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THEY PROTEST TOO MUCH.

To the extent of a column and a half the Standard sets forth the awful perils which confront the Dominion. First there are the farmers, those terrible fellows who would plunge the country into the darkness of gloom of free trade. Then there are the inconsequential Liberals, who have no knowledge of steering by the compass, or even by the stars, and under whose guidance the Dominion would lurch and reel and sink into the depths of misery. Also there are the Labor men, whose radical wing has a semi-Socialistic programme that would produce chaos. To these are added the extreme agitators, chiefly foreigners, who would overthrow stable government of any kind. But are we downhearted? No—and the reason is plain:

"Opposed to all these forces stands, four-square, the present administration under the courageous and fearless leadership of the Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, our prime minister, who is recognized from coast to coast as the ablest man in our public life."

Isn't that fine? Ajax defying the lightning is not so impressive a figure as this doughty champion holding at bay all the forces of reaction—farmers, gits, labor men, socialists and anarchists—who follow such freebooters as Mackenzie King, Fielding, Gouin, Crerar and others of their type.

But not the Standard over-stating the case? Let us consider the views of another observer. The Financial Post is not a partisan journal, but if the business interests of the country were jeopardized it would be one of the first to sound the alarm. The Financial Post describes the manifesto of Mr. Crerar on the tariff as "clean-cut, frank, and on the whole reassuring." It says:

"The agrarian leader, while openly seeking free trade as an ultimate achievement, does not propose to interfere recklessly and inconsiderately with existing industries' legitimate investment. He would afford a fair opportunity to Canadian industries to adjust themselves to the new conditions he has in mind. With his attitude in condemning the watering of stocks and of combines, the readers of the Financial Post occupy common ground. For the best sentiment of the country, while in favor of the maintenance of our industries, is emphatically against combines or agreements on prices, or the undue exercise of certain influences upon legislative policies."

The Financial Post, while insisting that our industries must not be destroyed, agrees that nevertheless "free trade remains the economic ideal of most of us." Mr. Crerar, therefore, does not disturb the Post by saying that while it is not practicable in Canada at present, the ideal of free trade should be kept in mind. But the Ottawa correspondent of Financial Post also makes some observations quite different from the views expressed by the St. John Standard. He says that all three parties have now declared for the maintenance of a tariff and that Mr. Crerar has "abjured the free trade heresy which his opponents have tried to fasten upon him, and which it is probable that he, personally at least, has not taken seriously in late years." This writer adds that the great majority of the farmers are behind Mr. Crerar, and that if he came into power "he would not attempt for a moment to wipe out the tariff."

Not only so, but:

"Mr. Meighen is not strengthening faith in his honesty of purpose by persistently holding this out as the only possible consequence of a farmer victory. Nor would Mr. Crerar be by any means the first party leader to revise his programme after gaining power. Mr. Meighen's own attitude on the question of agricultural implements might be cited as a case in point. However, Mr. Crerar himself has gone east to explain his platform and his plans. He is probably wise in waiting until his two opponents have to some extent blown themselves out. So far as can be judged from the speeches which have been made so far, they are not very far apart on the matter of the tariff."

Mr. Crerar has come east, and his defence of the west is both forcible and just. He pays his respects also to those combines which are equally distasteful to the Financial Post.

The St. John Standard and the tory press in general are over-shooting the

mark. They are merely following Mr. Meighen's example, but it is a very bad example and does not favorably impress the people. The latter are not at all afraid of disastrous tariff changes. What they would like is a little more light on the railway situation and the general policy the Meighen government proposes to follow if it should be returned to power. The picture of a "four-square" champion defying such enemies of Canada as King, Fielding, Gouin and Crerar as King, Fielding, Gouin and Crerar is about as accurate as the foolish cartoons appearing in the tory press from day to day.

VERY DELIGHTFUL

In its report of Hon. J. B. M. Baxter's speech at the nomination of Hon. B. Frank Smith in Woodstock last week the Woodstock Press says:

"He was glad that the convention, in its wisdom, had selected a man who had the brains to represent the constituency better than it had ever been represented before. He wanted Mr. Smith at Ottawa, not to stand behind him, but to be at his side to give the advice and counsel which he knew Mr. Smith was well qualified to give. No man, either in the legislature or parliament, had a greater knowledge than Mr. Smith of the farmers' interests."

There can be no doubt that Mr. Baxter knows that Mr. Smith is well qualified to give advice and counsel—of a kind. He has done it before. The result of the joint counsels of Mr. Baxter, Mr. Smith, Mr. George B. Jones and others has been set before the people of this province in the reports of royal commissions and speaks for itself. Undoubtedly, also, Mr. Smith has some knowledge of the farmers' interests. Did somebody say "potatoes"? But if Mr. Baxter spoke in admiration of Mr. Smith, the latter was not to be outdone. He had seen Mr. Baxter daily crossing from the west to the east side of the city wearing a straw hat (just like a farmer, no doubt, and encouraging of straw industry) and "he was proud of his friend Baxter as a self-made man."

