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AN EXTREME PROTECTIONIST.

President Firstbrook of the Toronto branch of the Canadian Manufacturers Association, is an ardent exponent of the association's policy of high protection, but his enthusiasm is apt to lead him astray. This was evidenced in his annual address read a few days ago at the annual meeting in Toronto. He roundly scolded the government for not placing higher duties on manufactured goods, proving thereby to his own satisfaction, if not to that of anyone else, that industries in this prosperous country are laboring under a serious disability in being so exposed to foreign competition. He greatly deplored the fact that while our exports have in the period covered by his report increased two and one half per cent., our imports have increased by over twenty-three per cent. This he regards as a very bad sign—in one paragraph—and certainly indicates as viewed from the high protection standpoint, that the home market is not properly conserved for the home producer.

But a few sentences further along in his address, Mr. Firstbrook forgets all that he has said, and launches into untold praise of the government policy and indirectly of its effect upon Canadian industries. So rapidly can Canadian growing, says he, that the manufacturers are wholly incapable of supplying the home market. Industrial expansion has not been sufficient to keep pace with the demands of the people; all the capital available is being put into new enterprises, practically every plant in Canada is running to capacity, extensions are being made on all sides, and the home market still calls for more. The shortage in Canadian production must be supplied from elsewhere, and hence the imports continue to grow at a most gratifying rate, while the people enjoy, through moderate protection, the advantage of lowest prices coupled with industrial prosperity. It is only during the present decade that Canadians have learned something of the value of the home market. They are evidently making the most of it, as appreciated by President Firstbrook, and under a system of protection which makes life easy for the manufacturer and at the same time guards the interests of the consumer, the country is bound to prosper.

THE ALL-RED ROUTE.

Those who have, since its inception, so heartily advocated the idea of an all-red route from Britain to Australia via Canada, could not have hoped that their plan would have been carried through without opposition from some quarters. Hence the adverse report of the Imperial cabinet committee appears only as a temporary difficulty which in due time will be overcome. It could not reasonably be expected that free trade England would unhesitatingly endorse a scheme which Sir Wilfrid Laurier fittingly described as an alternative for Imperial preference, but while the effect of the establishment of such a service as is proposed would undoubtedly provide something in the way of such preference, the arguments usually pointed against a change in the tariff policy cannot be fairly used in opposition to an improved transportation service. England is glad enough to reap the benefits extended under the Canadian preferential tariff, but is painfully averse to granting any such privileges in return, as is evidenced by the action of the Cobden Club and the cabinet committee. Yet even the most conservative of British Liberals must be forced to realize that the projected all-red route is a proposition which will not easily be disposed of. If it is to be regarded as the first violation of a free trade policy, then England must be prepared for such a surprise, for Imperial sentiment is stronger than insular prejudice, and the wishes of important colonies must carry weight in the councils of the nation. The demand for closer relations and greatly improved transportation between the more important parts of the empire is a live issue; the present trade is not sufficient to justify the unsubsidized establishment of lines of steamers which could in time bring through Canada that volume of traffic which the advantages of the route will eventually command. Statesmen who have so ably conducted negotiations favoring the new service with final means of carrying their contention in spite of such opposition as now arises.

WHAT IS WAR?

What is humorously described as a Chinese puzzle has been presented to the astute delegates to the Hague convention, and these wise counselors who are met to discuss war, have been unable to properly define their subject. One of the Chinese representatives, Colonel Tinghe, an army of-

feer, propounded the query, "What is War?" and after due deliberation the convention gave it up. Col. Tinghe reasons that before any body can intelligently deal with a condition it must know just what that condition is, and hence his request for a definition. By experience not wholly pleasing, he had come to the appreciation that what is really war often passes under other names. In his own career he had seen so-called pacific expeditions of occupation or for control or guarding of legations, he knew of instances in which one nation had declared war and the other had refused to fight. Could such conditions be regarded as war, or must there be actual conflict? The Colonel is as yet unanswered.

PERVENSITY OF THE MOTOR.

Out in the middle of the lake
The motor boat lies still.
Its owner vainly fumes and frets
Until he's almost ill.
He knows it can be made to go,
But wonders when it will.
Down on his knees he grabs the crank
And turns it o'er and o'er,
The handle jumps from out his grasp
And skids his knuckles sore.
The engine gives a wheezing cough
And stops, dead as before.
He gets six different kinds of oil
And lubricates each spot;
He mutters things beneath his breath
Which really he should not.
The girl who's sitting looking on
Says naught, but thinks a lot.
With preparation streaming off
He eyes the distant dock—
It's awful hot to row two miles
Along toward twelve o'clock.
He goes to test his batteries
And gets a thrilling shock.

