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WEST INDIAN TRADE

The need for better steamship connection with the West Indies, particularly in connection with the fruit trade, is raised again by the fact that Jamaica is preparing to send a delegation to Ottawa to urge the Canadian Government to take further action to stimulate trade between their country and ours. This is a matter in which St. John has a very direct interest, because it is obviously the port from which steamers should ply winter and summer carrying Canadian goods to the West Indies and bringing back the fruit which Canada requires, instead of having that fruit and many other products reach this country only through the United States.

At the present time the whole question comes up in a new way, because Jamaica, disappointed with the abolition of the preferential duties by the British Government, is talking about cancelling the fifty per cent. preference It has given on English cotton goods and negotiating reciprocity agreements with countries outside the Empire. It is a time, therefore, when Canada should naturally be on its guard not only to retain its present advantages in trade with Jamaica, but to enlarge them. Under the trade agreement of 1920 between Canada and the West Indies the Dominion gave Jamaica a fifty per cent. preference on many of its products in return for a smaller preference on certain Canadian goods. Since that agreement was made Canada's sales of fruit have risen from twenty-five per cent. of Jamaica's requirements in 1921 to fifty-four per cent. in 1923, and Canadian manufactured goods have been sold in the island to a greater extent than formerly, displacing much that was imported from foreign countries, chiefly the United States.

The Jamaicans, however, point out with force that Canada has not yet done its part by providing, with the assistance of the West Indies, a regular direct service by refrigerated ships between that country and ours, which service was provided for in the agreement of 1920. The arrangement was that Canada and the West Indian Colonies should divide the cost of such steamship services in case they should not be carried on at a profit at first.

Jamaica last year exported more than 12,000,000 bunches of bananas, and of these less than 2,000 appear in the records as exported to Canada, which means that we received not only all of the bananas we used, but all of the other tropical fruits, by way of the United States. The Jamaicans say that the steamship service they have in mind would greatly increase the sale of Canadian manufactured goods in the West Indies, and not manufactures alone, but flour, fish, meats, butter, eggs, poultry and many other products.

WHERE THEY GO.

Britain has an annual increase of population of 400,000, and she loses yearly under present conditions of unemployment some 200,000 by immigration, chiefly to the Dominions and the United States. As things are she would be willing to send an even greater number overseas. It is a curious fact that her emigration is much less today than it was in 1913, which is possibly due in some measure to the role of the unemployed, though many of these are being sent to other countries through state-assisted emigration.

Canada gets less of the surplus British population than Australia under the Empire Settlement Act, but more of those who leave Britain without financial assistance. According to the report of Overseas Settlement Committee for 1923 only 44,269 persons have been assisted under that legislation, of which number 31,000 went to Australia, 6,800 to New Zealand, and only 6,200 to Canada. But these figures cover but a limited proportion of the voluntary and assisted emigration to countries other than Europe which in 1923 amounted to more than 198,000. Of these Canada and Newfoundland received 75,886, the United States 86,000, Australia 31,500, and New Zealand 7,100. The total emigration was much heavier than in 1922, but far below that of the year before the war. The average emigration from Britain has not averaged more than 200,000, while the annual increase in population since 1870 has been about 400,000.

Canada's newcomers in 1923 were quite largely from the Old Country, and the British figures show that the Dominion might draw still more largely from the Mother Country to the advantage of both and still secure with reasonable care from the available surplus. American immigration to the Canadian West has fallen off greatly for several years, and in 1923 it showed a decline of seven per cent. as compared with the year before. This decline is welcomed by some who fear the "Americanization" of the Prairie district, but whether or not that view is sound there is no doubt that additional population of British stock is

desirable for the western division where already there is so extensive a percentage of foreign extraction.

