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PREFERENCE AND PROTECTION.
It is true that the permanent officials
of the British Empire and Board
of Trade have given their advice against
preferential duties, the fact is little
more than an illustration of the well-
known conservatism of officialdom.
The official is apt to say of any change
that it can't be done. When penny
postage was proposed more than sixty
years ago the Postmaster General said
it was the wildest and most extrava-
gant scheme he had ever heard of.

The mails would have to carry twelve
times as much weight as before, and the
walls of the postoffice would burst.
In the present case, the opposition of
the permanent officials may be taken
for granted. The enquiry must extend
far beyond official circles.

One of the best means of enquiry
is the congress of Chambers of Com-
merce of the Empire, to be held in
Montreal next week. There we shall
have the merchants and manufacturers
of the United Kingdom, Canada,
Australia and the other colonies meet-
ing and exchanging views.

On the practical experience of busi-
ness life. If progress is to be made in
Imperial ideas, it must be in this way.
There has been too much disposition
to leave Imperialism to the rhetorician.
After declaring that the empire con-
tains eleven million square miles and
four hundred million people, that the
sun never sets upon it, and that Canada
is the brightest gem in the British
crown, the speaker resumes his seat
with the air of one who has done his
duty and solved the problem.

There is a fashion of dealing in a similar
way with other political problems, such
as that of corruption. Some rapacious
and homilies are delivered on the sub-
ject, and are perhaps as much en-
joyed by the corruptor as by the
rapaciousist, and the corruption goes on
as before.

The value of honest enthusiasm is
not denied in either case, but the en-
thusiasm must be turned into some
definite channel of energy. Facts must
be faced. Preferential trade cannot be
had by thinking, talking and resolu-
tion about it. We in Canada must make
the question of further reductions of
duty on British imports; they in Eng-
land must face the question of pro-
tective duties on foreign imports. There
is no use in saying that the thing that
is proposed over there is not really
protection. Half the force of the argu-
ment is lost in that way. All the bene-
fits that are claimed for preferential
trade are benefits of protection.

There can be no preference without pro-
tection. There can be no special duties
to the colonies, unless others are in-
cluded or discouraged. There can be
no opening of the gates unless there is
a fence.

Reciprocity treaties are also portions
of a protective system. We are often
told that Cobden negotiated a reciprocity
treaty with France. If so, he certainly
relinquished some of the principles of free
trade. The free trader thinks that free
imports are beneficial, not that free
duties are injurious, no matter
what other countries may do. It is
utterly absurd to enter into a bargain
with another person not to injure your-
self.

The protectionist, on the other hand,
says that a protective tariff is beneficial
in itself, but that he is prepared to
relinquish some of its benefits for the
sake of an enlarged market for his
own products. Thus the people of the
United States are protectionists, and
the tariff is sometimes thrown out; "if
it is good to put the United States in
a ring fence, why not put the State of
Massachusetts in a ring fence?"

The answer is that Massachusetts gains
more by having the free markets of the
whole union than she loses by the com-
petition of Pennsylvania and other
manufacturing states. It is the same
with nations. No protectionist denies
that it would be a good thing for
Europe if all the internal customs bar-
riers were knocked down, and if trade
were as free between France and Aus-
trian as between New York and Texas.
Some local industries might suffer, but
on the whole the change would be
beneficial.

If Great Britain were to restore pro-
tective duties, it would be consistent
with protectionist doctrine to remove
or lower them in favor of the colonies,
or in favor of any foreign country ex-
tending similar favors to England. In
like manner it would be perfectly con-
sistent with protectionist doctrine for
Canada to lower the duties on British
goods, in consideration of obtaining
advantages over other countries in the
British market.

The way to win the battle for pro-
tectionist doctrine in Great Britain is not
to run away from the idea of protection,
or start at the sound of the word, but
to advocate protection boldly, and
explain its advantages, not only in
fostering home industries, but in ob-
taining a vantage ground for the ne-
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THE GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC.

