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WHAT OUR PORTS LOSE

From August 1 last to January 31 this year, 107,148,000 bushels of Canadian wheat was exported to Great Britain via United States ports.

During the same period Canadian wheat and Canadian ports handled 24,837,000 bushels.

It is well that this amazing evidence of the extent of the diversion of traffic of Canadian origin is made available just as the Railway Commission is beginning the special inquiry into this problem ordered by the Dominion Government.

Meantime there are at least a few Canadians who say we must continue to lose this traffic. Mr. A. A. Wright, of Toronto, is one of them. He sent a letter to several Canadian newspapers some weeks ago, prior to the conference of Saint John and Halifax representatives with Sir Henry Thornton, in which he tried to prove that carrying grain by way of the Transcontinental to Quebec, Saint John and Halifax was an economic impossibility.

Mr. Wright was moved to the depths of his being by the Star's presentation of the case, and in a second letter he condemns the article as "arrant nonsense." He declares that the farmer, the taxpayer and Canadian railways "save money on every bushel of wheat which moves through Buffalo, and that, instead of Canada losing \$20,000,000, the Canadian railways save a loss of ten cents per bushel incurred on all the wheat they would haul to Saint John and Halifax from Georgian Bay."

By this simple logic, Mr. Wright—whether he sees it or not—is proving that the way to build up our railways and ports is to send the remainder of the traffic through American channels.

He says that "because we wasted hundreds of millions of dollars building a railway to do what every sane transportation man knew at the time was an impossibility, is no reason why expenditures should pay millions more annually to haul wheat over it at a loss. Canada is not financially able to stand this."

It may be observed that the sanity of Mr. Wright or the insanity of some very famous transportation experts who disagree with him is by no means demonstrated by his assertion. Confidence in his argument as to his own sanity is by no means increased by his statement that in addition to deficits of from \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000 annually on the C. N. R., "shippers are paying probably as much more in higher local freight rates to cover the loss on the present unprofitable grain rates."

A word to Mr. Wright, and all those in Ontario who are of his way of thinking. We do not know what his motives are; but all his arguments read like those of a man who is determined that the freight shall continue to go through American ports, and in increasing quantities. No doubt he will be delighted, therefore, with the figures quoted at the beginning of this article. But that is not the end of the matter by a long shot. The Railway Commission now has this matter in hand, and should it fail to remedy existing conditions, they

would have to be remedied by Parliament nevertheless. Mr. Wright and the small circle for whom he speaks, has not demonstrated, and is not likely to demonstrate, that grain cannot be hauled profitably over the Transcontinental to Quebec and Maritime ports. His main argument from the first has been that it is "un-economic" to carry out the contracts under which the railways were built—that, regardless of the fact that most of the grain and flour traffic is being diverted, it must continue to go through foreign channels if it can go cheaper that way by even a fraction of a cent a bushel. Water, says Mr. Wright, must be allowed to run down hill.

As to the extra cost of all-Canadian transportation—that has yet to be proved. But, if Mr. Wright's viewpoint is the correct one, and we must be guided in national matters by cost and cost only, then, of course, that doctrine would have to be applied all round. Their ports could not be used because of this "un-economic" plea, would promptly ask why they should tax themselves for the benefit of Ontario in connection with the tariff. We would reply that it is not on economic grounds that we pay a higher price for all our manufactured articles, but on national grounds. We would say that Mr. Wright and his friends who flourish industrially under the present tariff have no right to make Maritime residents pay from twenty to forty dollars more on every hundred dollars worth of goods they buy, whereas it is the price of an automobile, or in boots and shoes, or in woollens, or razors, or any other manufactured article of daily necessity.

If trade and business are to be conducted on the fair basis of partnership, then Mr. Wright cannot balk on the ground of economic loss. We do not think any artificial means are necessary in order to keep Canadian traffic in Canadian channels, but if they were, Mr. Wright should be ready to resort to artificial measures, or he should denounce the existing artificial measures that carry the Maritime trade on a heavy additional cost on eighty-five per cent. of the manufactured articles they buy. He cannot have it both ways. If protection is necessary for our ports—and we believe that they only require proper equipment and rates based on the national interest—then they must have protection, or other interests must get along without protection. That is how it will work out in the end, and Mr. Wright may take it or leave it.

Odds and Ends

Dicky and Judas

(J. Butterfield in Vancouver Province). COMING to the lighter side of the ranks of the Liberal party in the "save money on every bushel of wheat which moves through Buffalo, and that, instead of Canada losing \$20,000,000, the Canadian railways save a loss of ten cents per bushel incurred on all the wheat they would haul to Saint John and Halifax from Georgian Bay."