Canada wants workers, and it wants the kind of folk who can appreciate free institutions and become good Canadians. Much as it needs population it can still well afford to select its settlers with far more care than was exercised in the pre-war days, before the western boom broke, when immigration reached its peak. As matters stand it is worthy of note that, aggressive as Australia's immigration policy is, Canada is receiving more people of British stock than the Commonwealth. Soon, in all probability, she will be drawing more British than the United States. Since so many of them must adopt another land their national destination should be within the Empire. The vast territory under the common flag is great enough for all the family.

THE INSANITY DEFENCE.

To avoid the escape of criminals in whose behalf a sham or exaggerated insanity defence is set up, and on the other hand, to prevent the execution of prisoners who are really insane, are the objects of a new movement in New York, growing out of startling abuses which have grown up in the administration of the criminal law. The President of the New York Bar Association recently expressed the opinion that "the present system of expert evidence is a reproach to our administration of justice," and many are demanding a drastic revision of the rules of such evidence. The reputation of the American courts and the honor of the American medical profession are alike involved and the public interest, which is above all other considerations, has been gravely injured and is constantly endangered.

Dr. Carlos F. MacDonald, a leading alienist, in addressing the American Society of Medical Jurisprudence made a scathing reference to the Thaw case, speaking of the "scandalous misuse" of expert testimony "in a murder trial, which in its various ramifications has been a stench in the public nostrils for more than fifteen years." The last chapter in which has only recently been exploited in a nearby city." He invited the members of his profession to fix a standard of qualification for physicians offering themselves as experts. Weed out the "hot-house alienist," he urged. That is a difficult matter, but the Herald-Tribune believes a great betterment is likely through the plan, advocated at the medical meeting by Dr. MacDonald and by Federal Judge Francis A. Winslow, of eliminating the insanity defence from criminal trials. "The question of sanity," it says, "would not be argued before the jury; it would be left for determination to a commission appointed by the court after conviction. Sham insanity could seldom cause justice under such procedure. On the other hand, a post-trial examination might reveal insanity that a jury of average men would not recognize. Substantial justice would be done both to the state and to the accused. At present the slightest color of abnormality in a defendant means a long drawn out battle of alienists. The issue of guilt or innocence is obscured by a smoke screen of hypothetical questions."

Several American judges of high standing have advised the adoption of English trial practice under which, in criminal cases, the judge decides any issues of fact that are not material and confines counsel to matters bearing directly upon the guilt or innocence of the accused. "Emotional" insanity plays a small part in English trials. They have no Thaw cases.

Observe now the effects of certain attempts to be funny. An association of master plumbers, says the Toronto Globe, "declares that its business is injured by the habit of making jokes at its expense. Fearful of ridicule, sensitive young fellows are discouraged and will not learn the trade. Hence plumbers are scarce and prices are high. A vicious circle is thus established. Newspapers make jokes about the high cost of plumbing, and this leads to higher prices and more jokes, which again cause scarcity of labor and higher prices."

AIR FORCE HEAD TO GO TO ENGLAND

Ottawa, May 18.—Wing Commander W. G. Barker, V. C., officer commanding the Royal Canadian Air Force, will sail June 4 for England, where he will remain for a year as liaison officer to the Royal Air Force.

During his absence Wing Commander J. S. Scott, M. C., A. F. C., will be in command of the Royal Canadian Air Force. Wing Commander E. W. Steadman, O. B. E., will leave for England June 8, where he will spend six months attached to the British air force.

Why shouldn't the dear creatures smoke? The taste of nicotine is nothing new to a woman who has been frequently kissed.

Press Comment

HUBBY'S PICTURE.

(Passing Show.)
The latest fad is to have a tiny picture of your husband on your finger nail. The more usual place for him, of course, is under your thumb.

DOES HE WANT MORE?

(Toronto Star.)
Sir Robert Borden may be appointed to preside over the job of defining the Irish boundary. But hasn't Sir Robert had trouble enough in his time, without that?

NOT YET.

(Victoria Colonist.)
The British Postmaster-General says it is estimated that the increase in the number of letters and postcards which would result from the introduction of penny postage would total about 300,000,000 a year. That would seem an argument in favor of reversion to penny postage. There is no provision for such made in the British budget.

