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The Buyer and the Seller.

A true story is of a Southerner who went into the clothing store of one of his neighbors and asked him if he did not want to trade.

"Whatchergot?" said the storekeeper. The man ran his hand down into his coat pocket and pulled out an egg.

"This," said he.

"One aig!" said the storekeeper.

"And what do you want for that?"

"Wall," drawled the man, "you can gimme a couple of trousers buttons for it can't ye?"

"Ef that's all," said the storekeeper, "I reckon I kin."

The man received the trouser buttons, and, looking up at the storekeeper, he said, "Aren't you going to treat?"

(The custom South demands a treat whenever a swap of any kind is made.)

"Well," said the storekeeper, "What do you want?"

"Oh, I'm not perticular," said the man. "Gi' me a drink o' sherry."

So the storekeeper handed out a bottle of sherry and a glass.

"Help yourself."

The man thought a moment, and then said solemnly, "I nevah drink sherry without breakin an aig in it."

"Well, upon mah soul," thought the storekeeper. But he handed him the egg he had just received and said, "Here's yoh aig; you kin have it."

The man broke the egg into the glass of sherry, and in doing so discovered that the egg had two yolks. He drained the glass, smacked his lips, pronounced it a fine drink, and then said to the storekeeper, "You know you ought to gimme two more trouser buttons, don't you?"

"Why?" asked the storekeeper, perplexed.

"Because," said the man, "that aig o'mine had two yolks."

The Miller Act is working out well in its practical application. The keeper of a Montreal gaming house was recently found guilty of being the proprietor of a betting house and is liable to a fine of \$1000 or one year's imprisonment.

H.H. Miller, M.P. is to be commended for the effort he is putting forth to make it as hard as possible for men to do wrong.

Another Market For Our Produce.

Another market such as we are likely to have for our natural products will advantageously affect more people in Canada than would improved markets for any other line of production. In 1910 Canadian exports of agricultural products amounted to over \$90,000,000, and of animal produce \$54,000,000, a grand total of \$144,000,000, exported from Canada's farms last year. Next come the products of the forest, other natural products, the exports of which amounted to over \$47,000,000. Next the mines, the exports from which brought Canada over \$40,000,000 in cash. To this add \$15,500,000 for fish, which brings the total value for natural products exported from Canada last year to over \$246,000,000. All of these products are on the free list of the proposed trade agreement with the United States; the value of all will be increased by access to their markets.

Compared with the great value of our exports of natural products, the exports of manufactured goods sink into insignificance. In 1910 the value of exported manufactured goods from Canada was only \$31,491,916.

In the light of these statistics, is it not evident why we farmers are demanding access of our products to United States? What effect can a protective tariff have on the price of natural products produced on our farms, our forests and our mines when we have such a surplus for export? It must be evident to the dullest intellect that the price of our produce is set in foreign markets and the wider these markets are the better the price is bound to be. And what better market could we gain entrance to than that of the 90,000,000 people, our neighbors to the south?

There can be no question as to the value of the United States markets for Canadian farm produce. The strongest argument that can be advanced in support of our position on this question, is to give market quotations at United States and Canadian centres. Just now United States markets are dull and quotations are lower than usual. Nevertheless a comparison of Toronto and Buffalo markets last week show that when prime steers were selling at \$5.80 to \$6 in Toronto, they bringing \$6.40 to \$6.60 for the same quality in Buffalo. Hogs were \$6.75 in Toronto and \$7.30 to \$7.75 in Buffalo. The average price for cheese in Canada last season was 10¢ cents, in the United States it ruled three and even four cents higher. Farmers who were exporting cream across the line practically free of duty were realizing 10 to 12 cents more a hundred for milk than they would had it been manufactured in to cheese or butter in Canadian factories. One of our leading apple men tells us that free access to the United States markets will mean 50 cents more on every barrel of apples produced in Ontario. We all know from past experience what it will do for the barley.

The trade agreement as proposed does not injuriously affect our manufacturers; yet it opens to Canadian farmers one of the best markets of the world, and one, moreover, which is near at hand. Little wonder that our farmers hail with satisfaction the opening of the United States market to Canadian natural products.—Farm and Dairy.

