

Preferential Trade.

Though Sir Charles Tupper's resolution for preferential trade between the United Kingdom and her colonies and dependencies failed to gain the support of the commercial Congress before which it was debated in London last week, yet some tenacious upholders of the protected interests of Canada profess to foresee its early triumph in Britain, and immense prosperity to Canada thereby. These seem to ignore the fact that it was very easy for the colonial delegates who composed the minority to support a scheme which offered a prospect on the face of it of enhancing the price of colonial products without giving anything in return. But the British representatives, and a few enlightened and broad-minded men among the colonial delegates, saw that the whole burden of such a proposal would fall on the working classes of the United Kingdom. At present the food imports of Britain from foreign countries are three times what she imports from the colonies, and of the latter the greater part comes from outside Canada and Australia, the two high tariff colonies which press this proposal. Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Morley, and the Liberal leaders of Great Britain have condemned the idea as chimerical and foolish, and Lord Salisbury and other members of his administration have declared that such a tax on food is impossible. To use the words of one of the higher class of protectionist organs in Canada, "an imperial preferential tariff is the wildest dream that a sane body of men ever tried to delude a needy people with. No Englishman of any standing has given us the slightest reason to believe that Britain would ever submit to such an arrangement." But the sublime assurance and glowing promises of Sir Charles Tupper, which Canadians have trusted to their sorrow, seem to be proof against anything in the way of reason or commonsense.

The reason why this preferential trade business is so persistently advocated in Conservative circles is that the most observant protectionists see that the N. P. is no longer a name to conjure with, that the farmers and wage earners are opening their eyes to the fact that it imposes heavy taxation on them without corresponding return, that the country is restless and up in arms against a Government and a system which it has plundered the people. If it be urged that unrestricted reciprocity cannot be secured on terms which the majority of the people favor, why did not the Conservatives adopt Mr. Davies' motion and reduce the tariff on articles mainly imported from Britain? This was a perfectly feasible plan which would promote inter-imperial trade and relieve the Canadian producer of part of his taxation. But the glorious N. P. could not be undermined in this way by a Government which owes its power to the Red and the Orange influences. The Montreal Star (Independent Conservative) puts it pretty plainly, in discussing the offer of the Government party to do the impossible, that is, get a preferential tariff. It says:—"The cold fact is that in many cases, men are keeping 'the boys quiet' with this empty promise solely that they may continue to levy cruel and exorbitant taxation upon them. To lower the duties on British imports would mean that the profits of some protected manufacturers would be decreased, and it is manifestly to the personal interest of such to delay the evil day as long as possible by holding out illusory hopes. What the farmer most does to master the question for himself and fight for his own producer." And the farmers and other producers are beginning to look at it that way, too.

The Hamilton Times has fallen into line with the other leading dailies of the larger cities and now appears in its new and more convenient form of eight pages, backed up by a new web press and stereotyping apparatus. It seeks for popular favor on sound, self-respecting lines and we have no doubt but that its management will reap the reward of this advance, which will make its all round equipment second to none in Canada. The Times has long been known as the most radical Liberal journal in Canada, having ever been consistent in its advocacy of free trade and advanced Liberal principles. Where the reading public of this generation have to wade through a good deal of froth, bluster, and insincerity which is palmed off for sound argument, they would be refreshed and inspired by the wholesome tone of The Times. We wish it all success in its struggle for liberty, justice, and equality.

Owing to the McKinley Act imposing an almost prohibitory tariff on European goods, European manufacturers were disinclined to exhibit at the World's Fair, Chicago, next year, as they could not hope to extend their trade sufficiently and profitably to pay them for the expense and trouble of showing there. This would have spoiled the Fair, even for the Americans themselves. So commissioners were sent to Great Britain and the Continent, and Mr. Charles Foster, Secretary of the Treasury, a member of President Harrison's Administration, was despatched to England. As a result of his visit a British Commission was formed, who were charged with the work of inducing British people to exhibit and arranging for their goods. Mr. Foster promised the members of this commission that British exhibitors would be free to mark their goods at the prices for which they are sold in England. Now Mr. Davis, the Director-General of the World's Fair, has issued a circular to American consuls abroad, instructing them to make it known that orders on foreign exhibitors will only be

allowed to indicate the price exhibited as being willing to sell for in Chicago, which includes, of course, the customs duties charged by the United States. The British exhibitors are up in arms over this apparently shameless want of faith, and declare that they will not ship their goods, and in this determination, it is said, they will be joined by the French and German exhibitors of the Continent. Our readers will understand at whose dictation this change of front was forced. What a skulking, cowardly crew these protectionists appear at times! Ignorance and selfishness are the defenses of protection in the United States as everywhere else.

In inserting letters from correspondents it must be understood that in no case will we hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by them.—Editorial.

The City Engineer's Salary.

To the Editor of the Mercury:

Dear Sir,—I see in your paper this evening that Mr. James Keough has made another unjust attack upon me. Mr. Keough has presumably heard enough about "permanent sidewalks" and has branched off to the question of my salary.

With your kind permission I will try once more to enlighten Mr. Keough on some public matters, as he appears to be still groping in the dark.

In the first place, with regard to my salary I will inform him that I am under no contract or agreement with "Our City Officials," that I am not asking for any increase in the ordinary meaning of the term, but have simply asked to be paid the salary on which I was engaged as City Engineer, and which I was paid on from first coming here, and although Mr. Keough seems to think very lightly of a "promise" it is perhaps lucky that the honor and fair dealing of this city is not altogether in his keeping. I have nothing more to say on this subject, and am content to leave it to the Council and citizens, feeling sure that they will feel no pride in paying Mr. Keough's unfair remarks.