It is very delightful when friends come together in this way and exchange compliments, and the farmers could not but be deeply impressed. It is to be noted that in the resolutions passed the party was described as "Liberal Conservative" and not "National Liberal and Conservative." In other words, it is the same old tory outfit.

The Prince of Wales is off on his journey to India. There is fear that some of the agitators there may take advantage of his presence to stage a demonstration hostile to the British government, but the Prince is not deterred. It may well be that his visit will be productive of great good, since he has proved himself most tactful at all times and has a wonderful faculty for making friends.

Hon. T. A. Crerar said in Woodstock yesterday that no man in his right senses would advocate that the tariff be swept away at once. That is his answer to the charge that he would introduce free trade.

Orillia, Ont., Oct. 26.—Sometimes trains are like the tides and wait for no man, not even prime ministers. At Beaverton, yesterday, a large crowd had gathered at the station to see Premier Meighen go through on his way to Bracebridge. The premier was asked by a delegate from the crowd to say a few words.

He consented, starting with these words: "Now this is the riding of North Ontario." Then the train moved away. When the premier was speaking to school boys at the station at Bracebridge the train did the same thing, and the premier's remarks were again cut short. Folks are now guessing as to whether the engineer was a Liberal or a United Farmer supporter.

DIG INTO OLD ESTATE FOR DEEDS TO N. Y. PROPERTY

New York, Oct. 26.—(Canadian Press.)—An inquiry into the administration of the estate of Francis Nolseux, a horse dealer of French Canada, who died here nearly seventy years ago, is being sought by his grandson, Angelbert J. Prefontaine, with a view to seeking information concerning the disposition of deeds to valuable New York city property supposed to have been in Nolseux's possession when he died.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET. Chicago, Oct. 26.—Opening: Wheat—Dec. \$1.08; May, \$1.13; Corn—Dec. 48; May, 54; Oats—Dec. 34; May, 38.

ONCE IN A WHILE.

(Anonymous.)
Once in a while the sun shines out,
And the arching skies are a perfect blue;
Once in a while, 'mid clouds of doubt,
Hope's brightest stars come peeping through.
Our paths lead down by the meadows fair,
Where the sweetest blossoms nod and smile,
And we lay aside our cross of care
Once in a while.
Once in a while within our own
We clasp the hand of a steadfast friend;
Once in a while we hear a tone
Of love with the heart's own voice to blend;
And the dearest of all our dreams come true;
And on life's way is a golden mile,
Each thrilling flower is kissed with dew,
Once in a while.
Once in a while in the desert sand
We find a spot of the fairest green;
Once in a while from where we stand
The hills of Paradise are seen;
And a perfect joy in our hearts we hold,
Joy that the world cannot delude;
We trade earth's dross of purest gold
Once in a while.

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

Well Informed.
"Yes, sir, it's pretty hard collecting money just now. I know it."
"Have you tried and failed?"
"Oh, no."
"How, then, do you know that money is hard to collect?"
"Because several people have tried to collect some from me."

Rumor has it that you are going to marry Jack," said Ella.
"Then rumor is lying," replied Rita.
"I shouldn't dream of marrying him. He can't ride, can't shoot, can't drive a car, can't jazz, and can't play tennis."
"But he swims awfully well, you know," returned Ella.
Rita—Yes, but would you want a husband that you had to keep in an aquarium?

His Kind.
"What kind of a fellow is Blinks?"
"Well, he is one of those fellows who always grab the stool when there is a piano to be moved."

Modish Restraint.
"Don't you think some of the new fashions are a trifle extreme?"
"What do you mean by 'extreme'?" rejoined by Miss Cayenne. "I haven't observed that they go to any great lengths."

Her Sorrow.
Edith—"You filled him and he proposed to me. I don't see what you have to be sorry about."
Ethel—"I feel sorry for myself, dear, but for him."

REFUSES MOTION IN STILLMAN CASE

Court Will Not Bring in All Heirs to Stillman Wealth.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Oct. 26.—Supreme Court Justice Morschauser yesterday at New Windsor Plains denied the motion of John E. Mack, guardian ad litem for Guy Stillman, to bring all the heirs of the late James Stillman and of James A. Stillman into the divorce action against Mrs. Anne U. Stillman.

Mr. Mack asked the motion for the purpose, he said, of protecting the interests of Guy in the future.

The justice, in giving his decision, said he believed the interests of the child would be properly safeguarded if Mrs. Stillman should win the divorce action.

HON. T. A. CRRER OPENS CAMPAIGN IN MARITIMES

Hon. T. A. Crerar, in opening the Progressive party's campaign in the maritime provinces at Woodstock yesterday, came to the defense of the west.

He said that an "imputation had been cast against the men of the west. He said that he had given Mr. Meighen instances of the present government had favored combines and mergers and announced that he believed the campaign was over he would give him some more. Referring to the west, he said that the majority of the farmers were either English or Canadian born. In regard to unemployment, Mr. Crerar said that we need to open the door of trade rather than have protection. He maintained that the tariff should be swept away gradually and not all at once.

