

AN INCREASED REVENUE

HAS RESULTED FROM THE SCALING DOWN OF TARIFF RATES.

While the Country is in a More Prosperous Condition—However, the Tariff Will Have to be Reduced to a Revenue Basis to Ensure Future Prosperity.

(Special Correspondence.)

Ottawa, July 21—The very substantial increase in our customs revenue which followed the reduction in duties in 1907 and 1909 should allay the fears of those who asserted that such reductions would result in a loss of revenue and force the government to resort to some form of direct taxation.

We have but to trace the influence such reductions must have on effective demand to understand why it is that an increased revenue from imports results in well established facts, namely, that about 90 per cent. of the people are wage earners, and that about the same proportion live up to their income.

We all know that after the Fielding tariff was brought down a general scaling down of prices took place. In 1898 when the preferential duties went into full force the scaling down process was repeated. No increase in the average wages of the people was immediately given to a proportionate increase in effective demand.

The degree to which these improvements in the position of the wage earner may be understood when we consider the simple but not very well understood fact that all the wealth of things produced each year by the community represents, less a small fraction, the amount of money paid for their actual production and distribution.

Several fishing parties have lately gone out to the Miramichi. Yesterday Messrs. A. W. MacRae, T. A. Fournier, G. G. Evans and G. G. Evans arrived at the station and were driven out to the fishing grounds by Mr. Nehemiah Tompkins.

The Corporation drive passed here yesterday morning, being their fourth trip. The show is now all clear above here.

Wallace Bell arrived home from the Klondike on Monday last. D. S. Jones is moving into his new house near the railway crossing.

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A WARNING AND A PREDICTION Many influences are at work to the conditions produced by our protective tariff which will tend to check the expansion of our foreign trade for the next year, and must shorten the period of our present upturn of prosperity.

between cost of production under protection and what the selling price of the same products would be in the absence of protection.

It should be kept in mind that the protected industries are, in general, the idle and indigent, a charge on those citizens in our midst who devote themselves to the production of things which would sell for more than cost of production in the absence of protection.

Knowing these facts it may be predicted with some degree of certainty that our revenue on imports for the next fiscal year will show less buoyancy and trade generally less expansion than was experienced during the past two years.

CONCLUSION, July 28—The body of John Ronciman, who was drowned at Oromocto yesterday, was recovered at 10 o'clock this morning at a distance of below the spot where he was last seen to go down.

BRISTOL NEWS. BRISTOL, July 27—Mrs. M. C. Atkinson and her son Norman have returned from New York, where they have resided the past two years.

The seventh day Adventists have been holding tent meetings in the village for a few weeks, but on Monday they closed their meetings and moved to St. Stephen.

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DRAMA SOMETHING LIKE. He Laughs Best Who Tries Last in a Competition of Lying.

The subeditor had worked off the Egyptian chestnut of the philosopher who accidentally tipped over a small water bottle just as he dropped asleep, and after dreaming a 48-napped dream awoke to find the water not yet all run out.

A BIG CLAM BAKE.

THE BROTHERHOOD OF LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS ENJOY ONE.

A Large Party Taken to Watters Landing by the May Queen—The Last Day of the Convention Most Delightfully Spent Up the St. John River.

If there is any organization that know the most enjoyable manner of treating their guests it is the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and B. of L. E., No. 473, of this city, demonstrated that fact in the last couple of days during the annual convention.

The Brotherhood had engaged the steamer May Queen for the occasion, and at 9 o'clock the steamer was in the water. The large party found the steamer engaged in preparations for an immense clam-bake.

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"I straightway began a dream. I lived a whole lifetime from a little babe to old age. Every step of my education, every difficult lesson, was reviewed in detail before me to indicate geometrical problems. I fell in love, courted and married three different girls, committed a murder, lived through every incident of a long life, and served a sentence of 20 years, every day of which was distinct and full of minute incidents of prison life.

"I called on a three-year's voyage round the world, and in the last month of the last year was wrecked on a desert island, captured by cannibals, nearly crushed by a boa constrictor, rescued by the Russians, only to be sentenced to Siberia, from which I escaped and wandered through the Arctic regions for months; did staid work as a reporter on a morning newspaper; for several years and the editor was just going to make me his assistant when I suddenly awoke.

"Some one had placed a pin in that chair, and I had dreamed that entire dream between the moment when I started to sit down and when I struck the chair.

"The auditor and I arose, and went on our coats in bristling silence, and went home to bed.—(Stray Stories.)

PATROL RAILWAY ACCIDENT. Two Men Killed on the Midland—The Certificate of Captain Farrell Suspended for Six Months.

HALIFAX, July 28—A serious accident occurred on the Midland railway at Little River this afternoon about 1 o'clock. Four cars of a construction train jumped the track and rolled over the embankment.

DECLARATION OF THE MARINE COURT OF INQUIRY by which the disaster to the steamer Portio on Big Fish Shoal was investigated, was held in view of the weather through which he was running and suspends his master's certificate for six months from the date of the inquiry, but in consideration of his heroic conduct after the ship struck the rocks in saving the lives of those on board, it is recommended that he be granted a special certificate for the period of suspension.

THE HULL OF THE wrecked Portio was put up for auction today to Wm. Grant for \$780.

FRREDRINGTON NEWS. The Chappell Assault Case Postponed Indefinitely—A Wedding at Oromocto.

FRREDRINGTON, N. B., July 28—The Chappell assault case, which was to have been tried at the police court today, was indefinitely postponed and the defendant discharged on his own recognizance to appear again if wanted.

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