ANOTHER QUESTION OF HATS.

(Vancouver Sun.)
At last the momentous question of feminine headgear seems to have been solved by lady members of the British Parliament.

After weeks of discussion, all eight lady members have finally decided to appear hatless.

It may be reflection on these eight members, but the ordinary reader will find the impression that these eight hats have caused more public concern than the eight heads they cover.

The sartorial element in woman's public life will have to be eradicated before she will set the world afire.

THE LITTLE VILLAGER ON THE THAMES.

(London Daily Express.)
Sir Ian Hamilton's eulogy of London and his assertion that the great city "catches hold of you as an octopus grabs a periwinkle" conveys nothing new to the true Londoner, he has been born within the sound of Bow Bells or an immigrant from Scotland, from Ireland, from Africa or anywhere in the world. The lure gets in its fine work on all native born or otherwise. It grips you, it draws you, it keeps you. Once a Londoner always a Londoner, be you in Kamschatka, in Woolloomooloo, in Pasadena or in Simla. There may be more beautiful cities, with finer streets and more sunshine, but even a November fog on the embankment has its attractions. There is only one London, and that is the one that the Americans call London (Eng.).

ST. JOHN AND HALIFAX.

(Presbyterian Witness.)
The Progressives in the Dominion Parliament made a very sensible use of the Easter recess by paying a visit to the Maritime Provinces, that they might see for themselves the place, the people and the problems. In the Federal House they represent almost entirely central or western constituencies. But Canada is a large country, with a varied population of varied interests and traditions and consequently varied problems. East and West are not so far apart as they seem. The constitution, but actual unity must be built around a knowledge and appreciation each of the other. Probably the insistent presence of "Maritime rights," both in and out of Parliament during recent months, with its undertone of protest and dissatisfaction, was a factor in effecting this timely visit of Westerners to their Nearest East. Halifax and St. John, both washed by the waters of the broad Atlantic, were their main stopping places. A right royal welcome was accorded them. City clubs, Boards of Trade, civic and Provincial Governments, vied with each other in extending the hand of fellowship. Harbors and transportation facilities were inspected. Problems and possibilities were set forth around the banquet board. National hopes and loyalties found eloquent expression as hosts and visitors exchanged viewpoints and learned many things of each other. It was all well, East, centre and West cannot get along without each other, and this friendly intercourse, of serious-minded men, with Canada in their view, tended to a better mutual understanding and appreciation, and thereby another strand was woven into the strengthening cord of national unity.

TONSorial FASHIONS.

(Toronto Globe.)
Bobbed hair seems to be becoming as much the vogue as the short skirt, and may soon cease to provide material for the humorist or the moralist. Each generation, amused or shocked by some sudden change in the fashions of dress, dresses, or fashions, or is unaware that its experience is not new. A School Board in Washburn County, Indiana, has voted to dismiss any teacher who bobs her hair, as the school board, contracts sent to the teachers for the coming school year stipulate that the regular salary increase shall go only to the teachers who have not bobs their hair.

Those who make these ordinances are akin in spirit to the New England lawmakers who decreed that "every male shall have his hair cut round according to a cap."

We are apt to believe that the clean-shaven face, which is the rule today in North America at any rate, is a break with a hirsute past, but it is only a return to a former custom. The New York Journal of Commerce quotes from a diary of 1850 recording the discharge of a clerk for growing a beard. "About the same time," says the diarist, "a number of leading merchants gave notice that they would employ nobody who wore hair on the upper lip." Later the moustache, the beard, and other capillary variations, such as side-whiskers and goatees, became general, while styles in ladies' hair-dressing changed with the seasons. These are not matters for laws or by-laws, and the little tyrants of Washburn and New Castle are making themselves ridiculous. Perhaps further excavations in Oriental countries will show that bobbed hair was the craze even before King Tut's time. It is contended that bobbed hair has come to stay because it is more sanitary and comfortable, and requires less time and attention. This would be really something new—a feminine fashion made permanent because there are considerations of convenience and common sense in its favor.

