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LONDON, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4.

MR. COCKSHUTT'S ABSURDITIES.

Mr. Cockshutt, the member for Brantford, is addicted to foolish and reckless utterance. His speech in the House of Commons yesterday was a specimen of amateurism, of which the greenest parliamentarian would have reason to be ashamed. In a jeremiad, which was ill-timed and unfounded, he made the claim that in the past ten years imports had exceeded the exports by \$121,000,000, and that the country had had to make up the difference in gold cash! Mr. Cockshutt is remanent or is ignorant of the first principles of commerce—probably both. He must know, if he is not a fool, that the country would not have been able to stand a drain of \$121,000,000 in cash in the past decade. If he were looking for the truth, he could have seen by a glance at the trade and commerce reports that between 1896 and 1905 Canada imported gold and bullion in excess of exports to the total of \$20,000,000.

The excess of imports over exports of merchandise is both a cause and effect of the remarkable development of this country in late years, as Mr. Cockshutt would be aware if he had the faintest idea of economics. This excess is made up of several factors, among them the belongings of newcomers, and the investment of outside capital in Canada. The hundreds of thousands of immigrants have brought many millions of dollars to the country and created a new demand for goods, which could not be supplied wholly by domestic producers. Railway construction, financed largely by British capital, has also stimulated imports to an enormous extent. Will Mr. Cockshutt undertake to explain why the imports of gold cash into Canada have exceeded the exports, if Canada has had to pay for the excess of imports of merchandise? Is he aware that in only one year between 1898 and 1899, Canadian exports of merchandise exceeded the imports? If his theory were correct the country would long ago have been insolvent.

Mr. Cockshutt puts the finishing touch on the performance of writing himself down an ass by alleging that the country is now almost face to face with national bankruptcy. He makes this statement when the federal revenue has reached a higher point than ever before, and when the national debt has been reduced. He says the Government is bleeding the country white, and his remedy would be to increase taxation upon imports. Mr. Cockshutt would be entitled to a high place in a Canadian dunciad.

MR. BORDEN AND THE PRESS.

Mr. Borden, the Opposition leader, has lately been showing that he can be as coarse in his language as can the Fosters, the Fowlers, the Bennetts, and the rest of that breed. Evidently he recognizes that it is the orator with the abusive tongue that is the favorite with an element in the Conservative party. At the Princess Rink meeting in this city in September, it was Bennett that was the most offensive in his vituperations, and it was Bennett that received the loudest applause, though, to their credit, there were Conservatives in the audience who were visibly disgusted with the language used by the member for East Simcoe. Perhaps Mr. Borden noted the applause. At any rate, during the past three months he has shown signs in his numerous speeches of a desire to rank with men of this stamp. Of late he has been wont to refer to Liberal newspapers generally as "subsidized organs," which do not care to utter one whisper against their masters, lest their subsidies should be cut off. Now, Mr. Borden knows as well as anyone that the law requires that contracts shall be awarded by public tender, and in calling for tenders newspapers are used. The law further requires that in certain other matters the use of newspaper advertising columns—not necessarily of Conservative papers—shall be resorted to. No more than regular card rates are charged for the space used; no more than a private advertiser is required to pay. As for the extent of this government advertising it is a bagatelle to any newspaper compared with its total revenue. It is absurd to say that any newspaper is influenced by the trifle it may chance to receive from a government or a party.

Too, too, as regards printing. If a newspaper has a job printing plant attached, as is often the case, and happens to secure some government work, that surely cannot be taken to mean a "subsidy." When, owing to pressure on his department, the King's

Printer is obliged to send work to outside offices, he sees to it that no more than the fixed scale is paid, that no matter what the politics of the printer may be, there is no deviation from that scale. It is not infrequently happens that there is a larger margin of profit for the printer in ordinary commercial work than there is in what is turned out for the Government.

If Mr. Borden were really the fair-minded man his admirers would have us believe he is, he would investigate the facts, which are easy of access, before giving utterance to statements which are insulting to both the Conservative and Liberal press.

BRITISH LICENSE LEGISLATION.

The coming session of the Imperial Parliament is likely to witness a stubborn fight over proposed liquor legislation. The present Government is pledged to reform in this connection, and has only been awaiting a favorable opportunity, when larger national issues are not in the way, to introduce its promised licensing bill, a measure which, if passed, is certain to seriously affect the liquor trade of the United Kingdom. The Conservatives, owing to their alliance with the extensive brewery interest, which in the past has been a most liberal contributor to the party election funds, are expected to vigorously resist any proposals of a restrictive nature, and as the Liberals are pledged to such legislation, it is but natural to look for something more than an ordinary parliamentary conflict.

