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LONDON, SATURDAY AUGUST 24.

THROWING UP THE TARIFF
SPONGE.

The most significant item in Mr. Borden's programme is a negative one—that dealing with the tariff. It means that the Conservative party has abandoned the agitation for a fiscal policy on the lines of the United States tariff. It means, too, that the tariff has been virtually taken out of politics.

The first Fielding tariff was received by the Opposition with lugubrious prophecies. Sir Charles Tupper, in a memorable speech, predicted the collapse of the whole range of Canadian mechanical industry. The access of prosperity so completely stultified the prophets of evil, and the British preference proved so popular, that the fiscal issue was not raised in the election of 1900, the Opposition finding its campaign material in Mr. Tarte, and the Boer war. In the general election of 1904 the overshadowing issue was the Grand Trunk Pacific contract, and the tariff was again almost ignored by the Conservative party. Soon afterwards the fiscal question was forced upon public attention, not by parliament or any party, but by a non-political organization, the Canadian Manufacturers' Association. The executive of that very powerful body set on foot a well-organized movement to influence the Government in view of the contemplated revision of the tariff. The propaganda was vigorously carried on, and an attempt was made to use the sentiment in favor of imperial preferential trade as a makeshift.

This agitation, however, had the effect of stirring up the forces opposed to a high tariff, and these made themselves felt. The Liberal press declared almost unanimously against Canadian Dingleyism, and many representatives of the farming community laid similar views before the tariff commission. Then came Mr. Fielding's budget in the autumn of 1906, which proved to be a defeat for the high-tariff movement. The duties were changed, but on the whole there was no upward tendency. No general tariff revision was ever accomplished with so little criticism, and scarcely a syllable of protest is now heard, even from the high tariff camp. The Canadian Manufacturers' Association has apparently abandoned the agitation, for the present at least, and Mr. Borden has served notice that it will be no part of the Conservative programme.

SOLVING THE ICE PROBLEM.

The question of the city's ice supply threatens to become a serious one for the citizens of London. The local health authorities have condemned the greater part of the river, including the north branch, which the river filtration advocates call a series of springs, as a source of ice for domestic use, and ice-men have been put to their wits' end to procure in the winter what they require to store for their customers' use in the summer.

If the claims of a Wisconsin man are made good, there seems promise that not only will there be an early solution of this local problem, but that the ice-man himself, everywhere, will soon find his occupation has departed. The individual in question, who is head chemist for a paper company at Rhineland, Wis., has invented a compound called di-nitro-cellulose, which he says reads the end of the ice trouble of every householder. So confident are the promoters of the compound that it is successful that arrangements are being made to erect in Milwaukee, in the near future, a large ice machine, while ice bricks, coated with the preparation, which will keep an indefinite length of time, will be distributed at the State Fair next month. It is from the waste product of "blow off" from the paper mill that the compound is made, and the cost of manufacture is placed at about 47 cents per 100 gallons. The compound, it is said, has the quality of preserving ice indefinitely in any ordinary temperature. By passing through a chamber containing lime, pieces of ice of any shape or size are dehydrated or rendered free from moisture. They are then dipped into the solution of di-nitro-cellulose, and take on a coating which will prevent melting until the consumer removes the covering.

The claim is made that the compound is affected by neither heat, water nor electricity. One man is said to have preserved ice piled up in his backyard and on his pantry shelves at home in the form of bricks, while an enter-

prising groceryman of Rhineland— which town is said to be considering the question of a municipal ice plant, the promoters guaranteeing to save ice consumers 66 per cent—is selling ten-pound bricks for two cents each as a novelty. The mayor of Milwaukee has received a letter stating that a company to be known as the Rhineland Ice-Preserving Company, will shortly be incorporated, and that a fifty-ton ice machine, using distilled water, will be installed in Milwaukee for exhibition purposes.

If the effect of the compound itself is not injurious to the ice and its original purity does not suffer from contact, and at the same time all that is claimed for it is justified, the value of the invention can hardly be estimated.

SQUEEZED FOR MONEY.

The tightness of money is seriously pinching many Canadian municipalities. A well-known Toronto firm of brokers has issued its midsummer debenture list, calling attention to a number of "exceedingly desirable" issues of Canadian bonds.

The circular says: "We would like to particularly emphasize the exceptional opportunity afforded by present prices. The following comparison, dealing with the securities now offered, aptly illustrates the very much greater interest return now obtainable as compared with the yield about a year ago:

	Yield	De-
	now	btentures
	yielding	ago.
Guelph	4%	4%
Stratford	4%	4%
Tuckersmith	4%	4%
Niagara Falls	4%	4%
Goderich	4%	4%
Sarnia	4%	4%
Brandon	4%	4%
Port William	4%	4%
Port Arthur	4%	4%
Medicine Hat	4%	4%
Lethbridge	4%	4%
Strathcona	4%	4%

The circular closes with a strong recommendation of these bonds as "absolutely safe and desirable investments." Yet the investors are not forthcoming. Municipalities are holding back their debentures in the hope of doing better when the market loosens, but others must have the money at once to carry on absolutely necessary works. No improvement is in sight; indeed, the prospect is for dearer money.