HAS ALL THE TIME THERE IS.

Morality can always afford to wait, since it triumphs in the end.—Augustine Birrell.

WATCHMAN, WHAT OF THE MORNING?

(Toronto Mail and Empire)
(An Epitome of Life.)
Morning.

Watchman, what of the morning?
"Dense are the shadows on vale and hill,
I see no stars and the air is chill;
No sounds I hear save the lulling fill
And the Shepherd's ceaseless warning."

What is the Shepherd saying?

"He calls to the sheep in the vale below,
To the flocks that roam where the waters flow,
For He notes the dawn where the peaks are aglow,
And He fears for the young ones playing."

Noon.

Watchman, what of the morning?
"The sun shines forth and the shadows flee,
The sky is as clear as a sky can be,
There is tumult of life over land and sea,
For joy at the world's adorning."

Is the faithful Shepherd calling?

"His voice, in the noise of the noon-tide hour
Sounds loud and lorn of its early power;
Men heed it best when the dark clouds pour,
Or when silence of eve is falling."

Night.

Watchman, what of the morning?
"It has passed to the realm of forgotten things,
Faded as a bird on pulsating wings,
Gone with its sorrows, its joys and stings,
Its folly, its fear and its scorn."

Once more are the shadows blending.

"The shadows are gathered from wood and woe,
Save those, who, astray on the mountain's cold,
Are pining in vain for the guarded fold
And the Shepherd's careful tending."

IN LIGHTER VEIN

Fortunate.
A young lawyer was due to go into court with his first case. For some days he had been nervous about it, and so he sat down to dinner that night after the trial, his air was far from being triumphant.

"Well," finally asked his father, "how did you acquit yourself?"
"Fortunately, I wasn't on trial," responded the young attorney, bitterly. "My client got convicted."—The Green Bag.

His Way.

Hobbs—"I hope you're not one of those who borrow trouble?"
Dobbs—"No, I borrow money to get out of trouble."

Her Idea of Punishment.

Margaret, aged five, had eaten one of the two boxes of strawberries her mother had purchased, expecting company. Her mother said: "what would you do if you had a little girl and she did a thing like that?"
"Oh, mamma," Margaret exclaimed eagerly, "I'd make her eat the other box."

Lochinvar In The Commons

(Hansard, May 13.)

Mr. Maclean (York)—Mr. Speaker, just before six o'clock I was speaking on the motion before the House and I directed attention to the most peculiar and rather revolutionary event which has occurred, namely, that a government which was practically in a minority had had its tariff policy dictated by another minority. I know of no parallel case in our parliamentary practice. But I said there was a romance connected with this event which I would relate after dinner. Now, I am going to good authority—Sir Walter Scott—and if the House will permit I will read the Lady Heron's Song in the fifth canto of Marmion. It is about the adventures of young Lochinvar who came out of the west. This is the song: O, young Lochinvar is come out of the west,
Through all the wide border his steed
Was the best;
And save his good broadsword, he wears
A bonnet and hose,
He rode all unarm'd, and he rode all
So faithful in love, and so dauntless in war,<
There never was knight like the young Lochinvar.

Some hon. members—Hear, hear.

Mr. Maclean (York)—My friends are ready for the part.
He staid not for brake, and he stopp'd
Not for a word,
He swam the lake river where ford there
Was none,
But ere he alighted at Netherby gate,
The bride had consented, the gallant
For a lagard in love, and a dastard in war,
Was to wed the fair Ellen of brave Lochinvar.

So boldly he enter'd the Netherby Hall,
Among bride and bridesmen, and all,
And his bow drawn, he straightway assail'd
On his sword,
(For the poor craven bridegroom said never word),
"O come ye in peace here, or come ye in war,
Or to dance at our bridal, young Lord Lochinvar!"

