

HENRY GEORGE AND HIS CHAMPION

Editor World: What can we expect to learn, on a purely business question, from a writer holding such narrow views on laborational trade as those promulgated by Henry George? Where is our salvation to come from if we cannot treat a business question from a purely business standpoint? The laws of trade are just as steadfast as are the physical laws or those governing the universe. To attempt to correct the present humiliating condition of trade, into which we have been brought through ignorance of the laws governing trade by a lecture on ethics, is absurd.

A certain correspondent of the Globe, "W. B." would not be so ready to champion Mr. George if he understood business. "W. B." in one of his letters says: "When I go to town I hear both clericals and laymen discussing the (Mr. George's) position. Yesterday a friend said to me: Mr. George was doing first rate, and so far had made no false argument. I would like 'W. B.' or his friend to point out to your readers wherein consists the soundness of Mr. George's following arguments in support of his ridiculous idea, 'that a country increases its wealth by imposing more than it exports.' Mr. George in the Globe of Oct. 20 says: 'Would we not think even a dog had lost his senses who should wag his tail when a bone was taken from him?' Does Mr. George place his readers on a level with the dog, or consider himself 'W. B.' and, therefore, incapable of detecting the errors in his arguments? I suppose it will be news to 'W. B.' that the dog would not wag his tail when a bone is not possessed of those faculties that make man a responsible being, and for that reason the dog might not look upon honor as a virtue. The dog not being held responsible for the payment of the bone, would be rather foolish and devoid of sense if he should wag and snarl when given a bone. What a pity it is for us that our foreign creditors do not look upon us as dogs. Mr. George is just as unfortunate in his Robinson Crusoe illustration. Does he suppose that this American protectionist who he sends out to Robinson Crusoe with merchandise he is likely to sell to Robinson Crusoe more merchandise than Mr. Crusoe will be able to pay for? I fancy the American protectionist or any other business man would make the payment of the merchandise he sold, as sure as he possibly could; and would not be satisfied with the fact that he would not be satisfied until he had received the cash or, if he might say the facilities for transacting business, to pay for these large excesses of imports?

Some people think because England imports more than she exports, that we should do the same. They don't consider that England is the banker or money lender for the rest of the world, and is receiving more gold in the shape of interest on loans than counterbalances what she has to pay for the excess of her imports. There is no reason in arguing about the "Balance of Trade" regardless of the cash account. What would be thought of a bookkeeper who should make a balance sheet without including the cash account? To direct the attention of the business man to the ability of Mr. George to handle the subject he has undertaken to write, I send them to read the following sentences from his pen: "Money plays no part in international trade and the world has yet to reach that stage of civilization which will give us an international money."

This sentence is sufficient to convince any thinking man of Mr. George's incapacity to teach business. COMMON SENSE. Toronto, Dec. 18.

Editor World: At this season one is fairly surprised at the stupidity of our railway companies. They all sell money. It costs them no more to draw a full car of people than a car half full. And yet they lack the broad deep sense required to make a big thing. Why don't they sell a Christmas excursion ticket at one fare, 25c to Monday, January 4, and on all intermediate days? The small-sized, cheap-rate policy advertised in the Toronto papers is an indication of unwarmed policy that English and American railroads have dropped years ago.

It is not a man who travels, they aggravate him with a logarithm or a problem in Euclid, or an arithmetical puzzle that only drives him mad, and he won't travel at all, or at any price. I don't know D. Mc-Nicholl, G. P. A., but he wants deepening and broadening and filling up with the courage to attract travel. His compounded enigmas about round trip tickets has decided me to stay at home.

Question for Mr. Howland. Editor World: I observe by the papers that Mr. Howland continues to boast that the never had any politics. Why, then, did he go to Niagara a few years ago to vote against the reform candidate for the house of commons? If his motive was not political what was it?

Shane-an-Lawa Next Week. Mr. J. W. Scanlan will be at the Grand Opera house all next week (Christmas). Mr. Scanlan will open in his new play, Shane-an-Lawa, in which he has already met with great success in the United States. The story of the play is as follows: Squire Redmond, a wealthy landlord, and John Power, a well-to-do farmer, were rivals for the hand of the same girl, and the Squire was the successful suitor. When the play opens each has been married long and the Squire has a daughter, Rose, who is in love with Gerard Power, the farmer's son. On account of the parents' jealousy, they were obliged to conceal their love. Mat Kivwin, the villain of the play, learns of their love and informs the Squire. The Squire and his son, Harry, determine to stop the love making at any cost, and an exciting scene follows where Harry Redmond attempts to shoot Gerard Power. Kivwin tries to persuade the Squire to buy young Power off. The Squire mentions the fact that he expects his agent, Dillon, with 21000. With an accomplice, Kivwin attacks and robs the agent and puts the pocketbook in young Power's pocket. Shane subsequently obtained proof of Kivwin's part in the transaction and all turn out happy.

During the week will be also produced Fred Marsden's romantic drama, The Irish Mistake, which is a pretty little love story—happily destitute of all those forced Boucicaultian stock in trade, but the loss is amply compensated by fresh Corns' originality and a social New York. Shell oysters a specialty. F. W. MOSSOP, Prop.

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