As yet no announcement has been made as to what the provisions of the bill will be, but it is pretty well understood that the Government proposes to enact the most restrictive sumptuary legislation Great Britain has yet known. Of course, anything of the nature of absolute prohibition is not to be thought of, but it may be taken for granted that an effort will be made to abolish abuses of the old excise system, to place under severer restraint hotels, saloons, restaurants, clubs and grocers, and in general to extend the application of Government supervision of the trade in wine, beer and spirituous liquors. Such a measure the extreme temperance advocates are likely to accept as an installment of what they want, and serve as an encouragement to continued agitation.

In addition to the certain opposition of the influential brewery and distillery interests, representing an investment of a billion dollars and the revenue from which is more than sufficient to support the navy, there is the attitude of the House of Lords to be considered. If, as is generally believed, the Upper House should throw out the bill after it has passed the Commons, it would be taken by the public to mean that the influence of the brewery interest is not confined to the Conservatives in the popular chamber, and would certainly tend to intensify the irritation against the peers. Indeed, the importance of all Government legislation during the coming session will be increased or lessened just as the hereditary house exercises or refrains from exercising the veto power.

The effect of the attitude of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman towards the House of Lords, however, has been to inspire that body with something like discretion, and it will not be matter for surprise if the peers take the trouble to gauge public opinion before dealing with the license bill or any other Government measure.

With the politicians who are talking about hard times and soup-kitchens, the wish is probably far from the thought.

The news from Tokio indicates that the Government is meeting Mr. Lemieux in a reasonable spirit. Sir Wilfrid's refusal to take panic measures is having good results.

There should be a good attendance at the Canadian Club luncheon tomorrow. The speaker, Mr. John A. Ewan, of the Globe, is one of the best-informed men in Canada, and has held many important commissions from the journal which he serves. His topic here will be "Track Elevation," a question which he has been studying in the United States, and which is one of immediate interest to London.

EASY.

[Louisville Courier-Journal.]
"I looked into the mirror Halloween night," smirked Vanessa, "and I saw the face of the one I love best in all this world."

LIVING HIGH.

[Judge.]
"Living is awfully high these days." "Yes; but consider how awfully high we live."

PLAINLY PUT.

[Philadelphia Press.]
"The people I lived with before, ma'am," said the new cook, "was very plain." "Well," asked her new employer, "are we not plain here?" "Yes are, ma'am, but in a different way. They was plain in their way of livin', not in their looks, ma'am."

SAVING TIME.

[Life.]
It is peculiarly a mark of our enterprise that we should have imported forty millions' worth of diamonds during the last fiscal year. It shows how much better we order certain things than do some other nations, the English, for instance. In England, such is the persistency there of even an unfortunate habit, it still takes three generations to make a gentleman.

whereas with us three pecks of diamonds will turn the trick quite handsly. The saving of time is obviously enormous, and time is everything these days.

HOW NICE!

[Judge.]
He was telling her about the members of his cricket team. "Now, there's Brown," said he. "In a few weeks' time he'll be our best man." "Oh, Jack," she gasped, "what a nice way to ask me!"

SORRY HE SPOKE.

[Buffalo Commercial.]
Wife—Our daughter is twenty, and she ought to be married.
Hubby—Oh, she has plenty of time. Let her wait till the right sort of man comes along.
"Not at all. I didn't wait for the right sort of man."

A DISTANT RELATIVE.

[Cleveland Leader.]
"He's a distant relative of yours by marriage, isn't he?"
"Well—yes. He eloped with my wife, and he hasn't spoken to me since."

TOO ARCHAIC LIFE.

[Life.]
"Yes, Brown is always getting the cart before the horse."
"My dear boy, you don't be archaic; nowadays we say getting the snail before the automobile."

A BURIED TREASURE.

[Philadelphia Press.]
"I met a fellow today," said Gaddie, "who was simply a buried treasure; couldn't talk of anything else."
"That reminds me of my wife," said Peckham.
"Why, does she talk of a buried treasure?"
"Almost constantly. I'm her second husband, you know."

THE FRIEND THAT NEVER WAS, ON SEA OR LAND.

[Boston Transcript.]
I met a gentleman who seemed as nice as he could be. While I could do him any good he was a friend to me. But when I wouldn't boost his game he rose and took his hat. And made himself exceedingly scarce—We've all had friends like that.

He stuck to me like liquid glue. As long as I would buy. Laughed at the ancient jokes I told. And boomed me to the sky. When my resources vanished and my money ceased to talk. He folded up his tents and things. And straightway took a walk.