Senator Watson must be rather hard

pushed for arguments for the all-rail
grain route when he says that the New
York Central carries wheat in competi-
tion with the Erie Canal. If a four-
track railway, with the finest equip-
ment in the United States, running
through the richest state in the Union,
cannot compete with a ditch, the case
for the Erie Canal must be bad indeed.

The immense amount of grain carried
through New York State from Buffalo is
really an evidence of the value of the
water route. This grain has not come
all-rail. It has taken the water route
at the west end of Lake Superior and
traveled through Lakes Superior, Huron
and Erie, as far as deep water is avail-
able. It is transhipped at Buffalo, be-
cause that gives the shortest land route
to New York over well-equipped rail-
ways. The principle which governs this
route is the maximum of water trans-
portation and the minimum of trans-
portation by rail.

It is now proposed to compete, not
with a ditch for floating barges, but
with the broad and deep waters of
Superior and Huron, on which the
whole harvest of Canada and the United
States could be carried at once. We
do not deny the necessity of a land
route for the carriage of the surplus
wheat after the close of navigation, and
for keeping up winter communication
between east and west. But there is
no reason why we should spend in-
crease sums of money in trying to force
traffic to take the dearer inland route
of the cheaper route, especially when the
cheaper is just as good from the na-
tional point of view as the dearer. It
seems strange, after spending \$86,000,000
on Canadian canals, to spend an-
other \$75,000,000 in diverting traffic
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In the Men's Section
\$2 and \$2.50 Pearl Grey Hats, \$1.39
4 dozen Men's English and American Fur Felt Hats;
soft fedoras and Alpine shapes; in light
and dark pearl greys; flat set and roll brims;
bound and unbound edges; Russian and calf leather
awake bands; pure silk bands; hats have
been selling 2.00 and 2.50 each. 1.39
August Sale, Tuesday.

35c to 50c Outing Hats, 19c
6 dozen White Duck Outing Hats; suitable for boys
and girls; were remarkably good value at 35c
and 50c; a very reasonable bargain;
August Sale, Tuesday. 19

25c to 50c Men's Underwear, 19c
30 dozen Men's Underwear; mostly shirts, made of fine quality double
thread ballbrigan; Swiss net and light weight cotton, merino
finished; plain and fancy colors; saten fasteners; pearl buttons;
well made and finished; all sizes; values from 25c to 50c;
August Sale, Tuesday. 19

50c Suspenders, 25c
18 dozen Men's Suspenders; made from fine quality elastic web; in
plain, light colors and fancy stripes; dome fasteners; slide
buckles; roll kid ends; were exceptional value at 50c;
August Sale, Tuesday. 25

50c to \$1.25 Leather Belts, 25c
25 dozen Men's Leather Belts; in all the latest makes; colors include
black, olive, green, light and dark tans; nickel buckles; a few
only have brass buckles; plain and ring sides; narrow and wide
widths; prevailing styles; 50c, 75c, 1.00 and 1.25 values;
to clear, August Sale, Tuesday. 25

Men's Suits, \$4.98
150 Men's Suits; single-breasted sack suit; made of fine quality
imported tweeds; grey, brown and fawns; in neat checks; light
medium and dark shades; Italian linings; best make and finish;
very stylish and smart fitting; sizes from 36 to 44; 8.50
values; Tuesday. 4.98

\$2.50 to \$3.50 Children's Washing Suits, \$1.69
100 Children's Washing Suits; made of fine quality English galles;
also some in plain white drill; colored sailor collars; braided
trimmings; light and cool wearing and exceedingly smart in appearance;
buses and pants; sizes 21 to 28; were excellent value at
2.50, 3.00 and 3.50; Tuesday. 1.69

Wrist Bags
Another great big snap in Wrist
Bags. Good picking is the secret.
Our buy is up in New York at
a rock bottom price—hence
this extraordinary offer for
Tuesday:

