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## THE HOG ON THE TOBOGGAN.

Immediately after the vote on reciprocity the price of live hogs began to decline. Yesterday \$5.75 per cwt. was offered by the London buyers for the packing houses. This figure is the lowest paid for years, and already farmers and others interested are predicting that the industry is in jeopardy. The raising of hogs is probably the most susceptible to market influences of all the branches of the hog business. The farmer makes his living from the sale of hogs, and the price of hogs is the main factor in his business. When the price goes down, the farmer's business is in jeopardy. The raising of hogs is probably the most susceptible to market influences of all the branches of the hog business. The farmer makes his living from the sale of hogs, and the price of hogs is the main factor in his business. When the price goes down, the farmer's business is in jeopardy.

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## A SIGNIFICANT CABINET SHUFFLE.

While no official explanation of the British cabinet shuffle will be forthcoming, the exchange of portfolios between Mr. Churchill and Mr. McKenna points to a friendly approach to Germany. Evidently the British Government has concluded that, with the Morocco affair out of the way, there is some hope for an understanding with Berlin which will check the oppressive rivalry of navy building. Mr. McKenna, as First Lord of the Admiralty, compromised himself in two directions. He gave deep offence to Germany by accelerating her navy programme. His assertion, bluntly made in the House of Commons, caused a panic at the time. Germany promptly protested, and proved that Mr. McKenna had misled the British people, or been misled himself. His alarmist statement was said to be a device for unifying the Liberal party in support of his proposal to add two Dreadnoughts to the British ship-building programme. The peace wing of his party has never forgiven him.

Mr. Churchill, that youthful prodigy, as First Lord of the Admiralty will be more acceptable to both Germany and to the Radical wing of the Liberal party. Economy has been always one of his watchwords. If he can reduce the naval expenditure without impairing public confidence in Britain's naval security, he will give effectual aid to Mr. Lloyd George's social schemes. The Chancellor is sorely in need of more money to finance the insurance bill and old age pensions. So far his budget has made ends meet, but the demands of social reform are continually mounting. Mr. Churchill has been a courageous reformer as Home Secretary, especially in the province of prison administration, but he has antagonized the Labor party by his use of the military during the railway strike. He will be less exposed to their attacks if he can effect economies, especially if he can effect economies.

The transfer of Earl Carrington from the agriculture department to the sinecure of Lord of the Privy Seal, may mean only a concession to his years, or it may mean a more radical land policy.

## A Canadian jewelry merger is the latest. The cost of living keeps mounting.

Our local legal friend who described the Nationalists as rattlesnakes hatched in Laurier's nest will notice that they are quite at home in the other nest just now. Albert Selwyn, M. P. of Dorchester, Que., another anti-British rantier, has been named by Mr. Borden to second the address. If they don't see what they want at Ottawa, the Nationalists have only to ask for it. Lord Rosebery opened a public

## ed meats since the defeat of reciprocity and lowered prices on natural products all around?

### A CLERICAL VISITOR'S CRITICISMS.

Rev. Silvester Horne, a member of the British House of Commons, and a brilliant leader in the Nonconformist political forces, has just returned to England, from a visit to Canada and the United States. In giving his impressions of the tour, he says that in America, while education is universal, it is not valued as it is in England, and that the churches do not do a work to compare with that done by the great missionary churches in London and Lancashire. "The churches," he says, "do not seem to be rising to their opportunities; as a whole, they are losing touch with the democracy."

There are, to be sure, different opinions among church people as to the proper function of a church. Some think its mission is simply the conversion of the individual, and that it goes out of its sphere in undertaking "social work," or in attempting to make a better world this side of the grave by attacking the evils of poverty and physical disease, except by the open hand of charity. According to this view, the preacher is no more and no less than the sky pilot, helping people to die, and in the meantime, as the Stoics put it, to be happy in this life though on the rack. But there are others who, like Mr. Horne, believe in widening the work of the church so that it will comprise not only the frontal attack on the individual soul, but also as a flanking movement an amelioration of the individual's material environment as a means to his salvation. Why strive to make him happy on the rack if by making life easier to bear you can engage his mind in freer thoughts and more easily make him happy without any rack? It is all very well, the new school will say, for the idealist to express his indifference to material conditions, but, practically, do such "accidental" matters not affect for better or for worse the religious character of a people?

On the whole, it seems that in Canada Mr. Horne would find the older view of the church's work still its main force. But he should make allowances: there are not in America the age-long abuses, the depth of poverty, the height of privilege, that afflict an older country. But there are evils growing out of the feverish pursuit of wealth in a land where nature has been prodigal, that call for the reproving voice of Christianity, and more direct attack by the churches. Even in Canada there are too many underdogs in the battle of life.

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