Mr. Keough next makes some very sarcastic allusions to our humble improvements on the roads and sidewalks this year. The inference may well be taken that he could lay out the small amount at the disposal of the Board of Works (some \$5,000 on roads and bridges) throughout the whole city to better advantage than is being done. It would be very edifying to see Mr. Keough make the attempt.

In reference to his strictures on account of my having placed an inspector to watch the construction of the Macdonnell street pavement, I beg to inform him that whatever that gentleman's former profession may have been, which is not to the point, that he proved himself a very capable person for the position in which he was placed, and my reason for so doing was that I have no guaranty that contractors or workmen are any more virtuous here than elsewhere, and I am sure that the property owners who will pay for this pavement will agree with me that the additional charge of less than 1/2 of a cent per square foot will be repaid with interest by the character of the work.

My only apology for furious driving on the streets must be that as I have some 65 to 70 horses, and a great many different places at same time that I am in a hurry. To conclude, Mr. Editor, I think I am right in saying that the "hard-earned" taxpayers of Guelph have granted too long under the short-sighted management of men of Mr. Keough's way of thinking, and that whether permanent sidewalks or any other class of work, they would prefer to have it rightly done, as far as our means will go, and if Mr. Keough, who is dubious about my usefulness, will kindly call upon me in an amiable spirit at any time, I think I can put some more facts in his way. Feeling sure that the citizens of Guelph will least give me British fair play, I remain,

Yours faithfully,
W. HILL TOWN,
City Engineer.

Guelph, July 4, 1892.

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Mr. Blake in Ireland.

MOVILLA, July 4.—Hon. Edward Blake arrived by the Allan Line S. S. Parisian this morning at Movilla. He appeared in excellent health and spirits, but is very reticent, it being generally understood that he will say nothing till he has viewed the position of affairs. He was heartily cheered on leaving the ship. He was received most cordially by a number of Roman Catholic priests and prominent home rulers and escorted to a hotel. He will proceed without delay to South Longford, which seat it is expected he will contest.

The gambling tables of Monte Carlo earned 25,000,000 francs for the owners last year. There are 1100 employees.

The cattle trade in London is slow. Prices have been barely maintained, but at Deptford the price is twopenny higher per eight pounds. At Liverpool Monday the supply was large and the demand slow, rates being unchanged.



Mrs. Mary Aston

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A Nova Scotia Wreck.

YARMOUTH, N.S., July 4.—A sad ship wreck, involving a loss of 14 lives, occurred at Yarmouth Harbor last night. At 9 o'clock this morning a great quantity of debris drifted ashore north of Chebogue Point and then a damaged lifeboat with 13 exhausted sailors washed ashore in the surf and the men were helped to the houses and cared for. They proved to be Captain Henry Hughes, his first mate and seven of the crew of the Liverpool Iron ship, Peter Stuart, bound from St. John for Liverpool with deals. The second mate and 15 others, including the captain's wife and child, were drowned. The Stuart brought up at 8 o'clock Sunday evening on some rock off Chebogue Point, supposed to be Gannet Rock ledge. The ship broke up and all boats but the lifeboats were smashed in cutting away the lifeboats and the capsized. The captain's wife and child were never seen again. All who could be seen were picked up and the boat stood by till daylight, when the first mate and some of the others were picked up. With 18 out of the 27 lives the boat started away from the scene of the wreck, not a vestige of the vessel remaining. The boat had been badly damaged, and was again capsized, but they got her righted and steered towards land. Five more had, however, been lost. The captain, mate and several of the crew were badly injured and the sailmaker had his leg broken.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.—Mrs. WILSON's "Scammon" should always be used when children are cutting teeth. It relieves the little sufferer at once; it produces natural, quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes as "bright as a button." It is very pleasant to taste. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for diarrhoea, whether arising from teething or other causes. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Wilson's Scammon" and take no other kind.

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WATSON, July 2.—On the outskirts of the village resides Rev. Geo. Watson, Presbyterian minister. On Dominion Day his two boys, aged twelve and fourteen, secured an American flag, not being able to get any other, and hoisted it on a temporary pole on the roof of a hen house. The fact that an American flag had been hoisted soon became known, and three constables were delegated by the reeve of the village to have it pulled down. The officials went to the house and found only Mrs. Watson at home. They told their mission, and she at once assented to the flag being lowered. The officials ascended to the roof and pulled down the pole and the flag, and on reaching the ground they were met by a crowd, some 65 in number, who seized the offending flag, tore it into ribbons and then attached the ribbons to a pole and carried them at the head of a procession through the streets.

HAMILTON, March 21st, 1892.

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Col. S. M. Jarvis, a prominent citizen of Chatham, was drowned Saturday in the river from Burke Falls, Ontario.

An Anxious Sale of Canadian Pacific Land will be held at Edmonton on July 6th. Passengers taking advantage of the excursion of June 28th will reach Edmonton in time to attend the sale.

For further particulars apply to any Agent or the Company.

JOSEPH HEFFERNAN, Agent, Corner Wyndham and Macdonnell Streets.

Owing to a washout a wreck occurred on the Wabash, on the mile east of Ellettsville, Ind., at 12 o'clock Saturday night, which resulted in the complete destruction of the locomotive and the death of five men who were riding on it to the west.

B. B. B. cured Mrs. B. Maddis, of Mt. Pleasant, Ont., of painful sores which broke out on her left side.

Off to EUROPE

Mr. E. R. Bollert sailed for the Old Country on Saturday by the steamer "Umbria" to purchase Goods for the Fall and Winter Trade. He will visit all the different places where the Finest Goods are to be found, and as usual we expect to have the Finest stock of Dry Goods this Fall that will be shown in Guelph.

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The Winnipeg Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition will be held from July 25th to 30th inclusive, and July 18th and 19th have been fixed upon for excursions to enable passengers to attend the Exhibition.

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