigrant ships—at the deserted villages, and the congested towns. The facts are writ so large that he who runs may read. But when we come to remedying these many schools of reform, as dogmatic and as quarrelsome as the religious sects. Those schools want light and leadership. Their forces must be concentrated and combined in one great sweeping movement. Only in that way shall we achieve our great end—the reconquest of England for the people of England."

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Among the prisoners was a delightful young person named Gladys Evans. When this young woman was searched by the police they found that she had in her possession the following articles: One bag of gunpowder, a part of the theatre carpet saturated with petrol, a basket full of lighters, apparently to be used in setting fires quickly in different places, and three bottles of benzene. Another prisoner, Mary Leigh, proudly exhibited that it was she who hurled the hatchet at Mr. Asquith's carriage. This Mrs. Leigh has been convicted eight times for breaking windows, and in November last was sent to jail for two months without the option of a fine, and warned that if she were again convicted she would be sent to jail for a term at hard labor.

Yesterday's London despatches announce that a very powerful organization of suffragists is now denouncing the tactics of the militant wing of the suffragettes, and declaring that violence has greatly injured the cause of women and is constantly alienating public sympathy. It may be that this latest incidence of the hatchet and the gunpowder, amounting to attempted murder and incendiarism, may result in the dropping of the so-called "militant" methods. If women will insist upon conduct of that sort, and are sentenced to jail and hard labor as a result, it will be very difficult to excite much sympathy for the prisoners who merited such punishment after repeated warnings.

Women who use explosives and inflammables in a crowded theatre, whatever their object, are pretty certain to be treated either as dangerous lunatics or as criminals who must be suppressed at any hazard.

SEEKING INFORMATION

Professor Adam Shortt, of the Civil Service Commission, is now in the West making enquiries in regard to the emigration subjects to investigate which Mr. Robert Grigg, Commissioner of Customs, came to St. John the other day. Mr. Grigg and Professor Shortt will compare notes in Ottawa in a week or two, and will make a report to the Minister of Trade and Commerce not later than September 15. It is probable that the policy of keeping trade commissions in other countries will be continued by the Borden government if Mr. Grigg and Professor Shortt find that business men generally believe the trade commissioners are proving useful, which is likely to be the case. By using their consular service the Americans have succeeded in greatly improving their foreign trade, and as Canada is constantly expanding as an exporter both of natural products and of manufactures, it is important that her business men should have frequent and accurate information as to the opportunities provided by the markets in Great Britain, France, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand, the West Indies, South America and, of course, the United States.

In an order in council passed on June 15 last, and published in the Canada Gazette, the Minister of Trade and Commerce outlined the work to which Mr. Grigg and Professor Shortt were subsequently assigned, together with Mr. E. H. Godfrey, of the Census and Statistics branch, W. A. Warne of the Trade and Commerce Department, R. H. Costes of the Department of Labor, and John R. K. Bristol of the Department of Customs. Here follows a portion of the order in council, defining the work to be done: "The minister states that some statistical work is being more or less effectively performed in several departments of the government along the lines of external trade interchanges, crop reports, railways, canal and labor statistics, the wholesale price of commodities, etc., but that in some respects duplication of effort and diversity of results are apparent.

"That the several provinces are more or less engaged in the collection of statistical information relating to provincial conditions and development, and in some instances these duplicate the work done by the Dominion departments, and in others afford valuable assistance to work that would be contemplated in any complete system of general statistics; that a measure of co-operation and collaboration, which would avoid duplication of results and combine the efforts of both provincial and Dominion authorities in the production of reliable and complete statistical information, is in the highest degree desirable, and could be effected in this way with the greatest economy.

"The minister considers that Canada needs a modern and up to date system for collecting and publishing comprehensive and reliable statistics of the production and distribution of commodities in Canada, the volumes, values, and points of origin, and points of destination of imports and exports, the cost of transport, both inside and outside Canada, with such information as can be obtained as to cost of labor and prices of commodities at home and abroad, and that this can best be obtained through a central and co-ordinated branch of the service. Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba have all been enlarged since they entered the Confederation.

Lloyd George's plan for increased land taxes is being discussed all over the English-speaking world. The conservative Boston Transcript says that while the Chancellor's plan is denounced severely by the

BORDEN NOT EASY ON NAVAL POLICY

LEFT CRUTCHES AT THE SHRINE OF ST. ANNE Miraculous Cures as Result of Pilgrimage Under Direction of Rev. Father Savage—Local People Return. Attached to the Halifax express which arrived in the city twenty minutes late last evening, were two special cars having on board many who took in the annual pilgrimage to St. Anne de Beaupre, Quebec. The Point du Chene express, which arrived at 6.30, also brought to the city a large crowd of pilgrims. These returning described the pilgrimage as being one of the most successful ever held. Several thousands from different points throughout the maritime provinces were in attendance and they all had the pleasure of seeing at least four miraculous cures effected. One was the case of a little