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INFANT INDUSTRIES.

There seems to be a good deal of uncertainty even among very wise and able men respecting the powers and possibilities of a protective tariff. As a method of taxation it is notoriously unjust and extravagant. A people that have grown accustomed to providing the nation's revenue in this direct fashion would not find it an easy matter to pay an equivalent amount in response to a direct and specific assessment. The country's toll is taken when the citizens have to be turned and easily persuaded himself that his duty is to pay a tax on his goods. This is the only possible system. A direct tax must finally appeal to the patriotism of the people, while an indirect tax will provide an abundant revenue from traitors and mercenaries.

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BRIEF DESPATCHES.

VIBENNA, June 17.—There have been great losses of life and damage to property in the St. John district by thunderstorms. Many houses have been struck by lightning and the occupants have been killed. In one case a barn in which fifty people had sought shelter from a deluge of rain was struck and ten men were killed.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, June 17.—In a spectacular raid made by post office Inspector Odfield, a dozen inmates of a house on Sixth street in the downtown district were placed under arrest. It is stated that the arrests are the result of previous arrests made in Marion, Columbus and other Ohio towns in connection with the Black Hand organization. All those arrested are foreigners.

WATERVILLE, Me., June 17.—George Barlett Lashus, charged with assault with intent to kill, with dangerous weapon on his wife, Wednesday night, was arrested by City Marshal C. P. Farrington in Clinton about 15 miles from this city late this afternoon. Lashus, who was the abductor of the wife of Paul Clair, where he was found asleep by the officers and taken without trouble. He will be arraigned tomorrow.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., June 17.—Success beyond their immediate expectations attended today the efforts of the Arbuckle Corps of compressed air workers to raise the United States cruiser Yankee from her submerged position in Buzzard's Bay, where she was lain since December 5 last, when she sank following her rescue from impalement upon Spindle Rock, at the western entrance of the bay. The cruiser's bow was raised entirely clear of water today, and her decks as far as the gully were above sea level.

NEW YORK, June 17.—The power boat Ives, owned by J. G. N. White, of the Yachtmen's Club of Philadelphia, finished the return race from Bermuda at 5 p. m. today, winning the cup offered by the Crescent A. C. of Boston. The Ives was in control of the race from start to finish, and was followed by the Richmond of Cincinnati, arriving one hour and thirty-three minutes later.

The chief post, the Ives, owned by W. C. Proctor, of Cincinnati, had not been heard from at a late hour tonight. The Ives was in control of the race from start to finish, and was followed by the Richmond of Cincinnati, arriving one hour and thirty-three minutes later.

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DEATHS.

MRS. WILLIAM MURRAY.

The death of Mrs. Wm. Murray, of Lower Millstream, Kings County, took place on Wednesday evening, at her home. She had been ill with inflammatory rheumatism for eight years. She is survived by her husband. She was seventy-five years of age.

Mrs. Murray and her husband were active workers in the United Baptist Church at Lower Millstream and were formerly members of the Brussels St. Church of this city. They left St. John about sixteen years ago. The funeral will take place today at 12.30 p. m. Interment will be made in Sussex cemetery at 2 p. m.

MRS. ALICE MITCHELL.

Mrs. Alice Mitchell, widow of William Mitchell, died yesterday at her home, 154 Carmarthen street, after a long illness. Mrs. Mitchell was a daughter of John McAllister and is survived by two sons of fifteen and ten years and a daughter aged about fourteen years. There are also two sisters—Mrs. Wm. Weyman, of this city, and Miss Minnie McAllister, at home, and one brother, John McAllister, with W. A. Porter. The funeral will be at 2.30 o'clock on Saturday afternoon. Many friends will sympathize with the family in their bereavement.

MRS. ELEAN M. WILCOX.

WINDSOR, N. B., June 17.—Mrs. E. M. Wilcox, widow of Jas. R. Wilcox, passed away this morning in the 78th year of her age. The deceased was a native of Windsor, and was born in 1830, in the same house in which she died. She is survived by her two only sons, C. S. Wilcox, M. L. A. and Geo. Wilcox, of the hardware firm of Wilcox Bros., this town.

PERSONAL.

Miss M. J. Harrington, of New Haven, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Harrington, of this city.

Miss Francis Sullivan, of Dorchester, Mass., is the guest of Miss Eleanor Foster, 45 King street.

Chief Justice E. L. Wetmore has been re-elected chancellor of the University of Saskatchewan.

Prof. George A. Chase and Mrs. Chase, of Toronto, are visiting A. H. Harrington. Professor Chase is in the city on the Ontario geography.

