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God's in His heaven,

All's right with the world.

—Browning.

The ringsters are knocked out of the

ring.

Free corn will bring grist to the

mills.

Whisky can stand the load: it is

strong.

It is calculated to make Dingley

Bill-lous.

The new tariff is along the lines of

British fair play.

The binder twine monopoly has come

to the end of its rope.

Burdens have been taken off pro-

ducers and consumers alike.

Now let Sir Charles rage, and Mr.

Foster imagine vain things.

For the first time in nearly twenty

years the farmer gets a fair show.

Sultors who mean business are

barely notified that Canada is willin'.

One of the sweetest things about the

new tariff is the reduction on sugar.

The mother country was never

prouder of her fair and filial daughter.

Congress should take the new Cana-

dian tariff into its serious consid-

eration.

Canada's policy is to do unto other

countries as she would they should do

unto her.

Freer raw material to iron manu-

facturers. That is better than raising

the taxes on their customers.

The duty on books has been lowered.

That is natural: the new tariff shows

much more intelligence than the old.

Nations that want to trade with

Canada will now receive the glad hand.

Formerly they got the marble heart.

The Kingston News sees a victory

for Conservative principles in the Nova

Scotia elections. Then everybody must

be satisfied.

The better the day, the better the

deed. Canada's new policy in Great

Britain's favor went into effect on St.

George's Day.

Now that the air is cleared of the

fog of uncertainty, let the business

interests trim their sails to catch the

rising breezes of prosperity.

Mr. Foster expresses concern about

taxing the poor man's whisky. Mr.

Foster once argued that the poor man

shouldn't have any whisky.

Within a year 1,500 liquor saloons

have been closed in Chicago, and still

they seem to have an abundance of

drinking places in that wild Western

business center.

Sir Charles Tupper was the first to

protest against the preferential tariff

in Great Britain's favor. He declared

it would be non-effective: the wish was

father to the thought.

Captain Mahan, of the United States

navy, has so tickled British pride by

his writings that if he would only

change his allegiance he might be a

ruiner of the Queen's navy.

Under the late Government, Cayuga

village, with less than 1,000 people, was

given an expensive public building,

while Woodstock, with over 6,000, was

told it might whistle for one. Little

wonder that the Woodstockians resent

the discrimination.

Disaster to one section of the hu-

man race generally adds to the pros-

perity of some other section. In South

Africa, where bullocks were the chief

agencies for carrying freight, the rind-

erpest recently played great havoc

among the stock. Now we hear of a

new market for British traction en-

gines arising out of the shortage of

bullock power. With better roads the

use of the traction engine both on the

Dark Continent and on this could be

much extended.

Mayor Robertson, of St. John, N. B.,

has just been re-elected for a fourth

term. Some mayors can continue in

office as long as they consent to serve

their fellow citizens. What the people

need and appreciate is the application

of business principles to civic manage-

ment.

In 1894, only one Democrat was elected

to the Legislature of Michigan.

When he met in caucus, he was puzzled

how to assign the offices of chair-

man, secretary, and general kicker.

The Nova Scotia Conservatives, with

their leader defeated, and their ranks

almost blotted out, are in nearly as

bad a plight. Yet they had a Tupper

to boss the campaign!

The New Tariff.

The new tariff has been, on the

whole, favorably received by the coun-

try.

The revision realizes, as much as

possible, the desideratum, a maximum

amount of relief with a minimum am-

ount of disturbance. The tax burdens

which lay on the mass of the people so

heavily, have been fairly adjusted so as

to fall as much on luxuries—and as lit-

tle on necessities—as the business con-

ditions of the country and the require-

ments of the revenue will allow. The

new tariff is constructive, and not de-

structive; reform, and not revolution,

has been the principle of its framers.

While the manufacturing industries

have received the fairest consideration,

and have, in fact, been put upon a

more solid basis, the agricultural in-

terests, which are the backbone of the

country, have not been overlooked. The

farmer can best be helped by lightening

his burdens. Under the Liberal tariff he

will get cheaper clothing, cheaper im-

plements, cheaper sugar, cheaper coal,

cheaper binder twine, cheaper barbed-

wire, and cheaper necessities of al-

most every kind.

The Liberal party adheres to its po-

lity of reciprocity, and Canada makes

a standing offer to all who are willing

to trade with her on fair and equal

terms. Whenever our neighbors to the

south feel disposed to offer conditions

under which business can be profitably

exchanged, they will find the Dominion

ready to accord them a friendly hearing.

Meantime, we look for a great in-

crease in trade between Great Britain

and Canada.

A Reminiscence of a Former

New Tariff and Its Ap-

plication to the New

Tax List.

