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GREENWY AND SIFTON ON AN EXPORT DUTY ON WHEAT

At the present time and for a long time past the United States has imposed a duty of 25 cents a bushel on wheat coming into that country. Owing to the great increase in population, the impoverishment of their wheat fields, and the existence of the tariff against Canadian wheat, the price of wheat in the United States is ten cents or more a bushel higher in the States than it is in Canada.

INTERNATIONAL CONTRASTS

In the January Scribner's Frank A. Vanderlip, at one time assistant secretary of the United States treasury, has written an eminent paper, beginning with the promise to be a valuable investigation into the "Political Problems of Europe as they interest Americans."

THE PUBLIC WANTS THE FACTS

Two important facts related to the Russell-Blair conspiracy have already been established. It has been shown that Hon. A. G. Blair's resignation of the chairmanship of the railway commission through the persuasion of the Blair conspirator at a critical stage of the campaign, it has been shown also that Hugh Graham and David Russell purchased La Presse newspaper at a critical stage of the campaign, one of the provisions in the agreement being that absolute secrecy as to the transfer should be maintained.

to the people of the United States, and doing this we can afford to give the men who raise the wheat in the Canadian west just as much and perhaps a little more for his wheat. We can give him all that it brings in England, less a reasonable percentage for handling, and this we may be sure the Americans would also deduct.

As was pointed out in a paragraph quoted in our column yesterday from the London Post, the hard No. 1 wheat of Canada occupies the same position in the flour trade that steel does in the iron trade, with this difference, however, that Canada has a monopoly of this hard grade of wheat, but no country has a monopoly in steel. Having a monopoly in hard wheat, we should compel its entire handling in this country almost up to the point of baking the bread and sending the finished loaf across the ocean, as Horace Greeley used to say.

The arguments that Mr. Greenway uses, of a mill trust being created in Canada, will not bear a moment's examination. There is no such trust in the United States just as quickly as there would be one in Canada, and, in fact, the policy that they advocate would tend to build up a milling trust in the United States that would be dead against the Canadian wheat grower in the west.

There is one great underlying principle to this question and to all other fiscal questions, and that is the principle of protection. We have to stick to that principle. It is the only principle that is applicable to present conditions in Canada. We have just one other thing to point out, and it is this, that the World asks the farmers of Canada to renege on the principle of protection in Canada, the Liberal press as it is called.

A meeting of representatives of the leading street railway companies of Canada is being held in Montreal. W. H. Moore of the Toronto Street Railway and W. G. Ross of the Montreal Street Railway are said to be the organizers of a movement which aims at the organization of the street railway interests of Canada.

The gathering in Montreal is the most pronounced, but not the first sign that the street railway companies are making a move to get out from under the protection of the tariff. In Ottawa, where preparations for the acquisition of the street railway companies have their lawyers and their accountants putting forth every effort to continue the franchise in the hands of private interests, Ottawa seems to be of the large Canadian cities, the pioneer in municipal ownership of street railways.

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judicial officer in the country was a party to the plot. This it can only know through an investigation. The public also wants to know if threats were made against ministers of the crown. It wants to know the nature of those threats, and the ministers against whom they were directed. This is information which mere denial does not supply, and which can be revealed to the satisfaction of the public by an investigation and in no other way.

The question is not, as some newspapers seem to think, one which concerns individuals alone. It touches the public in that it involves the conduct of the public officers and the integrity of the public's paid representatives. To allow such charges to go uninvestigated would be to lay on Canada a greater shame than would follow the most scandalous disclosures.

DISMISS FACTS, NOT FANCIES. The Globe has suddenly awakened to the danger involved in J. P. Whitney's policy of asking a minister of the Ontario cabinet. It does not attempt to discuss the merits of the proposal. It simply assumes that if J. P. Whitney finds himself in a position to form a cabinet he will make R. R. Gamble his minister of mines.

On Dec. 20 (Special)—At a large and enthusiastic Conservative convention held here yesterday, Dr. R. F. Preston of Carleton Place, the lately defeated candidate at the Dominion election, was the unanimous choice as the Liberal candidate for the approaching provincial election. Col. Matheson, ex-M.L.A., of Perth, and J. A. Lavell, of Smith's Falls, delivered interesting addresses.

Chatham, Dec. 20 (Special)—There is a rumor current in Conservative circles here that Hon. G. W. Ross has been requested to run as a candidate for the Liberal party in East Kent, where Howat resigned. Mr. Ross is said to be considering the request of the delegates. James Clancy opened his campaign in West Kent with a rousing meeting last night at Carleton Place. Both Clancy and his opponent, Mr. G. H. Smith, are working earnestly.

On Dec. 20 representatives of the Ontario Educational Association and the Farmers' Association will meet at Victoria Park to discuss the proposed amendments to the Education Act. The amendments include: Machine politics and the campaign fund; direct legislation as to school rates; the right of the school board to elect members of the board; the right of the school board to elect members of the board.

Goldwin Smith will attend and the Farmers' Association will be represented by Dr. C. G. East, of Carleton Place, and E. Annis of East York, and W. L. Smith of Toronto. The Ontario Educational Association will be represented by Dr. N. Burwash of Victoria University, A. W. Burt, R. H. Howat, James L. Hughes, Dr. F. J. Smale, Toronto; Prof. G. M. Wrong, University College, Prof. W. S. Miller, St. Michael's College, St. Catharines, Orangeville; F. W. Merchant, London; C. Melgren, Perth; J. G. H. T. A. Craig, Kemptville; C. A. Barnes, Petrolia.