POLAND ACCEPTS SILESIAN DECISION

Paris, Oct. 26.—In a note delivered yesterday to the ambassadors' council the Polish government accepts the decision of the Allies concerning Upper Silesia. M. Plucinski has been appointed Polish delegate on the mixed commission charged with negotiating the economic agreements.

ANDY MICK'S FEET CAUSE LOSS OF HON. MR. CRRER'S SPEECH

(Toronto Globe.)
To Andrew Hicks' feet is directly attributed Ontario's loss in not having had from Hon. T. A. Crerar, Progressive leader, a discussion of Canadian railway problems.

When the U. P. O. member for South Huron essayed at Wingham to get into the rear seat of a Ford car he found that there was no room for his feet and Hon. Mr. Crerar's grip. Intending to take care of it, Mr. Hicks temporarily moved the grip to the sidewalk, but subsequently forgot all about it.

When the party drove off, the grip remained just where Mr. Hicks had left it, and Mr. Hicks' feet rested in comparative comfy comfort in the rear seat of the Ford. In the grip were Hon. Mr. Crerar's papers containing railway statistics, with which he probably would have dealt at Shelburne. The grip caught up again with the Progressive leader at Toronto on Saturday night.

BRITAIN AND SHANTUNG. London, Oct. 26.—So far as the policy of the British government was concerned, the Shantung question was settled by the decision embodied in the treaty of Versailles, said Austen Chamberlain, government leader, in the House of Commons yesterday. He made this statement in reply to a question as to whether there had been any modification of the British policy concerning Shantung.

WILL HOLD AN INVESTIGATION

Charges Regarding Spruce Lake Main Made to Common Council—Other Business.

The common council decided at a meeting on Tuesday afternoon to hold an inquiry under oath into the charges advanced by J. P. Ryan that the work on the Spruce Lake pipe line was poorly done and that the city engineer was trying to hide the facts from the council. A recommendation from the committee of the whole that the work of paying German street should not be undertaken this year was adopted. It was decided to fill the Newman Brook and an effort will be made to open a new road from the old Westerland road to Rothesay avenue.

A report from T. B. and H. B. Robinson, insurance agents, of a window of a shop in Prince Edward street, broken by one of the city workmen in that street, was referred to Commissioner Frank. George H. V. Belyea wrote that his client, J. Rodrick, had been cut off from using an alleyway by the moving of his boundary in a recent city survey. The matter was referred to Commissioner Bullock and the city engineer for report.

CALL TO WOMEN OF GREAT BRITAIN

Urged to Demonstrate Support of Delegation to the Washington Conference.

London, Oct. 26.—A nation-wide appeal for British women to demonstrate their support for the state at the Washington conference was contained in a letter to the London Times signed by Lady Astor and Mrs. Margaret Winfield. Members of parliament, and three other prominent women. It urges the press, clergymen, teachers, parents and school children to help to get every woman to seize this opportunity of expressing hope for the success of the conference, and adds:

"We believe that the premier will go to Washington with such a mandate from the women of this country as shall ring through the world."
On the supposition that the steamship carrying the delegates will sail on November 5, the letter suggests that on Nov. 3, every woman and every girl over fourteen years of age send a signed postcard bearing "Godspeed" addressed to the premier, and that British ships aboard the Aquitania at Liverpool.

The movement is advocated as a response to United States women who have "called across the sea."

PROVISIONAL ACCEPTANCE OF WAGES CUT

Grand Trunk Railway Employees and Company Reach Agreement.

Montreal, Oct. 26.—A tentative agreement was reached yesterday between the employees of the Grand Trunk Railway and representatives of the company whereby the men agree to accept provisionally a recent reduction in wages, with the understanding that if further negotiations alter the schedules of pay, the company will see that any back money withheld is refunded.

The agreement arrived at is, in general, that the employees should accept the reduced rates of pay, put into effect in last July, subject to adjustment of any inequalities.

The agreement was also subject to a reopening of the whole question of wage rates on fifteen days' notice from either side, when any further reconsideration would be taken up by representatives of the company and the employees. The reduction approximates twelve and a half per cent.

CURSE RATHER THAN BLESSING

Former Chancellor McKenna Speaks on Reparations and Payment of War Debts.

Chicago, Oct. 26.—Payment, by Germany, of her reparation debt to Great Britain and repayment, by the Allies, of the war loan from Great Britain might "prove rather a curse than a blessing," said former Chancellor of the Exchequer, Reginald McKenna of Great Britain last night in an address on international finance and trade, before the Commercial Club of Chicago.

"We lose more in our country by the existence of two million unemployed," he said, "than we shall ever get in value from the German reparations over a period of thirty years."

I would rather see our people employed and producing wealth than receive a dribble of wealth from Germany at the cost of being unemployed.

"And what I say of ourselves is true in a lesser degree of the U. S. When I see these things, I really begin to doubt whether it is for the benefit of the United Kingdom that these reparations should be paid, and whether the debts of the Allies to us might not, if they were paid, prove a curse than a blessing."

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WHEN ONE PUBLIC HOUSE CLOSES, MAY GET DRINK IN OTHER

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