He finally abandons hope
And lays him to the car,
But after he has pulled a mile
Decides to try once more;
He cranks her once—the blame thing
And beats it to the shore.

NEWS OF THE WORLD.

Is it news of the world that you're after?
I'm sorry to say
There is little of joy or of laughter
That's in it to-day.
Shure there's nothin' but promise o' fightin'
An' trouble ahead.
An' a glimmer o' peace shone to brighten
The gloom that I read
In the clouds that were rumblin' an' rollin'
Out yonder 'th' day,
Where Cornylius Gavin wint strollin'
Wild Kitty McCrea.

Is it news of the world ye are wishin'?'
'Tis lucky ye came.
Pur 'tis I'm in the pleasant position
To furnish that same.
Ch! the joy an' the peace that's adornin'
This country is grand!
Take this comfortin' message this mornin':
'Tis well in the land!
'Tis the news that I heard in the gloamin',
At close of the day,
Jist a whisper that came to me,
Roamin',
Wild Kitty McCrea.

Scottish folk are proverbially canny and prudent in money matters, and the following shows that the younger generation is no exception to the rule. A teacher in a Lowland school was taking mental arithmetic with a class of boys. She asked one urchin: "How much would your mother give you to buy four pounds of tea at one and six a pound?" "We've got see much at aince as that, mem."

"Never mind that. Four pounds at one and six?" "But we canna afford the one and six, mem. We always has the one and six."

"Answer the question. What would she give you to pay for four pounds of tea at one?" "Naethin', mem."

"What do you mean by 'nothing'?" "She'd na' g'te me ony bawbees. She'd tell me tae ask the man tae pit it down."

"Oh, dear! Oh, dear! But supposing she did?" "With a pitying smile came the reply: 'A' can see ye've no'er met ma mither, mem.'"

The philanthropical Fifth avenue lady was visiting a lower East End school. To test the aptness of a particularly indigent cluster of pupils she took the class in hand to question them.

"Children, which is the greatest of all virtues?" "No one answered."

"Think a little. What is it I am doing when I gave up time and pleasure to come down among you for your moral good?" "A grimy fat went up."

"Well, what am I doing, little boy?" "Buttin' in."

It was in a country tavern where a newly-arrived commercial traveller was holding forth.

KNIGHTED IN A FROCK COAT

Sir William Cremer Balked at Sword and Couldn't Wear Court Togs

LONDON, July 17.—Sir William R. Cremer, fourth of the honorificatory conferences, who was knighted on June 28, accompanied the other recipients of the King's birthday honors to Buckingham Palace today, to be formally invested by the King with his new dignity.

In accordance with custom, all except Sir William wore court dress and a sword, which is an elegant little rapier, hardly more than a toy, and of no use for warlike purposes. Surprised inquiries as to why Sir William wore ordinary clothes drew forth the explanation that the King waived compliance with ceremony in his case because his conscience forbade him to wear a weapon of any sort.

As the rules of the court would be violated by wearing court clothes without the ironmongery, Sir William had to appear in a frock coat and trousers.

"COME, PRETTY KITTY"

Incautious Newton, Mass., Man Discovered 'Twas a Skunk.

NEWTON, Mass., July 17.—When residents of Hunnewell hill had put the family cats out and locked the back doors about 10 Monday evening, preparatory to retiring for the night, two skunks sallied forth and took temporary possession of the vicinity.

"Come, pretty kitty," softly called a resident returning late from evening service, as he pursued his lonesome way up Hunnewell hill, and the best-known residential sections of Newton proper. It was because the late traveler followed this salutation with a curse that residents of the hill had a bad half-hour.

Arrayed in old clothes, several of the more courageous, tried to shoot off the two little black and white animals from a safe distance. The skunks finally took refuge in a distant field. Patrolman Desmond restored peace in the vicinity by firing two well-directed shots into the animals. The board of health took charge of the bodies and gave the sleek little "kittens" burial this morning.

As the hour of midnight struck a resident of Hunnewell hill, it is said, could have been seen to bury a slightly-worn suit of Sunday clothes in his garden plot.

ANNA GOULD'S DIVORCE IS MADE PERMANENT

PARIS, July 17.—The appeal of Count Boni Del Castellane from the decision of the court on Nov. 14, last, granting a divorce to the Countess Boni Del Castellane, formerly Miss Anna Gould of New York, was dismissed Tuesday afternoon and a final decree of divorce duly entered. Attorneys for the Count made practically no contest.