The Opposition politicians and news-

papers show a disposition to kick

about the new tariff. It is, of course,

the privilege of the Opposition to

grumble about anything and every-

thing that the Government of the day

may do. That the present Opposition

in Ottawa sometimes over does it,

however, has already been shown dur-

ing the present session, when, in dis-

cussing the new election law, its mem-

bers repudiated the declarations of Sir

John Thompson in favor of the Pro-

vincial lists, though when the late

Premier brought in his measure they

tacitly indorsed them. There is good

reason for the belief that Sir Charles

Tupper would find fault with any leg-

islation, financial or general, which he

did not himself initiate.

In the present House of Commons

there are men who were members

away back in the seventies, when the

Government of Hon. Alex. Mackenzie

brought in a budget. At that time Sir

Charles believed that it was the inten-

tion of the Government to raise the

tax rate from 17½ to 20 per cent, but

owing to the world wide depression,

which also affected Canada, Mr. Mac-

kenzie and his friends did not deem it

to be wise to increase the taxation of

the people. When the declaration was

made, so contrary to the anticipations

of the Conservative leader, Sir Charles

was dumfounded. The Minister of

Finance completed his statement at

5:15 p. m., and though the usual hour

for adjournment was 6 o'clock, and

never before had the voluble Opposi-

tion leader acted in a similar man-

ner, he rose and asked the Govern-

ment to call it six o'clock. The ex-

planation was that he had prepared a

speech of denunciation of the Admin-

istration for raising the taxes of the

people in a time of depression, and his

usually overflowing vocabulary had to

be reorganized so that the condemna-

tion could be turned on the Govern-

ment for not raising the taxes, and

providing "protection!"

It was too sharp a turn for even Sir

Charles to take without some prepara-

tion!

The incident illustrates the difficul-

ties of Opposition critics when brought

face to face with an unexpected situa-

tion.

We all know how easy it is to scold.

But what the sensible man, when-

ever he be a professional politician

like a Tupper or a Foster, or an

ordinary taxpaying citizen, must con-

sider, is whether the Finance Min-

ister of the day has made the most

of his opportunities, and has honestly

striven to make a tariff that is in the

best interests of the whole people.

Let it not be forgotten that the con-

ditions under which the Finance Min-

ister compiled the new tariff were

changed from what they were, even

six months ago.

The moral, indeed, is that no matter

how the Finance Minister had resolv-

ed to raise the revenue rendered nec-

essary to pay interest on the public

debt, provide for needed public im-

provements, and economically manage

public affairs, there would have been

just as much grumbling by his politi-

cal opponents. Individuals whose pri-

vileges have been curtailed or who have

not been granted favors petitioned

for, are not always easily reconciled

to the wisdom of the course pursued

by the Finance Minister.

Common people like ourselves can

see no advantage in unreasonable

grumbling over the policy of the new

Administration. What we are all

after is improved trade, more oppor-

tunities for employing labor and cap-

ital, a speedy large increase in the

population of our Northwest Terri-

tories. The Opposition poor mouth,

put on often with little or no excuse,

but aids to postpone the full realiza-

tion of our undoubtedly splendid op-

portunities as a nation.

The new tariff is law; let us all

make the most of the conditions.

Why Canadian Cheese Keeps

Ahead.

An important report on the cheese in-

dustry in New York State has recently

been issued by the United States De-

partment of Agriculture. It is argued

in this official document that if it were

not for the United States duty on for-

eign cheese the Canadian product would

surely invade the neighboring republic,

and there is no doubt truth in that

statement, for no better cheese is man-

ufactured anywhere than is marketed

by the dairymen of the Dominion.

The writer next says that the United

States duty on cheese causes the

Canadians to seek their markets in

Great Britain and elsewhere. It is

true that the Dominion now supplies

the motherland with a very large pro-

portion of her foreign cheese supply,

and the United States expert from

whose report we quote is quite right

when he says that in order to make

and hold their market most success-

fully, our cheesemakers have their

product hedged about with every re-

striction that will prove a guarantee

of its genuineness. Our laws are framed

with express reference to this guaran-

tee, and the buyer is thus positively

assured not only that Canadian cheese

contains all the essential parts of the

milk, but that it does not contain any

foreign substance whatever. This

United States authority concedes that

this legal requirement gives confidence

in the cheese abroad, and causes it to

be sought in preference to stock from

the neighboring country, of which so

much has been adulterated that it is

all looked upon with suspicion. One

State, it is pointed out, has one law

on the subject, and another State has

another law, while still another has

none at all. The report recommends

the passage of a national law on the

subject of cheese manufacture which

will affect the product of the whole

country alike, so that it may be on

the same footing as the cheese indus-

try of Canada, which is conceded to

be in a most enviable position.

It is reassuring to have it confessed

by so high an authority as the United

States Department of Agriculture that

the Canadian cheese industry is being

carried on under conditions so thor-

oughly beneficial to the dairymen of

the country. Our cheese producers have