That is the way too oft, alas! With some fair weather friends: They hang around like a cloak. When we can serve their ends. But when no longer we produce As once we used to do, Their straightway rise and shake them. And flit to pastures new.

Give me the friend who doesn't make Too much of a parade, But who is there when you're in need. A very present aid. Who comes when you are in the dumps And no relief can see. And gently says, "Cheer up, old man, And kindly draw on me."

WIFELY CHEER.

[Life.]
"I haven't a pull with anyone," said the unsuccessful man.
"Oh, yes, you have, dear," said his wife, encouragingly, "with the fool-killer."

SOURCE OF PRESTIGE.

[Town and Country.]
"I wonder where Mrs. de Roches gets her social prestige."
"She draws it out of the bank."

WANTED THE SENSATION.

[Chicago Daily News.]
The venerable farmer with the tobacco-stained whiskers and furrowed brow climbed aboard the limited and shambled into the smoker.
"Mister," he drawled, when the conductor halted before him, "is that that two-cent-a-mile rate good on this train?"
"It is," replied the conductor brusquely. "Where is your ticket?"
The old man fumbled in the depths of an ancient shot bag.

"Ain't got no ticket, mister," he said, slowly. "But he's got a ticket. I never rode on one of these peaky fyers, and I just want to feel the sensation. Put me off after I've rode one mile."

THE DON'T KNOW MAN.

[L. S. Waterhouse.]
Beware the man where'er you go Who frankly says he "doesn't know." More dangerous he to great and small Than one who thinks he knows it all.

Upon the turf you'll hear him say "I'd bet I'll win know which way." But as the race goes on, you'll see He'll pick two winners out of three.

In business deals he'll still move slow. There'll be no bluster, fuss or show; But when the "know it all" goes down, The "don't know" man will own the town.

And at the game, when others smile Upon his innocence the while, He'll take the winnings just the same, Although he "doesn't know the game."

RURAL CURRENCY.

[Puck.]
Farmer Jones (in office of Weekly Argus-Intelligencer)—I was a-goin' to renew my subscription today, but I find I ain't got nothin' smaller than a twenty-pound tub of butter.

The Editor—I can break that, all right, neighbor; how'll you have your change in 'taters, turnips, onions, cabbage, beets, carrots, pie plant or raspberry jam?

GEORGE ELIOT'S CHURCH.

[London Standard.]
At a cost of \$20 the three bells in Chilvers Cotone Parish Church tower are being recast and three others added. As a child "George Eliot" (Mary Ann Evans), the famous novelist, attended Chilvers Cotone Church with her parents, and long afterward she drew vivid word pictures of the ancient building and its incumbents. "Mr. Gill" and "Amos Barton" were the vicar and curate respectively of Chilvers Cotone, the "Shepperton" of "Scenes of Clerical Life."

FALSE FRIENDS.

[Smart Set.]
Some so-called friends are like burglar alarms—they go off when there's trouble around.

HOLIDAYLESS LEISURE.

[The Car.]
There is no one so much to be pitied as the man who has nothing to do but to amuse himself from year's end to year's end. To this sort of individual a holiday and all that delightful extension of accomplished work and freedom for enjoyment, are entirely unknown.

County Council and Guest's Bridge Want Statute Re Repairs Modified

Important Resolution Re Taxation of Towns and Villages.

With the exception of a little discussion over the question of refunding part of the taxation to the various municipalities, there was little stirring in the county council yesterday afternoon.

The very important motion, however, was put by Councillor Glass in reference to the Guest bridge in London Township, about which there has been so much discussion between the county and the township.

Judge's Opinion.

It will be remembered that Judge Macbeth was asked to give a decision in this matter, and in handing down his judgment he said: "This bridge is now much out of repair, and I think it unjust that the township of London should be compelled to maintain or renew it, as it never would have been built had the county built bridges where the river crosses the town line."

It was resolved that "in view of recent judgments that have been given against certain municipalities, in the opinion of this council, the statute relating to the repairs of township roads be modified, and that the different local members of Parliament from Middlesex be asked to co-operate with this council to have the same changed; and that the clerk send a copy of this resolution to these members of Parliament."

It was then moved by Councillors Glass and Knapton that the matter of having Guest's bridge on the 5th concession of London Township be declared to be a county bridge to be

renewed, rebuilt and maintained by the county of Middlesex, be referred to the board of road directors to report at this session. Carried.

Resolution of Condolence.