London's spring water is an incentive to sobriety. Keep it.

The St. Thomas Times nominates Mr. Wm. Gray as the Conservative candidate for London. He will suit the Liberals.

As soon as Mr. Whitney returns from England he will lose no time in expressing hearty approval of Mr. Borden's civil service reform plan.

Australia's 5 per cent British preference looks playtime in comparison with Canada's 33 1-3. But then Australia gives the mother country lots of lip loyalty.

The public has not failed to notice that no school trustee has offered a word in defense of the board's unjust treatment of senior members of the Collegiate Institute staff.

The Conservative press in Ontario was furnished with advance copies of Mr. Borden's speech at Halifax, but there were some side remarks not included. The Halifax Chronicle reports Mr. Borden as announcing his early retirement from public life. This looks like a preparation for defeat.

HARD TO SATISFY.

[Punch.]
Old Scotch Farmer (having spent sixpence on a raffie ticket for a pony and trap valued at 50 pounds, and having won it, is shown the prize. After gazing critically at it for some minutes)—But what's the whup?

A SCIENTIST.

[London Punch.]
Householder—"Now then. what the dickens are you doing here at this time of night?"
Porch-climber—"To tell yer the troof, Guv'nor, I'm a-lookin' for this 'ere comet!"

FOOLISH FOLK.

[Philadelphia Telegraph.]
Some people would ramble on a railroad track even if a boardwalk ran beside it.

FINANCIAL ITEM.

[New York Press.]
You have to spend an awful lot of money that you can't afford to make people believe you can.

TOO PRACTICAL.

[Cleveland Plaindealer.]
"Don't you think she has a plaintive voice?"
"Yes, indeed. I always want to cry when I hear her. Her voice affects me just as raw onions do."

A BIG DIFFERENCE.

[Puck.]
Daughter—He writes me fourteen letters a week.
Father—But he gets only one pay envelope.

WELL-BALANCED DOG.

[Philadelphia Record.]
For more than a week, says Senator Beveridge, a school teacher had been giving lessons on the dog, and so when the inspector came down and chose that very subject, there seemed every prospect of the class distinguishing itself on brilliant essays about our canine friends. Things

were progressing quite satisfactorily, and the master was congratulating himself on the trouble he had taken, when alas! a question was asked which made him tremble for the reputation of his scholars.
"Why does a dog hang his tongue out of his mouth?" asked the inspector.

"Yes, my boy?" he said to a bright looking lad who held up his hand, while the light of genius was in his eyes.

"Please, sir," cried the pupil, "it is to balance his tail."

BOTH SORROWFUL.

[Chicago News.]

Second-wed—I'm sorry you can't cook as well as my first wife did.
Mrs. Second-wed—I'm sorry you haven't the business ability my first husband had. Then you could earn sufficient money to enable us to have a cook.

MISTAKE IN FIGURES.

[Yonkers Statesman.]

"You said business was dull, and that you would make me a suit at my own figure, did you not?" asked the young man.

"Yes, I did," replied the tailor.
"Well, you must have had some other person's figure in mind when you made this suit."

COULDN'T BE BOTH.

[Philadelphia Press.]

"The lady whose name you gave as reference, Della," said Mrs. Hiram Offen, "tells me you were not always truthful and obedient."
"No, ma'am," replied the new servant. "I couldn't be, wid her tellin' me all the time to say she wasn't at home."

WELL UP IN MUSIC.

[Chicago News.]

Paw—Wal, I'm glad to see that Si is doin' suthin' with his music at college.
Nell—Is he?

Paw—Yes; he writes home that he's playing third base on the college nine!

A GOOD OUTLOOK.

[Puck.]

Farmer Hayrick—What is the prospect for the summer?
Farmer Cornsby—Fine: I've got ten cows for the railroad to run over, and any number of hogs for the auto fellers. I oughter clear \$500.

AFTER VACATION.

[Baltimore American.]

City Cousin (effusively)—My wife and I, Cousin Joshua, certainly have spent a very pleasant month on your beautiful place. We feel that we owe you a great deal.
Country Cousin—So you do, and when air you a-join' to settle it?

WOOLING AND WEDDING.

[Bohemian.]

Toyle's heir, Goode Luck, when a summer-time was sweet
Went sweethearting one day adown ye street.

And met a mayde who prynked about ye marie,
And tendered hys inheritance and heartie.

"Nay," she replied—in south this dame was spoiled—
"I'll none of thee, coarse hinde, thy hands are soiled."