J. Gardner Taylor came in from Ottawa yesterday en route to Newfoundland.

Salmon fishing.

St. John and Lady Hanbury-Williams and the Misses Hanbury-Williams are expected to arrive in the city on the 19th inst.

Mrs. W. B. Stivers and family will leave Montreal next week to spend the summer at Cacouna.

Charles Nevins and Ernest Ginter, students attending the Polytechnic Institute in Brooklyn, have returned home.

R. D. Isaacs left last evening on the C. P. R. for a trip to the Pacific coast.

C. S. Crockett, M. P., returned to his home in St. John.

Col. H. H. McLean, M. P., and Miss Elise McLean left by the I. C. R. last evening for Quebec. They will be passengers on the steamship Empress of Britain from Montreal today and expect to spend several weeks in England.

The following St. John students attended the day from St. Joseph's college last evening: Messrs. Louis M. McDonald, J. A. Williams, D. Ryan, B. A. John Flood, George Flood, John R. Nugent, Arthur Allan, Roy Driscoll, Harrison Driscoll, Joseph Donovan, Stephen Ritchie, Robert Ritchie.

The following were the students who passed through: Hector Bell'au, Fredericton; Frank Higgins, New York city; G. Gason, Haverhill, Mass.; Thomas Landry, Waltham, Mass.; William Moffat, New York city; Martin Sullivan, New York city; and Frank Vitth, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Rev. T. J. Boylan, of St. C. C. of Fredericton, passed through the city on the way to his home in New York.

Messrs. Barker, Devine, Dargan and Regan, professors at the university will pass through the city tonight on the way to their homes in New York.

Rev. L. V. Broughall, C. S. C., will leave on Saturday for a two weeks' visit to the Cape Cod coast, after which he will leave on a visit to his home in Boston.

Messrs. John J. Casey, Harry McDermott and Urbane Sweeney, students at St. Joseph's, arrived in New York city; G. Gason, Haverhill, Mass.; J. Mangan arrived yesterday morning.

AN ATHLETIC BISHOP.

One of the best athletes in the Church of England is Bishop Gwynn of Khartoum. When a curate at St. Chad's, Derby, he turned out as an amateur for Derby County in the forward line, and when his duties called him to Nottingham he was soon a prominent figure in local football circles. The bishop gets as much cricket as he can out in the Sudan, but it is not of the kind he likes. They play on uncongenial wickets, and he says it is almost a relief to hear one's wicket fall sometimes after batting for any length of time with the temperature at 116 degrees in the shade.

HUMMING BIRDS.

Humming birds can be domesticated and kept alive in cages by the curious expedient of making tubular paper flowers, at the bottom of which is placed a small quantity of sugar and water frequently renewed. They are thus enabled to take their nourishment in the usual way and soon become apparently contented.

TOO MUCH.

"Of course," said the lady with the staid, bound eyes, "I expected to be called 'strong minded,' after making a speech three hours long in favor of our sex, but to have a minister of religion in turning the flow so as to continue work. The oil burned freely when tried."

STRUCK OIL IN ONTARIO.

TORONTO, June 17.—Workmen who were digging a drain at Lindsay this afternoon struck a flowing well of petroleum. They are great enthusiasts in turning the flow so as to continue work. The oil burned freely when tried.

MILLIONS OF FEET OF LOGS ARE STRANDED

Evidence of Witnesses Before International Commission at Van Buren, Maine.

The international commission appointed to investigate and report upon the conditions and uses of the St. John River, met yesterday at the Hammond Hotel, Van Buren, Me. Atty. Fellows, the American consul, filed a copy of the treaty of 1842, also maps defining the boundary of the St. John River, Elias H. Jones, of St. Francis, Maine, owner of a mill at the mouth of the St. Francis, gave evidence. He stated there were thirteen mills along the St. John River from St. Francis to Grand Falls, owned by different parties, including the Smalls, doing local business. He stated that eight million five hundred thousand feet were stranded along the Allegash to Fredericton, that the shear beams at Fredericton and those at Van Buren were four logs in length, while those at Van Buren were single. He stated he saw no difference between the gaps at Fredericton and those at Van Buren, and that he had never seen any better.

Parker L. Harison, Caribou, Me. civil engineer, was called as the next witness. He made a survey of the St. John River from the suspension bridge at Grand Falls, N. B., to the mouth of the St. Francis River in 1902. Mr. Jones being recalled, told of making a trip from St. Francis to Fredericton and seeing the logs stranded six feet above the high water mark. The witness said that the greater portion of Chouinard's and Killam's drives held up at the Big Rapids for want of sufficient crew to drive them, there being but twenty men and boys