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TIME UNIFORMITY HENCEFORTH

The inauguration of the new time standard throughout the three maritime provinces is an event that must surely be considered one of the most practically desirable reforms in our recent history. As has often been explained in the columns of The Telegraph since the agitation for the reform was first started by this paper last autumn, the immense advantages of the change need only to be experienced to be appreciated. Hereafter it will be unnecessary to explain to anyone whether you mean local time or railway time or Atlantic standard time, for all will be one time, and everybody's watch or clock will show the hour at which the trains and steamers are run as well as those at which the factories and stores and schools are operated.

YET WAR IN AFRICA.

Although the Boers are now singing "God Save the King," and Kitchener's task has been so handsomely accomplished in South Africa, as it previously was in North Africa, a scene of warfare continues in Central Africa similar somewhat in conditions to those which characterized upper Egypt between the fall of Khartoum and Gordon and its reconquest by Kitchener. Excepting the American war in the Philippines this is at present the only conflict in progress. As noted in these columns the other day, Tripoli may prove a factor in the fray, and it now appears that Turkey is really sending large bodies of troops to the interior of that country with the object, it is suspected, of stimulating the Arabs to fight against the French, as well as against the Italians if they interfere, although the immediate object is to protect the great trade routes which run from Central Africa to Fezzan and Ben-Ghazi.

A DIFFICULT PROBLEM.

There has been considerable newspaper discussion over the suggestion—it can scarcely yet be called a proposition—that the time had arrived when Canada in common with the other great colonies might be expected to help bear the expense of imperial defence by some contribution direct or indirectly to the maintenance of the British army and navy. This discussion has been the natural outcome of the idea which has germinated in this country that the interests of the empire call for an imperial duty preference similar to that which Canada has put into effect on its imports from Britain and the colonies.

THE USE OF ALCOHOL.

The Massachusetts Medical Society at their 121st annual meeting have been at pains to discuss the effect of alcohol upon the human system. Several papers were read giving the results of experiments with it upon various people. Probably there is nothing new in the deductions arrived at, and doubtless some of our local physicians would disdain that they could learn anything from the wisdom of Massachusetts practitioners in the matter of alcohol or anything else anyway. But as the subject is always one of

popular interest, the people are generally eager to learn what may be the latest scientific views in regard to it. The interest of some people, it is true, has become so selfish that their only query is as to where alcoholic fluids can be obtained best and cheapest. Other people are interested because of their desire to solve the old problem as to why men will take that in their mouths which steals their brains away. Still others view it in the philosophic light of alcohol, like other things, being created for the use of man, the question being how best to use it without abusing it. To all of these the Boston discussion may prove attractive. We find, for instance, that Prof. F. G. Benedict, of the Wesleyan University, discussed the nutritive value of alcohol, basing his statement upon deductions from experiments made at the laboratory, its effect in producing heat, its operation on the nervous system and on the tissues, coming to the conclusions that it cannot enter into the construction of the body, is in no sense a tissue builder, but does perform certain important functions. It oxidizes and transforms into heat; aids in maintaining the temperature of the body, and therefore probably aids in the performance of muscular work. On this latter point, however, the speaker was not fully determined. Alcohol must be accorded its value as a fuel and protector of the body material, but those results can be obtained in other ways.

AMERICAN SHIPYARDS.

The new American shipbuilding combine does not include the leading yards of the Cramps, the Newport News Company, the Delaware River Ship and Engine Building Company, the New York Shipbuilding Company or several other large concerns. It is true that none of the American shipyards receive any subsidies as such, but the fact that there is a large amount of naval and other government work always to be contracted for enables them all to enjoy such jobs at good prices besides the American work that must also be done at home. It is the law prohibiting the admission to American registry of any foreign built vessel without special act of congress, unless wrecked in United States waters and repaired to the amount of three-fourths of her value, that preserves the American shipbuilding trade to American builders and has enabled them to acquire such great development in the industry. The additional law that no foreign vessel can participate in the domestic trade of the United States throws all the demand for water freightage upon American built vessels and maintains the trade for the domestic shipyards.

AN INSPIRING SPECTACLE.

A glance at the harbor of St. John today shows that there are in port no fewer than fifteen ocean going steamships and nine sailing ships and barges, aggregating more than 57,000 tons of shipping, the majority of which are loading or discharging. Besides these there are also in port a great variety of schooners and other small craft in the domestic trade or coastwise from the United States. Look up the river any day and see the smoke of the many great saw mills that line its banks and the fleets of many little tugs engaged in towing big rafts of logs down stream for their consumption, and you can appreciate the vast volume of the industry which in summer goes to make our port so busy. There was a time when some short-sighted people mourned the supplanting of the sailing ship by the steamer on the ground that the latter would load so much more quickly and leave less business in the port. To-day we are shipping incomparably more goods than ever and our harbor is crowded with larger vessels than ever.