Goode Luck, rebuffed, with nought hys steps to stay,
O'er took a wench upon her homeward way.

Blythe, happle-hearted and brimful of pluck,
A jollie, old-time sweetheart of Goode Luck;

Who, joyed at her kingly welcoming dill eke
Clasped both her handes and kiss her blushing cheek.

Till, loathe to parte, ere yet they turned away,
Was plythed there their troth that very day.

And thus it happed, though garbed in homely guise,
That wedded were Goode Luck and Truly Wyse.

PERSISTENT OPTIMISM.

[Ladies' Home Journal.]

Brown's cheerfulness was a source of wonder and admiration to his friends. Either his religion or his philosophy taught him to accept everything as a wise dispensation.

The climax came when he was in a railroad accident. Both feet were so badly crushed that amputation was necessary.

Sympathetic friends gathered from all quarters. They dreaded to hear the lamentations they were sure would greet them, for even Brown could hardly be expected to pass this lightly by.

"Guess you are pretty well discouraged, aren't you, with both feet cut off?" ventured someone. "Do you think this is all for the best?"

But Brown nodded his head, smiling wanly, and said:
"They were always cold, anyway!"

DIDN'T SEEM NATURAL.

[Chicago Record-Herald.]

"Say," said Farmer Meddlergrass, "don't you ever get worried about that boy o' yours?"

"What?" replied Mrs. Townleigh, "worry about Reginald? Oh, dear, no. I never experience the slightest uneasiness on his account."

"I was just thinking if he was my boy I'd be alarmed about him."

"Dear me, I don't know what you mean! Has anything happened to my child? Don't keep me in suspense! Has he fallen from a tree, or—"

"No, nothin's happened to him. He's been out here three weeks now and ain't run away to go swimmin' yet. It don't seem natural."

COULDN'T OVERLOOK WILLIAM.

[Toronto Star.]

A contemporary discusses if Shakespeare came back. Shakespeare would not dare. He would be afraid that a Canadian club would catch him and make him speak after dinner.

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JOTTINGS FROM
NEAR-BY PLACES

LOBO.

Lobo, Aug. 23.—The Chosen Friends Tennis League of this town, held their first annual outing to Springbank Wednesday afternoon. A score or more of this enthusiastic club made merry at the club's initial picnic. Several lively and interesting sets of singles and doubles were played off during the afternoon. After a sumptuous luncheon, provided by the fair ones, the party enjoyed an hour's rowing and then adjourned to the theater. Among those who will leave for the west from this vicinity are Messrs. R. Vennor, Harry and Roy McIntyre, J. Webb and Walter Campbell.

Mr. Annie McIntyre, who has been spending her vacation on "the dear old farm," will soon return to her duties in London.

Miss Mabel Caverhill, of the Helena Costume Company, is spending her vacation at her home on the fifth concession.

Threshing is in full swing and crop returns are splendid. Wheat is especially good.

WATFORD.

Watford, Aug. 23.—Miss Ethel Gibson is the guest of relatives in Port Huron.

Miss Lena Jamieson, of Winnipeg, is visiting Watford friends.

The Misses Wilson, of Winnipeg, are guests of W. D. Cameron.

Miss Donna Aitken, Forest, visited her cousins, Lotta and Maud Cameron, this week.

Mrs. Griffith, London, was a guest in town this week.

Misses Jessie and Maud McLeay, of Lethbridge, N. W. T., are visiting their brother, R. C. McLeay.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McLeay, Indianapolis, Ind., are guests of Mrs. T. G. Mitchell.

Mrs. Sutherland and little daughter Dorothy, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., are spending a week with Mrs. Nixon, St. Clair street.

Mrs. W. Arnold, London, spent a few days with her brother, T. McWaters, Warwick street, this week.

Mr. J. McLachlin, Lucknow, is renewing old acquaintances here this week.

Dr. and Mrs. J. McLaren, Chicago, are visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Thom, Toronto, are guests of Mrs. D. Thom.

T. Collier and son Stanley, of Toronto, are visiting Mr. Collier's mother on the second line.

Mrs. J. Swift, London, was the guest of E. D. Swift recently.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

Name. Reported at. From.
Kensington..... Liverpool
Smolensk..... New York
Pretoria..... New York
Montreal..... Montreal
Lake Michigan..... Montreal
Hibernian..... London
Therian..... Boston
Bluecher..... Plymouth
Adriatic..... Southampton
Graf Waldersee..... New York
Panama..... New York
Canopic..... Naples

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Monday and Tuesday,

when the following very low prices will prevail on Sheetings, Pillow Cases, Cottons, Ready-Made Sheets, Bedspreads and Table Linens.