The following resolution was passed upon motion of Councillors Glass and Ryan:

"That this council, in session assembled, extend to Councillor McTaggart the assurance of our deepest sympathy in the bereavement that has so suddenly befallen him in the demise of his sister."

Important Motion.

It was moved by Councillors Knapton and Gillies "that the council rebate to the municipalities representing towns and villages 10 per cent of the county rate chargeable to each municipality, as we consider the towns and villages are assessed up to actual value; also a business tax, which makes taxes very high. We note that the county judge's opinion was that the council could rebate to the towns and villages a percentage of their assessments, showing that in his opinion the municipalities should be reimbursed."

Referred to the finance committee.

Representative on Trust.

Upon motion of Councillor Turnbull, seconded by Councillor McFarlane, Mr. R. W. Jackson was appointed representative on Victoria Hospital trust for the coming year.

In the afternoon, after adjournment had been taken until 2 o'clock today, the finance and petition committees and the board of road directors held meetings.

Today at 3 o'clock the tubercular hospital question will come up. The council seems to be much in favor of this institution, but whether it will take definite action at this session is very doubtful.

KISSED WRONG WOMAN IN CAB

All St. Catharines Chuckling Over Funny Mistake of a Citizen.

St. Catharines, Dec. 3.—The whole town today is chuckling over one of the funniest things which could befall a man, which took place last night. A well-known businessman received a telegram from his daughter in Buffalo saying that she was coming here on the evening train, and he was to meet her. When he got up town about train time, all the cabs had gone to the station. The only thing for him to do was wait for one of the cabs to get back, because the G. T. R. depot is a long distance away, at the same time telephoning to the station agent to tell the young lady to wait for him. The first cab that came up town he got into, and started back for the station. Half-way there they met another cab, and his jehu sang out, "This looks like your daughter coming now." The hero of the story jumped out and stepped into the other cab. Seeing a lady sitting in one corner of the dark cab, without more ado he threw his arms around her and planted a kiss on her lips. The cold chills started down his back a second later, when a strange voice exclaimed, "Excuse me, sir, there must be a mistake, and mistake there was. It turned out to be a lady that lives near the G. T. R. station, who was being taken to the hospital. Of course, she accepted the gentleman's profuse apology, even though delivered in a very flustered manner.

COMB STOPPED BULLET

Prevented Husband From Accomplishing Wife Murder.

New York, Dec. 3.—The fact that she won a hair comb bravely mounted with silver probably saved the life of Mrs. Josephine Denny, of No. 319 Camden street, Newark, yesterday. Her husband, Edward E. Denny, fired a revolver at her, but the bullet struck the comb, glanced off and buried itself in the wall.

The Denny's have been separated for some time. Early yesterday Mrs. Denny was surprised by a call from her husband at the house where she was staying. He wanted her to return to him. She refused, whereupon he tried to shoot her.

Believing that his aim had been true when he saw the woman stagger and heard her scream, Denny fled from the house and escaped. The police have been unable to locate him.

FRENCH TRADE SEEKERS

London, Dec. 3.—It is learned that an important deputation of French commercial men are to visit Canada shortly. M. Mascaron, president of the committee of commerce and industry, accompanies them.

The east end emigration fund has sent \$1,000 men to Canada in the year ending with September. The committee has a big deficit, which, unless cleared, will greatly impede the work.

Berlin, Dec. 3.—Das Nationale Deutschland, a new review, referring to the introduction of preferential duties by Britain's over-sea dominions, especially Canada's extra duties against Germany, emphasizes the danger to German trade, and says the Reichstag will have to consider very seriously whether it will permit the Federal Council, as hitherto, to grant unrestricted and most favored nation treatment to all the British colonies. The Agrarian Deutsche Tagung also demands that "British colonies who differentiate against us shall be paid back in their own coin."

JAP CAPITAL DINES MR. LEMIEUX

No Modification of Canadian Treaty, But Emigration Will Be Limited.

Tokio, Dec. 4, 3 p.m.—Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, Canadian minister of labor, was tendered a banquet last night by the municipality. Among those present were Sir Claude M. MacDonald, the British ambassador; Viscount Hayaishi, the Japanese foreign minister; Baron Chinda and Messrs. Verrett and Preston.

Mr. Shibusawa presided, and toasted Mr. Lemieux, who responded, expressing the firm belief that all differences would be amicably settled. It was understood that Mr. Lemieux had been informed positively that while the Japanese Government would not consent to any modification or change in its treaty with Canada, or enter into any new agreement, it would in the future so control emigration that there would be no further cause for complaint. The details of such contract are now being arranged.

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