450 Wrist Bags, 4-12 inch steel,
gold or gunmetal finish frames
and chains; inner frame of same ma-
terial; brown, grey or black
grain leather and seal; every bag
lined with leather and every one
guaranteed to last. Price, 25c
the lot; new, neat and natty in
shape; long and narrow; worth
regularly 75c each. Tuesday,
to clear the whole lot at an
August Sale price. 29

Besides this line we have an en-
tirely new and up-to-date stock of
wrist bags, hand bags and auto-
mobile bags in real seal, walrus,
Morocco and aligators in all the
leading shades and colors; prices
range from 98c, \$1.25, \$1.50 up
as high as \$7.88 and \$9. These bags
are of German, American and Cana-
dian manufacture, and represent
the most complete assortment
shown in Canada. We invite your
inspection.

600 pairs Ladies' Plain Black or
Tan Cotton Hosiery; fine German
make; best stainless dyed; spliced
heel and toes; sizes 8-12 to 14-16;
15c and 20c lines; your choice for
sale, to clear Tuesday. 07

1200 Ladies' Plain Black Lisle
Thread Hosiery; extra fine qualities;
range in sizes from 8 to 14; 15c
and 20c lines; your choice for
sale, to clear Tuesday. 15

800 pairs Children's Lisle Cotton
and Cashmere Hosiery; Lisle are all-
ways in effect; cotton are plain
tan; best quality Cashmere are
silk embroidered; odds and ends
of all lines and colors; your choice
for sale, to clear Tuesday. 15

Men's Plain Lisle and Fancy Striped
Lisle Thread 12 Hose; in all
this season's designs; your choice
for sale, to clear Tuesday. 147

275 pairs Ladies' Dongola Kid
Shoes; for street wear; medium
width; light soles; fancy patent leather
trimmings; perfect fitting;
style; will outwear most
\$1.20 shoes; sizes 7-12
to 7; to clear Tuesday at. 93

133 pairs Boys' Genuine Dongola
Kid Leather Shoes; neat and dur-
able; splendid value at \$1.25;
to clear Tuesday. 89

Pure Clover Honey (new)
5-pound pail. 50

House Plants
100 Handsome Araucaria Plants;
these are extra well grown plants,
having from 3 to 4 perfect tiers
of fronds, and being 14 to 16
inches high; easily worth
\$1.00; to clear Tuesday. 49

100 Well Grown Kalinae
Palms; these palms are from 28
to 30 inches high and average
in the regular way from 60c
to 75c; to clear Tuesday. 49

100 Handsome Boston Sword Ferns;
24 to 30 inches high and full of
vigorous young growth;
very special, at. 49

NOTABLES ON THE CEDRIC.
New York, Aug. 9.—The White
Star line steamer Cedric arrived in
port last night. She made the pas-
sage in seven days, 14 hours and 30
minutes. Many notable people were
among the passengers. John Philip
Kenne, the Marquis of Granby, who
is going to Canada.

She's Will Reopen Aug. 24.
Shen's Yonge Street Theatre will re-
open for the season on Monday, Aug.
24, with a new bill of the best vaudeville
ever offered in Toronto. The theatre
has had an encouraging run this sea-
son, and even greater effort has been
made to see all the latest and best
attractions of the season.

THERE'LL BE A BIG TIME

AT CONSERVATIVE PICNIC

Indications Point to Record Crowd
and Inspiring Addresses on
Wednesday.

The Reception and Entertainment
Committee of the grand Liberal-Con-
servative demonstration to be held on
Wednesday next meet Saturday night.
All arrangements are progressing fa-
vorably. Several more noted speakers
have been added to the already large
list, including Hon. L. P. Felleter, Hon.
M. F. Hackett, both of Quebec, Hon.
Campbell, Attorney-General of Mani-
toba, and he is sure to be present at
the great picnic at Hanlan's Point on
Wednesday.

The following committee was appointed
to confer with the Conservative lead-
ers as to further arrangements of the
list of speakers: E. King Dods, W.
J. Hamblay, Al. Burns and Ex-Adm.
Foster.