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WHAT CANADIAN EDITORS THINK

SASKATCHEWAN JUNE.

(Prince Albert Herald.)

AFTER all there is nothing like a June morning. Especially the June morning in Saskatchewan when the early shower has fallen, the sun is breaking through the clouds and the earth gives forth that sweet-smelling odour that is more refreshing than any perfumes, odours or salvolatiles that you like to mention. There was a giant in the olden days who used, when he was getting worsted in battle, to lie on mother earth and immediately he regained his strength. That of course is only a myth, and yet like so many myths there lies underneath it a curious substratum of truth. For man has to get back to nature to find real refreshment and it is such a fine morning that gives it in abundance. It is just this sort of day that inspires a man to go out in the world and do something. It gives a feeling of the universal brotherhood and a sense of his responsibility towards mankind in general.

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BUILD OUR OWN WARSHIPS.

(St. John Sun.)

THERE will be many who will regret Canada's formal assumption of the panoply of naval war. But the thing is inevitable. Peaceable and peace-desiring though our people are, we alone cannot change the spirit of the times. If we faced the world as a separate nation we could not go unarmed, flaunting our rich possessions before the eyes of the armed and aggressive powers. Remaining in the Empire we cannot in honour and decency refuse to take our share of the burden of Imperial defence. In the circumstances, national prudence demands that the policy we shall adopt shall give ourselves, as well as the Empire, the maximum of advantage. And since Canada must spend her money for warships it is obviously her best plan to build these warships in her own yards and as far as possible by her own men, keeping her money at home and making it serve as a new stimulus to the development of her material resources.

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TARIFF NO BAR.

(Victoria Colonist.)

THE movement to and fro across the border, both of capital and the material which gives capital its value, is one of the most interesting industrial phenomena of the times. Uncle Sam may raise his tariff fences as "high as Haman's gallows," yes, as high as Jack the Giant Killer's bean stalk, but he can never check that movement. It will increase in volume with every succeeding year—and keen observers on the other side of the line declare with some alarm that we are already getting the cream of the population, the skimmed milk, in the form of all the immigration from southern Europe, remaining behind. In fact, Canada has now reached the stage from which she must go forward, and at a rate passing all anticipations. It was the great northern movement of people and capital that prevented us from feeling the hard times which were so manifest in every other part of the world.

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CHEVALIER HENRY.

(Ottawa Citizen.)

ONE by one the pioneers pass. John Henry had been a By-Town man. He saw Ottawa grow from the military post to its present metropolitan activity. Though he had

large personal business interests, he found time to serve his fellow-citizens for years in the municipal council. He was given to an unobtrusive charity. He kept body and mind and heart sound, and died of nothing but the inexorable demand of age. His title of Chevalier, gift of the Pope, he wore proudly as a recognition of his service in the fight against strong drink. Through many years of toil in his own affairs and in the affairs of the community his sincerity of purpose was illumined by a plainly apparent love of his fellow-men. A man of affairs, he retained to the end of his days much of the exuberance of the clean-hearted boy. John Henry's place will be hard to fill.

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ROSEBERRY ILL-ADVISED.

(Kingston Standard.)

LORD ROSEBERRY is a statesman but apparently he is also a politician. His speech at the Imperial Press Conference which has set Germany by the ears was, it seems to us, rather ill advised in the light of the already strained relations between Germany and England and certainly it was not calculated to make for peace. No speech, indeed, is likely to help matters that is menacing either in its terms or in its tones. If American politicians, for instance, were perpetually hammering at Canadians or if Canadian politicians were perpetually hammering at the United States, we fancy it would not take long to stir up unpleasant feelings and to make for anything but peaceful relations between the two countries. On the face of it, too, it seems rather unreasonable that any politician, while for himself and for his own country favouring naval expansion, should object strenuously to other countries expanding in a like direction.

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VALUE OF TRUANTS.

(St. John Globe.)

THE effort, which is so readily resorted to in these days—which probably has always been too readily resorted to—to make people good by compulsion is a great mistake. The good that is sought is very often only that which some strong-minded persons think is good; and though they may honestly think themselves right, great may be their error. Ever since time began there have been truants, men and boys at least, neglectful of their duties, and there will be such until time shall end. No doubt we all wish it were otherwise. And yet many of these truants and vagabonds have done us good work in the legacies which they have left us in the literature of their time, and we must feel that to have converted them into ordinary fashionable society people would have spoiled them. Could we adapt ourselves to calmly take in the fact that little good is accomplished by force, we might save ourselves a great deal of trouble in the enforcement of laws which have no practical value, but before which we naturally bow because it is law.

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A TARIFF WAR?

(Montreal Star.)

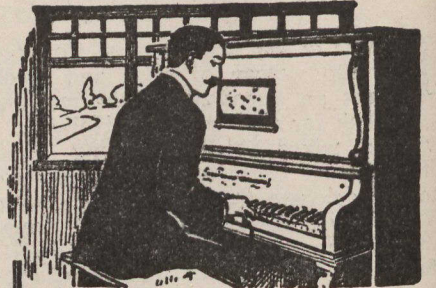
HYSTERICAL talk, such as the Toronto Globe indulges in, of a tariff war between Canada and the United States, if the new tariff preserves the upward course indicated by the Senate proposals, is surely not to be taken seriously. There has been something very like a tariff war in existence ever since the late William McKinley reported his famous tariff; and the firing upon our march-

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