"Lloyd George, no doubt, will ride in a flaming chariot. On a red-hot plate. Between Asquith and Judas Iscariot."

It is only fair to literature as an art, to my friend and to Mr. Lloyd George, to add that this is only a poor echo of the work of a forward-looking undergraduate upon the occasion of the death of Dr. Richard Perowne, the famous editor of the Cambridge Bible. This youth wrote of this event in these burning words:

"Dicky Perown has gone to his own, Gone to his own in a chariot. He's sitting in state On a blazing hot plate, Between Pilate and Judas Iscariot."

On the Job! (N. Y. Central Lines Magazine). At a railway siding in Michigan, a man asked the foreman if there was a vacancy. "What can you do?" asked the foreman. "Anything," replied the man. "All right," answered the foreman, "take this oil can and oil the points and crossings up the line." After an absence of three days the man received a telegram which read: "Dear Sir: Arrived at Detroit. Please forward more oil."

Lady and Smart Women. (Kansas City Star). The latest woman lives in Eldorado, according to Miss Jennie Owen in the Times. She puts popcorn in her pants, cakes so they will turn themselves. We well remember one hired man, Bill Tevabugh, continues Miss Owen. "Bill declared he would not marry a girl who was not smart enough to lose a flapjack up the chimney and run outside and catch it on the griddle when it came down. He never married."

Just Fun

PRETTY is as pretty does; ugly is as pretty paints.

FOREIGNERS who say America has nothing to compare with Dutch windmills evidently never saw any of our city traffic cops.

THE dentist's chair isn't quite so bad as the electric chair. You're not strapped in.

AN OPTIMIST is a man who buys a bicycle and then joins an Automobile Club.

A TELEPHONE POLE never hits an auto except in self defense.

ADD to the list of eternal triangles: Cold morning, used car, profanity.

LET US rise to remark that the greatest of all horticultural feats is yet unaccomplished—the grafting of Weed chains on banana skins.

ABOUT HELEN A man named Helen. He married a girl named Helen. Now, of course, she is Helen Fall. Of it is that she's the same in Winter, Spring and Summer.

YOUNG BRIDE (in desperation): Oh, dear, I can't make head nor tail of my accounts. How do you add up two pounds of steak and a dozen oranges?

MARJORIE, have you been smoking? "No, mother."

"But your breath smells of tobacco." "Father kissed me good-bye."

"But, your father doesn't smoke." "I know, but his stenographer does."

WINDY WOLF'S WIFE: "How dare you fight here! What have we got a home for?"

DID YOU ever see a woman doing housework stop to powder her nose? Neither did we.

IN A BAD WAY LADY: My are you crying, child? Child: Ma's a golf widow and pa's a bridge widower and it looks like I'm going to be a divorce orphan.—Life.

"DOES a red headed woman marry a meek man or does he get that way?"

A MIRROR is often one's best friend, although it casts reflections on one at every opportunity.

THERE are various ways a man can demonstrate his independence besides eating with his knife.

THE WORLD'S best after-dinner speech: "Water, give me both checks."

PRESCRIPTION FILLED McANDREW: Hoory! The wind has changed.

Convalscant Wife: Well, what of it? McAndrew: Ye ken the doctor said we needed a change of air.—Passing Show.

REASON "Why do you call that male 'Mill Bonaire'?" "Because he is a critic of a million bucks."—Annapolis Log.

Who's Who IN THE DAY'S NEWS FRANK L. STANTON.

THE United States has no poet laureate, but at least two states have. Eddie Guest twangs Michigan's lyre, and Frank L. Stanton is Georgia's state lyricist. All of Dixie claims Stanton, and calls him "Robert Burns of the South."

Of his poems, set to music, is a national favorite. This is "Mighty Lak" a Rose.

The Beggar



Russian Communist: "Help, please! It is impossible to get along without you."

Twenty Years Ago Today

THE funeral of Alderman Christie took place at 3 p.m. from St. Luke's church.

THE weather man tried a new way. He sent hail until it was ankle deep and followed it up with a three-hour downpour of rain.

C. P. R. STEAMER Lake Manitoba brought 331 passengers to the port.

Dinner Stories

A "JOLLY good fellow" on his return from abroad had just stepped off the steamer and staggered by the customs officer without making the slightest pretension of presenting his bags for inspection.

"Say, where do you get that stuff?" the somer growled.

"Sorry, out man, hic, but 'sh all gonic."

A STRANGE man had been sent to polish the floors. His manner was anything but energetic, and the lady feared he would not polish them properly.

"Are you quite sure that you understand the work?" she asked. His indignation was tremendous.