BUSINESS, NOT BLUFF.

The New York Commercial takes the view of Canadian trade that the resolutions of the boards of trade conference at Toronto in regard to reciprocity are a mere bluff. It says "But let them (the Canadians) resort to reprisals as stiff as they may. Do they want to invite a policy by us? Far from it!" The New York contemporary seems to be a trifle in the "bluff" business itself if this is to be construed as the policy it intends to preach. Either that, or it is unaware of the actual conditions which exist. What can it not have against us now quite as high as the Americans care to make them? They are and have been in fact for years so high as in the majority of cases to prove practically prohibitive, and were it not contrary to the United States constitution to levy any export duties, doubtless Americans would also be prohibited from selling their manufactures to us. It is this absence of any American export duty and the fact that the countries are so contiguous as to make freights a minor consideration, which has enabled the Americans to sell us so much of their native and manufactured products. And if the Americans had recognized the fact that their country was out of natural market, they might have benefited these many years from a much wiser policy than they now enjoy. But because of their continuous opposition to anything in the way of reciprocity with Canada, they have forced us to seek a transatlantic market, and it is only now when there seems a possibility of Great Britain practically encouraging our overtures toward her, that the Americans wake up to the danger of their losing what Canadian market they enjoy.

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Do you suppose we would be doing the largest Clothing business in the Maritime Provinces if we didn't give the greatest sort of satisfaction?—good-wearing, good-fitting, good-looking Clothes for less money than other people ask. Conservative styles for the solid citizen; dashing styles for young men.

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BREAKFAST—SUPPER.

if the whole subject is discussed not entirely from the standpoint of present conditions and not necessarily on purely sound economic principles, but rather advocated on the broader grounds of the strengthening of imperial unity and the building up of the empire as a whole by this joint discrimination against the non-British world, then it is not surprising that the question of colonial contribution to imperial defence should find a place as one of the practical matters which require adjustment. The question is one which must be approached with unbiased mind and discussed without undue demagogic appeals either to national sentiment or to partisan selfishness, if one wishes to arrive at anything like a sensible conclusion. And so far as we have observed, this judicial bearing has not been prominent in the controversy. We Canadians are too prone to an hysteria of flag waving and protestations of our undying loyalty—a boasting which it must be admitted has of late been nobly redeemed by active assistance in the imperial struggle which has recently closed in South Africa. Our brothers in the home land on their part have in days gone by rather ignored or belittled the friendship of the colonists who have been laying solidly the foundations of great empires in this western world and under the Southern Cross. This past neglect has been amply atoned for—attention is necessary for reconciliation among men of the same blood and breeding—by the glad acclaim which has met our Canadian heroes in these later days of imperial trial. Let us then put the past behind us, calling upon the memories only as a stimulation to grander effort in the great work of empire building, not churlishly keeping it before us as a cause of offense to remind us of past neglect. We take it for granted that Canadians desire to deal justly by the people of the home land as well as by themselves, no demanding any imperial zoloverien to further their own business ends at the expense of Great Britain's commercial supremacy. Let us ask ourselves these questions: Has the time arrived when this fact that Canada can afford to the people of Great Britain can afford to impose a tax on their food supply to advance the interests of the younger members of this brotherhood of nations? Or is the return from an imperial zoloverien sufficiently sure to justify the disturbance of the great trade principles upon which Great Britain has founded her domination of the world's markets? If we arrive at an affirmative answer, then we should ask ourselves these further questions: Is the problem of imperial unity settled by the adjustment of trade relations between the different parts of the empire under the plan of a zoloverien? Or is it the substantial outcome of such a federation, that as trade relations are made subject to imperial sentiment, that doctrine should be carried one step further to provide for the protection of the empire's trade? As the colonies grow into the full stature of nationhood and their ambitions for recognition as component and sovereign states in the empire are satisfied, should they take up the burdens as well as the advantages? These are large questions freighted with heavy import for the empire's well and her service best to their individual interests. He who weighs them to the full before he gives the answer which is the individual assent or refusal to the broadest acceptance of an imperial citizenship.

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York tomorrow. Of course the evening reprint man wouldn't go via New York, however, even if the Tunisian sailed from there. He has lost his chance. Considerable complaint was made yesterday by city merchants at Postmaster Hamilton's failure to announce the hour of closing and delivery of mails according to the new time standard. The Telegraph remedies this neglect this morning by the publication of the mail schedule. When a London girl is 18 years old she is competent, if active and intelligent, to be hired as a "messenger boy" in the telegraph service at the salary of thirteen shillings (about \$3.15) per week. They might do a little better than that teaching school in New Brunswick. Musolino, the notorious Italian brigand, has been sentenced to imprisonment for life. He has at least twelve murders to his credit and his trial lasted for several months. It has been