Windsor, Dec. 20—Windsor Liberals are somewhat startled to hear that Rev. J. Brown of Eglinton, the Methodist preacher who made such a sensational speech in Toronto a month ago, is in the city. It is reported that he is riding in the interests of Ernest Girardot, the Liberal candidate.

Corwall, Dec. 20 (Special)—The Hon. J. P. Whitney, as his standard-bearer in the coming general election for the provincial legislature, the choice was finally made to-day at a party convention held in Newington. The only other candidate nominated for the position was John A. Chablain, a rising Corwall barrister, who declined to be a candidate. Mr. Whitney's friends were very much disappointed at the outcome of the convention. The Conservatives are jubilant, as they are confident that their candidate, George Kerr, can swamp the late Liberal whip in the coming campaign.

Goldwin Smith in Weekly Sun: The thought of coalition having been laid aside, if it was ever entertained, and the prospect of being resolved to resign, an appeal to the people of the province was plainly the only course. The result of the election, however, was not taken earlier, so that we might have been spared the agitation, bitter and unproductive, of the past year. Respect for government and the sense of our common interest among the people are the only things that can be relied upon to bring about a change in the present administration. This is for no practical object, since provincial questions are almost entirely administrative, not political, and involve no difference of principle whatever. Nor has there been any such thing as a Conservative convention with a large attendance from all parts of the South Huron was held here to-day. J. Williams presided. Mr. H. Horton, secretary, read a report of the last meeting. Mr. Elber was the unanimous choice. Spirited addresses were made by H. Horton, F. Carling, Hugh Spackman, John Torrance, Alex. Brandt, Dr. Rollins, John Sherritt, B. G. Gunn, M.P., and Harry Elber, the candidate. The utmost enthusiasm prevailed.

London, Dec. 20—One of the last acts of the dying council of 1904 was the passing of a radical resolution calling upon the Ontario government to confer the municipal franchise upon all the married women of the province. The resolution was the outcome of a petition sent to Council by the local Women's Christian Temperance Union and backed up by a deputation.

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For many men a pair of Romeo Slippers or a luxurious House Jacket or Dressing Gown would fill the bill nicely. Also the pretty new colors and tasty designs in new Neckwear, that we can show you, are just the change men are needing now from the early season's designs. Half a dozen Silk or Fine Linen Handkerchiefs in many instances will prove a welcome addition to the handkerchief box. And many a man would gladly accept a gift presented by his better half.

A Gift of Handkerchiefs. Men's Silk and Satin Handkerchiefs, large size, hem-stitched, with pretty colored borders, guaranteed to hold color, 2 for \$1.00. Men's Pure Japanese Silk Handkerchiefs, hand-worked initials, large size in twilled or plain, extra fine quality, each \$1.00. Men's Pure Irish Linen Handkerchiefs, 2400 Fine, Best quality Irish linen manufactured, hem-stitched edges, 35c, or per dozen \$4.00. Larger size 60c, or \$6.75 dozen.

House Coats and Dressing Gowns. An Extra Good Value on Thursday. Men's House Coats. These house garments are made of genuine fine camel's hair cloth. The colors are Oxford grey and green; the edges are bound with silk cord; sizes 34 to 44, regular \$12.50, \$15, Thursday \$8.95. Men's Dressing Gowns, made of fine soft finish genuine camel's hair goods; the edges are trimmed and corded, and they have giletto match; sizes 34 to 46, \$16 and \$20, Thursday \$13.95.

Stylish New Neckwear—Night Robes. At Prices Much Less Than Usual. 2100 (only) fine black Silk and Satin Mufflers, with quilted satin linings, bound with vertical pockets; sizes 34 to 44, regular \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$2.75, \$3.00, \$3.25, \$3.50, \$3.75, \$4.00, \$4.25, \$4.50, \$4.75, \$5.00, \$5.25, \$5.50, \$5.75, \$6.00, \$6.25, \$6.50, \$6.75, \$7.00, \$7.25, \$7.50, \$7.75, \$8.00, \$8.25, \$8.50, \$8.75, \$9.00, \$9.25, \$9.50, \$9.75, \$10.00, \$10.25, \$10.50, \$10.75, \$11.00, \$11.25, \$11.50, \$11.75, \$12.00, \$12.25, \$12.50, \$12.75, \$13.00, \$13.25, \$13.50, \$13.75, \$14.00, \$14.25, \$14.50, \$14.75, \$15.00, \$15.25, \$15.50, \$15.75, \$16.00, \$16.25, \$16.50, \$16.75, \$17.00, \$17.25, \$17.50, \$17.75, \$18.00, \$18.25, \$18.50, \$18.75, \$19.00, \$19.25, \$19.50, \$19.75, \$20.00, \$20.25, \$20.50, \$20.75, \$21.00, \$21.25, \$21.50, \$21.75, \$22.00, \$22.25, \$22.50, \$22.75, \$23.00, \$23.25, \$23.50, \$23.75, \$24.00, \$24.25, \$24.50, \$24.75, \$25.00, \$25.25, \$25.50, \$25.75, \$26.00, \$26.25, \$26.50, \$26.75, \$27.00, \$27.25, \$27.50, \$27.75, \$28.00, \$28.25, \$28.50, \$28.7