Although the Count under the law has still 60 days in which to appeal to the court of cassation upon legal grounds, the judgment of Tuesday is regarded as final, as negotiations have been practically concluded that Madame Gould is to settle with all creditors out of court.

THE ROMAN CHURCH TROUBLE.

ROME, July 17.—The first move of the Vatican against the Ultra-Liberal Catholic campaign, in which, among others, a secret international league is said to be engaged, has taken the form of a decree promulgated by the Pope to-night specifically condemning sixty-two statements taken from the writings of leading Catholic Modernist writers, whose names, however, are not given out. Among the statements condemned is one approving a total disregard of the prohibitions of the Index expurgatorius and of other Roman Catholic congregations.

The last three articles of the Syllabus setting forth the condemnations are as follows: Article 63.—The church shows herself to be incapable of guaranteeing the efficacy of evangelical morality, for she remains tightly bound to a doctrine which cannot be made to agree with modern progress.

Article 64.—The progress of science requires a reform in the conception of the Christian doctrine on the subjects of God, the creation and the revelation.

Article 65.—Modern Catholicism cannot be made to agree with science if it cannot be transformed into Catholicism that is non-dogmatic, that is to say, Protestantism, large and liberal.

The greater part of the prophecies to come down among you for your moral good? "A grimy fat went up."

"Well, what am I doing, little boy?" "Buttin' in."

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"I'll bet my case of samples," he said, "that I've got the hardest name of anybody in this room."

An old farmer in the background shifted his feet to a warmer part of the stove.

"Ye will, will ye?" he drawled. "Wal, I'll have to take ye and I'll bet \$10 against your samples that my name'll beat yours."

GIRL TEN YEARS TOO LONG IN PRISON

Sentenced to "Twenty Months" for Larceny, Clerk Wrote It "Twenty Years"—Dies Before Her Release.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., July 17.—The legislature is asked to appropriate a sum of money sufficient to pay for work accomplished in the penitentiary by Rhena Rivers, a negro girl, who died serving out a twenty year sentence, when she should have had only twenty months. The clerk of the sentencing court by mistake changed the word "months" to "years," and the young negro died just before completing the long sentence.

She was sent up from Houston county, having been convicted of grand larceny.

None were wiser regarding the length of the term until a few weeks ago, when the girl died in the penitentiary. The strange part of it, according to the officials, is that the mistake was never discovered. The girl served ten years more than her sentence called for.

After working at the penitentiary the girl was transferred to the mines and endured the hardships as did other criminals.

Because of her good conduct in the mines she had been made a "trustee" and the general reduction of sentence because of good conduct had almost terminated her sentence when she was stricken with typhoid fever and died.

Eighteen junior members of the Salvation Army, from Springfield, will give a concert in Berryman's hall this evening at eight o'clock. They will give a free concert on the street from seven till eight o'clock. The children are very clever and the concert will undoubtedly be a good one. The following is the programme: Opening song and prayer; introductory remarks; song, "Guide Me," by troupe; reading of scripture; tambourine drill by troupe; recitation "Baby Brother," by Fanny Hyatt; dumb bell drill by troupe; telephone song; musical selection by orchestra; solo, adit. Carter; march by troupe; electric club swing by Master Mont; solo, Capt. Urquhart; Indian choruses; violin trio by orchestra; dialogue; lar bell drill by troupe; instrumental selection, orchestra; building the cross by troupe; doxology.

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DEATHS.

STRAIN.—In this city, on the 17th inst., at the residence of her sister, Mrs. Stephen Murphy, 123 Acadia street, Mary Strain, in the 79th year of her age.

Funeral on Friday, the 19th inst. Services begin at 2.30 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend.

HENNIGAR.—In this city, on Wednesday, July 17th, Ellen Spurr Hennegar, daughter of the late Henry Hennegar.

Private funeral from residence of E. T. C. Knowles, 151 Leinster street, Saturday, 20th instant, at 2.30 p. m.

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The letter from England said that the elder Rollings died on the exact day and at the exact hour that the younger Rollings had had his death pictured to him. Not only that, the letter said, but the elder Rollings said just before he passed away that he could see his son standing by the bedside. The strange room in the vision was explained by the statement that the family had moved from the old homestead to another house in Bedfordshire, and the absence of the sister from the room was explained by the statement that at the time she was ill.

Rev. Mr. Rollings received his theological education in England. He came to America and for a time was curate of St. Andrew's parish of Rochester, N. Y., of which the Rev. Algernon S. Crapsey was then rector.

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