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ing lines of exports will not be very much heavier in the future than it has been in the past, even if Senator Aldrich and his colleagues have things all their own way. Now we have fought this war by ignoring it; and we could not have taken a better course. We have not attempted to meet high tariff with high tariff; but we have quietly met exclusion from the American markets by seeking out and obtaining other markets.

The new tariff may tax some of our products higher than they have been and some others lower; but so long as anything like the old Dingley rates are maintained, it is largely a matter of indifference to us. We have not been trying to bombard a path into the American market. We have calmly accepted its closed gates as a fact; and have annoyed the men who closed them far more than the highest Canadian tariff could have done by pursuing a policy which has made a British preference against American goods a possibility. Our answer, in a word, to American tariff hostility has been to enact a tariff no higher than is needed to protect our own industries, and then to cultivate trade relations with the world market of the United Kingdom.

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PORTS AND PREFERENCE.

(St. John Globe.)

MR. BRODEUR is reported to have announced as a part of the policy of the government an important limitation of the preferential on British goods. The preferential rebate of duty will not, after the year 1910, be allowed upon British goods unless these goods are landed at British ports. A good many people will approve of this restrictive policy, as they have been crying out for it for some time. But the faithful adherents of freedom of trade will look upon it with dislike. It will operate against the English manufacturer, and against the Western importer; it ought largely to benefit Montreal, and somewhat help to enlarge the rather limited import business carried on here in the winter.

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CANADIAN THRIFT.

(Monetary Times.)

THAT Canadians are thrifty as well as prosperous finds confirmation in the manner they are putting money away in the chartered banks and in the coffers of Ontario loan societies and the Post Office savings banks of the Dominion. In four years their deposits with the chartered banks have gone up from \$465,000,000, at which they stood in May, 1905, to \$670,515,000 in the same month this year. To this \$670,000,000 there falls to be added \$20,000,000 in Ontario loan companies and \$100,000,000 or more in Post Office savings banks and the Banques d'épargne of Quebec and Montreal and the woollen socks or other such receptacles for saving as our bucolic brethren may have, before we can estimate what has been called the "loose savings" of the Canadian people.

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THE RAILWAYMAN'S HOME.

(Ottawa Journal.)

ONE thing which cannot fail of consideration in any discussion of plans for the increase of railway facilities in a city like Ottawa is the fact that the addition of a considerable number of railway men and their families to the population is the addition of an unusually fine kind of asset to the city's holdings. The Journal has taken occasion more than once to express its high sense of its appreciation of the general worth of the railway operative. These men,

locomotive drivers, firemen, conductors, brakemen, train-hands, machinists, members of all the many branches of this arduous business, live strenuous lives. They are in a very immediate sense the faithful and efficient servants of their fellow-citizens. The nature of their duties demands a high degree of intelligence and an unusually great measure of patience and courage. They are proverbially good home-keepers. The railwayman's wife and children live as a rule in a domestic atmosphere that would be ideal if it were not for the frequent absences of the breadwinner. Railway men as a class are among the best of good citizens and the more of them we can attract to Ottawa the better we should be pleased.

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DOLLAR WHEAT BOON.

(Victoria Colonist.)

THERE is a special local feature to the high price of wheat that must not be lost sight of, namely, that it will increase a demand in the Prairie Provinces for the products of British Columbia, including those of the forest as well as those of the farm. It will also tend to increase from year to year the number of farmers, who will wish to seek a milder climate than that of the wheat-growing region. One of the most singular things about vegetation is the manner in which it yields more seed the nearer the place where it grows approaches the limit of successful production. It is a natural law that wheat shall yield more grain to the stalk in a cold region, where the season is short and the winters are cold, than in one where the season is long and the winters are not severe. The Pacific coast seems to furnish an exception to this general rule; but the areas available for the wheat along the coast are relatively so small that they may be left out of consideration when the world's supply is being treated of. Conditions on the Canadian prairies are ideal for the production of a high class wheat in abundance, except for an occasional off season, but these conditions are also such as to lead thousands of people to wish to make their homes in a region where the extremes of weather are not so great as there. Dollar wheat means a migration of more people from the prairies to the coast.

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THE MAN'S THE THING.

(Sydney Record.)

THIS question as to whether Britain's naval prestige is in danger is merely a matter of opinion. That a few Dreadnoughts more or less is going to change the situation does not seem probable. The recent review at Spithead held for the benefit of the Colonial press men must have greatly reassured the timid ones. More than Dreadnoughts is needed to wrest from Britain her supremacy of the sea. Suppose Germany succeeds in putting more ships afloat than was anticipated, will she be able to man them? And if so, of what material? Will it be at all comparable to that of "Ye mariners of England"? We do not think so. And let us not make the mistake of thinking that the personal factor is no longer potent in warfare.

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THE PLOUGHING MATCH.

(Manitoba Free Press.)

THE annual ploughing match of a district, once established, forms an occasion when farmers will gather together for the discussion of their problems in an informal and neighbourly way, while unconsciously having their standards of passable work



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