

What Canadian Editors Think

PROTECTION IS FUNDAMENTAL.

(Toronto News.)

WHEN we have read all the lecturing and hectoring of the doctrinaires and the academicians it is still true that, situated as we are alongside the United States, we must afford a substantial protection to capital invested in Canadian industries and guarantee adequate wages to labour. Otherwise we will drive thousands of our young men over to the American industrial centres, check the growth of population in a multitude of towns and villages, reduce the output of many of the factories in Toronto, Montreal and other populous centres, impair the local markets of the farming communities, and make older Canada a dumping ground for the excess productions of American manufacturers and Western Canada an industrial dependency of the United States. This is the policy which commends itself to the great mass of Canadians regardless of political opinions or party connections and which, if Canadian manufacturers give due attention to the Western market and in conjunction with the transportation companies supply goods of Canadian production to the Western settlers in fair competition with their rivals in the United States, will be as strongly supported on the prairie as in the industrial hives of Eastern Canada.

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SOLDIER ON AIRSHIPS.

(St. John Telegraph.)

MAJOR BADEN-POWELL, who urges the British Government to grant \$500,000 for airship research and construction, is a soldier of high reputation and an aeronaut as well. He employs language now which, had it been used twenty years ago, would have caused him to be regarded as crack-brained. To-day, in the light of recent experiments, he is seen to be dealing in truth that is stranger than fiction. "The one fact to be impressed upon our legislators," he says, "is this: The power which has the speediest and best equipped fleet of aerial cruisers will possess an immense advantage over any country which has lagged behind in the conquest of the air. What this great revolution means is this, so far as we are concerned, although the fact is insufficiently realised: In time of war we should no longer be an island, and our mighty fleet would cease to be our first line of defence. A dozen great Dreadnoughts would be helpless when faced with the task of repelling a swift fleet of foreign airships sailing high above the earth. In the near future, too, machine guns of light construction may be mounted upon these aerial ships of war, in addition to the explosives which may be carried to drop death and destruction upon an enemy."

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MR. SIFTON'S PORTRAIT.

(Seaforth Expositor.)

"As I looked at Mr. Sifton in the House, and as I listened to him speak, I have frequently wondered where or how he got his strength or popularity. He is, no doubt, an able man, but so far as any person can judge from the outside there are many men in the House outside of the Government more able than he. He is a large man, but not overly prepossessing in appearance or manner. He has not a good or an agreeable voice and his delivery is not in any way remarkable. His argument, however, is usually strong and his speeches read much better in Hansard than they sound."



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