Legal Questions.

L. J., Kinloss.—Qu.—A hires with B and the wages were to be so much a month. A finds the work unsuitable for him, and leaves B's employment and engages with another employer. Can B interfere and compel A to return and complete his contract?

Ans.—There is no law in this country to compel an ordinary laborer to return and complete his term of employment. An apprentice can be compelled to fulfil his articles of apprenticeship, and may be summoned to appear before the police magistrate for deserting his employment.

H. S., Brunner.—Qu.—My wife tells the neighbors that she intends to leave me, and also says she is going to leave me. For her threats what redress have I, and what is the best course for me to pursue?

Ans.—I don't see how you can control your wife's tongue. If she chooses to say foolish things, you will just have to bear with it as well as you can, and remonstrate with her in a kindly way for her folly. By maligning or disparaging her husband a wife usually degrades herself and family, and the same may be said of a husband who disparages his wife. The spouses have each a clear interest in maintaining the safety, reputation and welfare of each other, and it is their moral duty at all times to protect each other's life, security, reputation and honor.

No wonder J.W. Flavell, head of the Wm. Davies Pork Packing Factory, Toronto, is satisfied with the maintenance of present tariff conditions. The Davies Co. has averaged 50 per cent dividends during the last 13 years and in 1898 made 120 per cent. Flavell fears that under the proposed trade arrangement he will meet stronger competition to secure material for his packing plants and a reduction in the tariff on packed meats will affect the selling end of his business.

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Woman's Way.

It's always pleasant to hear a girl, when she comes home from a social whirl. She tells a tale of gowns she saw, of the hats of silk and the hats of straw; and Mrs. Jinks was a dream in white, and Mrs. Wax was a perfect fright. Would people listen if I should tell of the rags men wore at a party swell? Old Col. Wiggs, as you know, was there, and he made a botch when he dyed his hair. And old Bill Boggs was another guest; he had spilled some egg on his canvas vest, and his trousers bagged in a frightful way and he wore a hat that was much too gay. And Ezra Spink was among the crowd, with a cheap cravat that was far too loud, and his pantaloons were a total loss, and his whiskers looked like some Irish moss. Old Aaron Dingbat, the giddy flirt, was there wrapped up in a cheap blue shirt, with a plate glass gem on his manly breast, and three buttons missing from off his vest. The host, who stood in cheap cowhide boots, regaled his guests with some bum cheeroots, and searched our coats and our trouserloons, through a baseborn fear that we swiped his spoons.—Walt Mason in the Star.

Laporte vs Wehengel.

The end has come in the case of Laporte-Wehengel case for wrongful prosecution. As was stated in the Telescope several weeks ago, Laporte appealed from the decision of Judge Dixon who threw out his claim for damages against Wehengel. The case came up in the Divisional Court, Toronto on Thursday last before Justices Riddell, Sutherland and Middleton. Their summing up of the case was that owing to confusion of the answers of the jury given to the questions submitted to them by the Judge, a new trial would be ordered unless the parties were agreed that the Judges should be allowed to go over the evidence submitted at the trial and act as a board of arbitrators with all the powers of a jury on the case, and the parties be bound by their award. The counsel agreed to accept the offer of the court and on Friday the three Judges went over the evidence and the judgment was, "Upon a perusal of the evidence we are all of the opinion that there was reasonable and probable cause for the proceedings complained of. We therefore think the appeal and the action must be dismissed, both with costs."

Black Eye for Picture Men

After the first of June, if the bill now before the Legislature becomes law in its present form, no children under the age of fifteen years will be allowed to attend moving picture theatres unless accompanied by an adult. This clause, which will cause general consternation among the moving picture men of the Province is embodied in the measure introduced in the Legislature by Hon. A.J. Mathewson, Provincial Treasurer. The restriction is the one the theatre operators opposed most earnestly in their calls upon the Provincial Secretary when the matter was under consideration. They declared that to prevent children from attending the shows would put many places out of business, since their audiences were for the most part children.

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