"You know, Colonel B's folks, next door but one?" he said. "Well, I refer you to them. On the polished floor of their dining room, five persons broke their legs last winter, and a lady slipped clear down the grand staircase. I polished all their floors."

THE beautiful young woman interviewed a fortune teller on the usual subjects. "Lady," said the clairvoyant, "you will visit foreign lands and the courts of kings and queens. You will conquer all rivals and marry the man of your choice. He will be tall and dark and aristocratic looking."

"And young?" interrupted the lady. "Yes, and very rich."

The beautiful lady grasped the fortune teller's hands and pressed them hard. "Thank you," she said. "Now tell me one thing more. How shall I get rid of my present husband?"

Poems That Live

LOVESIGHT. When I see thee most, beloved one? In the light the spirit of mine eyes Before thy face, their altar, solemnize The worship of that love through their made known: Or when in the dusk hours (we two alone), Close-kissed and eloquent of still replies Thyself, nor on the earth the shadow of thee, Nor image of thine eyes in any spring, How then should sound upon life's darkening slope The ground-whirl of the perished leaves of hope, The mind of death's imperishable wing? —Dante Rossetti.

The Best of Advice

BY CLARK KINNAIRD THAT CHILDISH CURIOSITY.

IT was observed by William Ellery Channing that the child who casts an inquiring eye on a new toy, and breaks it to pieces for the sake of discovering the mysterious causes of its movements, has begun to be a philosopher, has begun to penetrate the unobvious, to seek harmony and consistency of thought.

"Let him go on as he has begun, and make it one great business of life to inquire into the elements, connections and reasons of whatever he witnesses in his own breast, or in society, or in outward nature, and, be his opinion what it may, he will rise by degrees to a freedom of unity of thought, to a breadth of force of views, which will be to him an inward revelation."

IS the universe a disorderly, disconnected heap, or a beautiful whole, stamped throughout with unity? Ah, there is a subject for reflection. Look at it.

Can you see that nothing stands alone? That all things are knit together, each existing for all and all for each? That the humblest object has infinite connections?

their marriage. She is the "you" in his song, "Jest A-Wearing For You." He did part of the mechanical work on his paper and also wrote a considerable portion of the copy. Then he went to the "Rome Tribune," as night editor in 1880. Stanton became a member of the staff of the Atlanta Constitution, of which he has since been a fixed feature.

Many of Stanton's poems have been written about his children. A daughter, Miss Percy McGhee is the "Marcelle" of "Marcelle" and "Marcelle's Away." His son Valentine is the "Dill feller" in "His First School Days," and Frank, Jr., is the subject of "Mighty Lak" a Rose.

Other Views

THE BEST EVIDENCE. (London Times). The coal commission is advised to call working miners as witnesses at all miners' leaders. It is a curious fact that, in investigations of conditions affecting workmen or studies of their outlook on life, whether by official inquiry or by private research, it rarely occurs to any one to go direct to the persons concerned and hear their opinions at first hand. They are advocates and qualified to put a case, no doubt, but who do not truly heard only through intermediaries. Such a universe demands thought to represent the mentality of their clients any more than counsel represent the personality of theirs in a court of justice. There have been many public inquiries, and there are many private societies and organizations interested in labor questions and eager to understand them, especially in these days. But they will never really understand them so long as they look only through the eyes of "labor leaders."

Timely Views On World Topics

MORE than half the present day photoplays are not fit for presentation to the public nor is the ratio of novels any higher.

This state of affairs can be blamed for the difficulties of the motion picture producers in obtaining scenarios of artistic merit.

My corporation is eager to present movies that would appeal to children, but recent experiments in that field have convinced me that the public does not want that type.

The problem begins with the motion picture producers but with the public itself. There has been a tendency on the part of the public to support less worth-while films, and until they are educated to higher standards I don't know how they are going to get better films.

COMMUNISM AND CAPITALISM

(Glasgow Herald). It is very doubtful if any political or economic agreement with the soviet government will put an end to the intrigues which are constantly going on in India, China and elsewhere.

They will be contained by some means or other until the drift back to a capitalist form of society which is taking place in Russia is frankly acknowledged for what it really is by the communist leaders and not explained away as a strategic retreat or as an intermediate stage necessitated by the backward state of the Russian economic organization. Only when Russia has become a capitalist in theory as well as in fact will it be impossible to keep up longer the hollow pretence that the soviet is the spearhead of a workers' movement which is to spread both to Europe and to Asia. If anti-British propaganda is to be continued in Asia in the days of the cars.

IMMUNE

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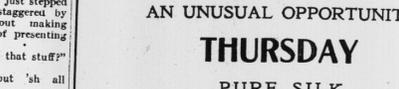
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