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THE MAIL SERVICE

The Halifax Chronicle says that geography is against St. John, and that Atlantic mails landed at Halifax would reach the people of Canada from six to thirty hours sooner than mails landed at St. John. The Chronicle bases this assertion on an alleged comparison between the time made by the Royal George to St. John, and a record triplast year of a Royal steamer to Halifax, and upon certain calculations which so last year of a Royal steamer to Hallas, and upon certain calculations which so far as they relate to St. John are incorrect. It is to be regretted that the Chronicle is not willing to withhold its comments until a genuine and perfectly fair test has been made of St. John as a mail port. The public may reasonably assume that the Halifax newspaper is afraid of the result of a fair test, and is seeking, in advance to prejudice public opinion against the port of St. John. The feeling that appears to have been aroused in Halifax will only serve to strengthen the purpose of St. John to have a fair test made, and there is no doubt in the minds of St. John people as to the result. They believe mails sent through this port can be landed in Montreal and cities west more quickly.

Of course the state of affairs in the British Empire is inevitable, in consequence of the grant of self-government to the colonies. They have a right to determine on what conditions naturalization shall be granted to aliens, and what rights shall attach to the grant, and also what persons may immigrate into the country. The British Empire, says Professor Morgan, is not a federation, and its component states are subject to no restrictions upon their legislation regarding citizenship. In his view it is desirable to integrate the colonies into several groups, few in number and large in extent, such as shall be able to agree through the medium of Imperial conferences on a common policy.

This question of British citizenship and upon certain calculations which so British Empire is inevitable, in consesent through this port can be landed in Montreal and cities west more quickly than mails via Halifax and the Intercolonial route. It has already been proved that the handling of the mails from steamship to train can be done with equal if not great and the colonial route. proved that the handling of the mails from steamship to train can be done with equal if not greater despatch at St. John than at Halifax. For the rest, only a fair test by steamship and train is necessary, and that the people of St. John will insist upon with all the more determination because of an unneighborly spirit which has been developed in the sister city. This port asks no more than that to which it is fairly entitled. If the facts are against its contention the test will show it. Let us therefore have the test under perfectly fair conditions.

Seats of The Mighty

Tommy — What are the seats of the mighty?

Father — The end ones. — "Judge."

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No somer had the delegation of farmers from Ontario and the western provinces waited upon the government at Ottawa, asking for free wheat, free flour, free agricultural implements, lumber, cement and meats, with an increase in the British preference to 50 per cent, and free trade with Britain within five years, than a carefully organized delegation of protectionists asked for a hearing and protested against any changes in the tariff. They predicted disaster to Canadian interests if the request of the western delegation were granted. They and the government, which has no intention of reducing the tariff if that can be avoided, were anxious that with a report of the demands of the western upon to reducing the tariff if that can be avoided, were anxious that with a report of the demands of the western upon for freer trade there should go to the country the assertions made by the protectionists, in order to confuse the public mind and break the force of the western appeal. The Canadian Manufacturers' Association is also very busy, preparing data to meet any argument that may be presented in fe-tow of tariff reducciton. All of the protected interests feel that their craft is a danger, and they will bring every possible pressure upon the government to keep the tariff as it is, no matter how hardly it fuary press upon the consumers of the country. The tariff will be a 'urning issue in Canada for some time 'urning issue in Canada for some tim

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hardly it may press upon the consumers of the country. The tariff will be a varning issue in Canada for some time 5 come. In the United States the people have come to see the folly of high tariffs. In England the tariff-reform issue is dead. In Canada the people are becoming more and more convinced from week to week that what was bad for the United States and what has been utterly repudisted in the mother country required in the mother country cannot be a great boon and blessing to this country. They will demand tariff revision, and if it is necessary to place a Liberal government in power to bring about the desired change, then a Liberal government will be placed in power at the first opportunity.

BRITISH CITIZENSHIP

"What is a British subject?" This question was the subject of a lecture recently by Professor J. H. Morgan at the University College in London, in his series of Rhodes lectures. He pointed out that there is a common citizenship throughout the Empire, so far as personal liberty is concerned, but not as regards political rights. Every British subject is a British citizen in the sense of being entitled to the full protection of the law, but when it comes to the question of political rights, there are, as Professor Morgan points out, some remarkable anomalies. For example, ne says:

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"A man may be a British subject in the sense of the contention which the material that the board of health has formally decided to co-operate with the housing committee of the board of trade, in making a thorough survey of housing conditions in some section of sections of the city.

Tomorrow the question of the proposed potato embargo will come up at Washington. It may be hoped that any attempt to misrepresent the Canadian potato or the careful policy of the agricultural department in Canada will be promptly and fully met by compet

one colony, and an alien in another. Col
The Chatham World denounces the one colony, and an alien in another. Colonial naturalization does not operate outside the limits of the colony. Even a natural born subject, e. g., a British Indian attempting to enter South Africa, or a Hong Kong Chinaman attempting to land in Australia, may be prevented from doing so by the immigration laws of those dominions. Nay, more, a British Indian already resident in South Africa may be confined to a particular location, forbidden to trade without a license, subjected to a poll-tax, and prohibited from moving from one province to another. There is no rule of law and no Imperial statute which would prevent a colony from imposing the brunt of popular disappreval of the such disabilities on any particular category of his majesty's subjects. To that Hazen is a member.

Hon. William Lyon Mackenzle King, ex-minister of labor in the Laurier cabinet, celebrates his thirty-ninth birthday today. He was born in Berlin, Ontario, and after a brilliant academic course entered the civil service as deputy minister of labor under Sir William Mulock. He became minister in 1909 bnt lost his seat in the general election of 1911.

LIGHTER VEIN

Getting Back at Him

"I would, old fellow," replied the vic-im, "but really I can't spare the time."

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#### BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

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ction of 1911.

Harry to Fall Back on. "Tve told my boy to study law."
"What for? Aren't there lawyers enough as it is?"
"It seems so. But by the time he graduates he ought to be able to get in on Harry Thaw's case." — Detroit "Free Press."

Mrs. Jelly - "How are the biscuit

George?"
Mr. Jelly — "A trifle heavy, dearest."
"And the soup?"
"Too much seasoning in it."
"And the duck?"
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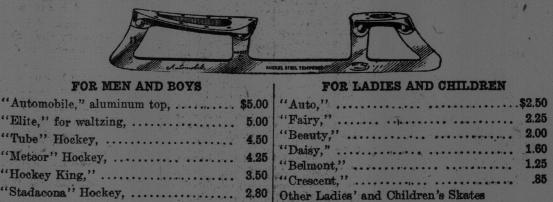
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