Bleached Ready-Made
Sheets

Bleached Twill Sheets, sizes 68x81, hemmed, ready for use; special value at, per yard.....\$1 49

Bleached Ready-made Sheets, hemmed and hemstitched; plain or twill; sizes 72x90; very fine heavy Cotton; special value at, per yard.....\$2 00

Extra fine and heavy hemstitched Sheets, size 81x99; extra value at, per pair.....\$2 25

English Bleached Plain
Sheetings

Bleached Sheetting, two yards wide; heavy round thread, at special price, per yard.....25c

Fine English Twill Sheetting, 72 inches wide; very special value for, per yard.....26c

Bleached Twill Sheetting, two and one-quarter yards wide; very special value at, per yard.....28c

Very heavy Dacca Twill Sheetting, two yards wide; very heavy in twill only, at special price, per yard of.....35c

Heavy English Sheetting 81 inches wide; regular 50c per yard, for.....45c

White Bedspreads

Canadian Crocheted Bedspreads, size 76x86; special value at, each.....\$1 10

English Crocheted Bedspreads, nice heavy quality; Marseilles patterns; size 72x90; good value at \$1 75; for.....\$1 50

Extra heavy fringe Bedspreads; cut corners; suitable for iron beds; full large size; each.....\$2 25

Nice Range of English Mar-
seilles Toilet Spreads

Very special values in Marseilles Spreads; large double-bed size, at.....\$2 50, \$3 25, \$4 50 and.....\$6 00

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Unbleached Table Linen, 58 inches wide; special value at, per yard.....25c

60-inch Wide Union Table Linen, special value, per yard.....29c

72-inch Table Linen; finely made, special at, yard.....34c

60-inch Pure Table Linen, worth 50c yard, for.....42c

64-inch Pure Table Linen, 56c yard value; at.....50c

64-inch Pure Linen; extra heavy loom damask; 75c value; per yard.....65c

72-inch Unbleached Linen, fine quality; per yard 75c, 85c and \$1 00

Bleached Table Linens

64 inches wide at, per yard.....50c

68 inches wide, pure linen at, per yard.....68c

72 inches wide at, per yard.....75c

72 inches wide at, per yard \$1 00

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12-4 Cotton Blankets, for.....\$13 35

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VESSEL PASSAGES

Detroit, Aug. 23.—Up: Saturn, Beaty, 9:20 Thursday night; Hecker, 10; Clemson, 11:40; Castalia, midnight; C. L. Wallace, Susquehanna, 12:40

Friday morning; Wright, Bransford, 1:30; Majestic, H. H. Brown, 2:30; Berlin, 2:30; Neosho, Schlesinger, Centurion, 3; Nottingham, Winnipeg, 3:40; Iron King and barge, 4; W. L. Brown, 4; Garretson, Ribby, Ames, 5:30; Widener, Jas. Rhodes, 6; Morgan, 7:40; Ericsson, Marica, C. W. Elphicke, 8; Castle Rhodius, Lynch, 8:40; Chile, Williams, 9; Flagg and barge, Birmingham, 11:30; Squire, Sonora, 1:30 p.m.; Manchester, Chicago, 2:30; Hobard, 3; Favette Brown, 3:20; Packer, DeGraff, 5; Neptune, 5:40; White, 6:30; Tecumseh, Nyanza, 8:15

Down: Fulton, Ranney and barge, 11:30; Linn and whaleback, midnight; Eddy and barge, 12:15 Friday morning; Aztec and barge, 2; Helena, Ford, 2:30; Bangor, Farwell, Holmes, 4:30; Sheale, Perkins, 6; America, Glenmount, Alf. Mitchell, 7; Mack, Marina, 7:30; Kennedy, 8; Warner and barge, 8:15; Niagara, 8:30; Ogema, 10:30; Troy, noon; Codorus, 1:40 p.m.; Watam, 2; Crescent City, 3:30; Bilchew, 4:30; Frontenac, 5:15; Superior, 6:40; Brower, 7; Queen City, Snyder, Siemens, 8; Scranton, 8:15.

Sault Ste. Marie, Aug. 23.—Up: Frank Peavy, 8:30 Thursday night; Earling, 9; Hart, Cuddy, 10; Samuel Mitchell, Chickamauga, Angeline, Ellwood, Sequin, midnight; Saxona, 12:40 Friday morning; Mueller, 1; D. O. Mills, John Mitchell, 2; Empire City, 2:30; Cornell, Walsh, 3:30; Vulcan, 5; Ream, 6:40; Ramapo, 7; 203, Waldo, 8:30; Presque Isle, 10; Fitzgerald (big), 10:20.

Down: Doris, Peck, 8 Thursday night; H. H. Rogers, 8:20; Gilchrist, 9; Wade, 9:30; Italia, Amazon, Mary Elphicke, 10:40; Maricopa, Bell, 1 Friday morning; Sylvia, 2:30; Rocke, 3: