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EDITORIAL COMMENT

REAPING THE WHIRLWIND

"The pendulum has already begun to swing adversely," states Mr. Harrison Watson, Canadian Trade Commissioner at London in his annual report, "which indicates a marked decrease of Canadian exports to England during the past year."

The customs revenue for October decreased by nearly \$1,500,000 as compared with the same month last year, a dropping off of \$50,000 a day.

During the eight months of the present year the customs revenue aggregated \$75,001,109 as compared with \$76,032,075 during the same eight months of 1912. These are figures given out by the Customs Department, with every possible effort to minimize their significance.

There is every probability that the decreased revenue for October will be increasingly continued during the winter months, since the bulk of importations occur during the summer navigation season. It is more than probable that the end of the year will witness a decrease in customs revenue of \$10,000,000.

The Minister of Finance is now floating in London a loan of \$20,000,000. Half of this will be used to pay treasury bills—paying debts with borrowed money. The rest will be used to replenish the almost empty treasury, and of course a good slice of it will go to Mackenzie and Mann as a part of their \$15,000,000 gift.

During the last 12 months Hon. Mr. White has gone to London to borrow, the astonishing total of \$45,000,000. He has had to pay over four per cent for every dollar of it. The interest on borrowings for this year alone amounts to \$1,800,000. The last loan of \$20,000,000 at four per cent had to be sold at 97, which means nearly 4 1/2 per cent interest. This is practically one per cent higher interest than Hon. Mr. Fielding ever had to pay. By the end of the fiscal year, Canada's debt will be increased by probably \$30,000,000—with a permanent additional charge of \$1,200,000 a year for interest.

London financiers comment unfavourably and openly upon the continual raids of Hon. Mr. White on the British money market. The Morning Post, an influential English Conservative paper, friendly to the Canadian Government, scathingly criticizes Hon. Mr. White's method of borrowing huge sums privately, in addition to his public borrowings and says—"It must be impossible for the investor to have any clear idea of the financial position of the debtor." That is exactly what the Canadian Government wants, to hide its real financial position from both the British who lend and the Canadians who must pay back.

In face of these conditions Hon. Mr. White gaily announces that estimates next year may amount to \$250,000,000 as against "only" \$200,000,000 last year. This will mean a total expenditure of probably \$300,000,000 including statutory items. The absurd explanation is that the government considers times of financial stress proper season, for huge Government expenditures. Such a system applied to any business institution would mean speedy bankruptcy.

After two years of Conservative Government exports and imports have declined; Canada's borrowings have increased; her credit abroad has suffered; her interest rate on English debts has increased; the public debt is growing again; her custom revenue for the first time since the Fielding tariff of 1897 has seriously declined; expenditures have about trebled in three years.

It is time that the pendulum turned. Its swing is already apparent towards the Liberal policy of sane economical administration which will reserve Canadian credit at home and abroad, together with a prevision of the tariff which will give the poor man a chance to live within his income.

A young man in a prison cell said to a kindly visitor:

"They think they are punishing me. They aren't. I am tough and can stand it. They are punishing my poor, old mother; and she isn't guilty."

That of course, was in one of the brutal and less worse than useless prison with cells; in a grim, gaunt, ghostly machine for the hardening of human nature.

Such foolish institutions, will soon be no more. Instead, there will be places where mother's boy will be given a fair chance and full encouragement to become, in spite of failure and follies, the kind of man she used to

pray he'd become. Instead of making it impossible, the government will help.

As we near the good-will climax of Christmas, much of it unconsciously personal and selfish, wouldn't it be well to think of that jail-bird's mother—her sorrow, her loneliness, the way we make her Christmas unhappy by the vindictiveness we continue in our scheme of punishment?

A Detroit man, who had contributed a bundle of his cast-off clothing for the relief of the victims of the Minnesota fire, received from one of the sufferers the following note:

"The commity man giv me amongst other things what he called a pair of pants, and 'twould make me pant some to war 'em. I found your name and where you live on one of the pockets. My wife luffed so when I shode 'em to her that I thot she woud have a conipshun fit. She wants to no if there lives and breathes a man who has legs no bigger than that she sed if there was he oter be taken up for vagrancy for having no invisible means for support. I couldnt get 'em on my oldest boy so I used 'em for gun cases. If you have another pair to spare, my wife woud like to get 'em to hang up by the fireplace to keep the tongs in."

The world's gold production has been increasing of late at a phenomenal rate. Canada alone last year produced more gold than was produced by the entire world in 1801. This country produced nearly double the quantity of the yellow metal that was produced by the entire world in 1701. In the first year of the present century the world's output of gold was \$254,566,000, or more than twenty times the output of the first year of the preceding century. The world's output for last year was \$66,512,000 almost double the output of twelve years before. Africa alone produced nearly \$206,000,000 worth of precious metal last year, not so very much short of the world's production twelve years before. And Africa's production has only begun. The gold bearing reef of the Rand alone is 45 miles long, 22 miles wide, and shows no sign of failure at a depth of 3,000 to 3,500 feet. One authority estimates that there is enough gold deposited in that one place to supply each individual on earth with \$30,000 worth.

Still the new J. P. Morgan is quoted by the New York Post as saying that the demand for capital is in excess of supply. Because of that condition interest rates have within a very few years, gone up by one to two per cent. Again on the other hand, because gold has become so plentiful, the purchasing power of a gold dollar to day is only ten per cent of the purchasing power of the same dollar in 1801.

I'm specting such a lot of stuff,
My stocking won't be big enough,
And so before I go to bed
I'll just hang mamma's up instead.

A QUESTION.

If there isn't any Santa Claus, who is it turns your feet
Toward the shop where gifts are smiling as you walk along the street?
Who is it sets you thinking, though you're busy as can be,
About the songs and laughter round the children's Christmas tree?
Though you vow "this Christmas business is a nuisance anyhow,"
There's an influence at work that clears the frowning from your brow.
The small tin trumpet sounds a blast that wakes your soul serene
To homage for the doll who is a lady and a queen.
And the once prosaic world where it has been your lot to dwell
Is a realm of fascinations 'neath some mystic fairy spell.
If there isn't any Santa Claus, who is it day by day,
That turns our thoughts to Christmas, strive to shun it as we may?
Who comes at this bleak season armed with telepathic arts
And by generous suggestion dominates our minds and hearts?

Despite the militarists who want war and the pessimists, who believe that war is unavoidable there is reason to believe that the day is approaching, though it may be yet far distant, when its doom will have been sounded.

Militarists may scoff at proposals for international disarmament and arbitration and earnest advocates of such proposals may yet meet with many disappointing rebuffs. The campaign of education, however has now many able advocates and with growing enlightenment will finally bear fruit in the triumph of sanity which will sound the doom of war.

The modern business attitude towards war was fairly well expressed by one at the meeting of the New York State Bankers' Association the other day when he said that there is more money to be made by trading with a man than by killing him or governing him.

One exception may be made to this general rule. There is one business that would benefit by war, namely the armament industry. Whichever side might win or whichever side might lose, the armament makers would gain. Hence it is not surprising to learn that an important part of the promotion business of these armament makers is the provoking of wars and the creation of war-fears.

Two hundred and eighteen antimilitarist members of the French and German Parliaments recently met at Berne, Switzerland, for the purpose of considering how Franco-German relations might be improved. This meeting was, says the American Review of Reviews, hastened by the shameful revelations recently made as to the manner in which armament makers in Germany, were endeavoring to create ill-feeling between the two nations in order to increase the sales of munitions of war.

At this joint meeting of French and German parliamentarians, a resolution was unanimously adopted repudiating "patriotic excitability" and demanding a decrease in armaments "no matter what trade may be hurt." The conference also warmly supported the proposal of United States Secretary of State Bryan relating to arbitration treaties, and demanded that all disputes between France and Germany be submitted to arbitration.

When the East India potentate punished nine conspirators who had plotted his destruction, he caused them to be blown from the mouths of cannon.

Frequently when mobs get crazy and conclude to execute an accused person, they burn him at the stake.

In the middle ages there were ralers who confined their enemies in solitary dungeons and left them to die by slow tortures.

To satisfy justice in past ages, men have been securely fastened to horses and the horses forced by the whip to run in opposite directions, thus tearing the flesh in two.

Modern thought is beginning to understand that such incidents are not, to punish the offender, but to gratify the brutal instinct of those who punish. It is not even to warn others against like crimes, but to gratify the vengeance of the ruler, the mob or the executioner.

The penal institutions of to-day are beginning to adopt the humanitarian idea of reform instead of torture.

The school room is becoming the scene of kindly discipline instead of an ugly wielding of the rod.

The parent is beginning to learn that he should not punish his child when in anger.

All these reforms are based upon the new idea that punishment is not intended to yield vengeance.

THE CHRISTMAS GUEST.

Whoso shall come any way this night,
By moor or hill or shore,
From him the blessed candles' light,
From him the open door,
(Oh Mary, this for thy Son's sake,
'Though mine comes in no more!)

My hearth is swept my Yule logs burn
My board is decked and spread;
For any who may seem in turn
Are warmth and wine and bread.
(Oh Mary grant my son this night
Be housed and comforted!)

Bid, banned or beggared come for guest,
My heart shall share his woes,
And on his head my hand shall rest
To bless him ere he goes.
(Oh, Mary, grant my son this night
That blessing and repose!)

This night, for thy one Son's dear sake
Wait light and warmth and wine.
Oh Mary we be mothers both!
Take these my tears for sign,
And this I do for thy sweet Son,
Wilt thou not do for mine?

—Theodosia Garrison.

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G. A. CALLERY,

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FARM FOR SALE

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