This is where the amoroso furioso comes in:

"I long woo'd your daughter, my suit you denied,
Love swells like the Solway, but ebbs like its tide—
And now am I come, with this lost love of mine,
To treat but one measure, drink one cup of wine.
There are maidens in Scotland more lovely by far,
That would gladly be bride to the young Lochinvar."

I will illustrate that a little later on. The bride kiss'd the goblet; the knight took it up,
He quaff'd off the wine, and he threw down the cup,
She look'd down to blush, and she look'd up to sigh,
With a smile on her lips, and a tear in her eye,
He took her soft hand, ere her mother could say,
"Now tread we a measure!" said young Lochinvar.

So stately his form, and so lovely his face,
That never a hall such a galliard did see;
While his mother did fret, and her
And the bride-maidens whisper'd,
"Twere better by far,
To have match'd our fair cousin with young Lochinvar."

One touch to her hand, and one word in her ear,
When they reach'd the hall door, and the charger stood near,
So light to the saddle before her he sprang,
"She is won!" we are gone, over bank, burn, and scar:

DENBY VISITS WASHINGTON



When last Edwin B. Denby was photographed in Washington it was in the role of secretary of the navy, resigning in the midst of oil lease charges. Here he reappears as Major Edwin B. Denby, U. S. Marines, visiting the capital to inspect the new marine tank, designed and invented by Walter Christie.

They'll have best steeds that follow.

There was mounting 'mong Graemes of the Netherby clan,
Forster, Fenwick, and Musgrave,
They rode and they ran;
There was racing and chasing, on Canobie Lee.
But the lost bride of Netherby ne'er did quite fill the bill. But what about the golden Apollo who comes from the West—Calgary—(Mr. Shaw)—or a dozen others? But I am quite satisfied with the Progressive leader; he is good enough for the part of Lochinvar if he does the right trick. Here is where the drama begins.

"There are maidens in Scotland more lovely by far,
That would gladly be bride to the young Lochinvar."

Who are they? Is it my right hon. friend the leader of the opposition (Mr. Meighen) or the late Minister of Finance (Sir Henry Drayton)? My advice to them is that Lochinvar is not through with his adventures; he may not go on the ramp, but he may go looking for a charmer. If I were the leader of the opposition I would be as chaste as Diana, and I would wear a gown, not of the cut now in fashion, but of a discreet length. Then would he be able to do as Tennyson makes the Yorkshire farmer advise his son: "Don't thou marry for munny, but goa wheer munny lies!"

And if the right hon. gentleman should get in the way of Lochinvar the next time he comes around, we do not know what would happen. Then who is the fair Ellen? The fair lady sits over there—the Prime Minister! And the eloquent? It took place when young Lochinvar from the West ran away with the Prime Minister of Canada! And between them they arranged the fiscal policy which is before the House.

Spring makes people lazy.

The other seasons that make people lazy are summer, fall and winter.

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GOING TO CONVENTION.

Rev. W. J. Johnson, of the Coburg street Christian church, and Mrs. Johnston, and Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Flagg, leave today en route to Toronto to attend the All-Canada convention of the Christian Church there. After the convention they will take a trip to Niagara Falls, New York, Boston and Portland, Me. They expect to be gone for about one month. The Coburg street congregation has arranged to have Wilfred Outhouse take charge of the services in the church on the first two Sundays in June. Mr. Outhouse is a St. John boy, a former member of the congregation who is taking a theological course at Kimberling Heights, Tenn., and will be in the city for his vacation at that time.

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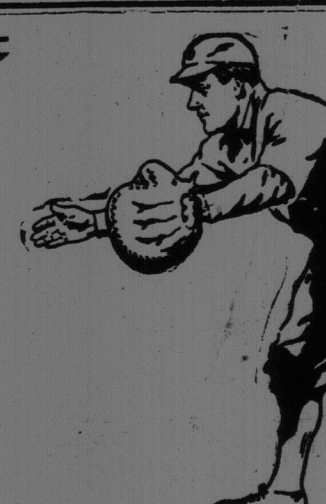
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