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THE EXPORT BOYALTY

"The Colonist is anxious to protect Premier McBride's bet revenue raising export royalties as these will be of no use after these mills remove to British Columbia." This extract is from our local evening contemporary. We feel almost as if we ought to apologize to Colonist readers for taking space to answer so nonsensical a proposition, but as there is an election campaign on, it becomes our duty to reply to arguments advanced by our opponents. Perhaps this special "argument" is especially worthy of attention because its use by our contemporary betrays an astounding misconception of facts and if it were not replied to some persons might be misled by it.

The export royalty was not imposed for the purpose of raising a revenue but to prevent the exportation of saw-

The export royalty produces no rev-Reciprocity will not remove the ex-

port royalty. The sole purpose of the export royalty is to compel the manufacture of British Columbia timber in British Co-

The export royalty does not apply to manufactured lumber.

himbia.

We had supposed that every one in British Columbia knew this; but evidently our contemporary does not.

Our contemporary favors reciprocity because it will make this export royto prevent the exportation of sawlogs is rendered of no use by reciprocity it can only be because it will no longer prevent such exportation. Therefore our contemporary must think that if we have reciprocity the export of saw-logs will no longer be prevented. We do not as a rule feel called upon to defend Mr. Templeman against his rocity, it cannot be charged that it provides for the export of saw-logs States without the payment of the export royalty. Our contemporary may think it does, but if it will ask Mr.

grossly mistaken. nma. It must either admit that it does not know what it has been talking about or that it favors the free exportation of saw-logs. It is quite important that this matter should not be misunderstood and so we again quote from our contemporary:

"Mr. McBride says he locked up his lumber, but the measure did not bring us any mills. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said take down the tariff and the mills are

What tariff does Sir Wilfrid Laurier propose to take down? Not the tariff on lumber for this is unaffected by the reciprocity agreement so far as Canada is concerned. And here again we must remind our contemporary that the agreement is not as bad as it seems to think it is. As to the statement that mills have not come to British Columbia since the export of saw-logs was prevented by the high royalty, this is simply a misstatement quite unwarranted seeing that Mr. McBride has stated that there has been a 400 per cent increase in the number of saw-mills in this province since the export royalty

LUMBER IMPORTS.

The Calgary Albertan tells of a shipment of 250 cars of lumber which were seized by the custom house officers because they were not properly entered. The alleged facts of the case are that the lumber was bought from a British Columbia firm, and was supposed to be the produce of this province. It turned out, however, that the vendors had filled the order by purchasing the lumber in the United States. The purchasers were heavily fined, and naturally there is a good deal of hard feeling over the matter, but that is neither here nor there. The instructive fact in the case is that the British Columbia firm found it cheaper to buy lumber in the United States to fill an order than to ship it from their own mills.

It may be recalled that some time ago the local Liberal paper devoted a good deal of space to demonstrating that we needed reciprocity in order to reduce the cost of producing lumber in this province so as to enable us to compete with the product of the Puget Sound saw milis. Evidently our contemporary has not noticed the incident to which we refer, or it would have cited it in proof of its contention. A single pled prosperity." If that be the caseswallow does not make a summer, and and it certainly is-why "rock the a single instance does not press the boat?"

ited clearly shows that so far as this as cheaper for the British Columbia ill owner to buy the lumber in the inited States than to ship it from his on mills. An ounce of experience is better than a pound of theory, and until this case is disposed of it seems folly to waste any time attempting to prove that the British Columbia mult man who could buy lumber in the United States to better advantage than he could produce it in this province can hope to sell the produce of his mills in the United States in competition with lumber produced in that country. We quote

resent time are in the midst of a very bad mix-up, through receiving a raw and irty deal from some of the British Columbia lumber mills, which will involve the tieing up of thousands and usands of dollars, and big lawsuits into the bargain. This has resulted from the Dominion customs in Calgary making a seizure of some 250 cars of lumber which came from the States, when the local dealers thought they were get-ting British Columbia lumber. In other words, the local dealers bought large uantities of lumber from British Columbia firms, which, instead of shipping from British Columbia, the lumbermen bought in the States and re-sold to local dealers. Thinking the lumber came from British Columbia, the local firms unloaded their cars without getting a clearance from the customs. Undressed lumber is duty free, but nevertheless a customs clearance must be given before being unloaded. This was not done, and consequently the local customs officers, following instructions, have made a seizure totalling the value of 250 cars. This means that the local dealers have to pay the full value of the consignment. The local dealers have paid up, but will have to present their laims at Ottawa for the refund.

WAGES AND PRICES.

The supporters of reciprocity contend that it will reduce the cost of living. This is a conclusion that remains to be proved, and experience alone can prove it but in discussing any new proposal its advocates cannot complain of what they claim, as facts are taken as facts. Therefore, let it be assumed for the sake of argument that reciprocity will reduce he cost of living.

Every time a demand is made for in creases in salaries or wages, the increase in the cost of living is given as the reason, and it is for this reason -that the increases are granted. Reduce the cost of living, and wages and salown newspaper, but we protest that he aries will fall automatically in obediwas never guilty of the folly which our ence to settled economic laws that nocontemporary attributes to him. What- thing can resist. The decrease will not ever else may be said against recip- be immediate or sudden but it will come about in due course of time Trades unions will be powerless to prefrom British Columbia to the United | vent it, for competition for employment will keep the earnings of man down to a living wage. If this is high, earnings must go up; if it is low, earnings will Templeman he will tell it that it is go down. It may be an unfortunate condition of things that makes this pos-Our contemporary is on the horns of sible, and has always made it possible, but there is no use in shutting one's eyes to something just because we do not like it. To be able to believe that the man who averages the year through, let us say, \$2 a day, and can just make both ends meet on it, will continue to get that \$2 on an average, when he can make both ends meet on \$1,50 is very pleasant, but it is also very Utopian. When prices of the necessities of life rise, earnings must rise, because men must get enough to live on. When prices of the necessities of life fall, earnings will fall because men who work for others only get enough to

WORK ENOUGH IN B. C.

"Mr McBride sends his blessing, but does not enter the lists himself." So says the Toronto Globe, Mr. McBride has not sought to enter Dominion politics. Our Toronto contemporary will hardly question the statement that if Mr. McBride had desired to do so he could easily have secured nomination in a constituency, or that, if nominated, he could be elected. Neither will it deny that if he entered the House of Commons he would have a place in the front rank of his party, and a cabinet position if that party should be successful. The Globe seems to think that

t is doubt upon the last point that

kept Mr. McBride out of the federal field. In this the Toronto paper exhibits a great lack of appreciation both of Mr. McBride and British Columbia. Political life at Ottawa does not possess such charms that a man with the great sphere of usefulness open to him which British Columbia affords Mr. Mc-Bride, would think of leaving this province. The opportunities for the display of statesmanlike qualities, for planning and carrying out policies along broad lines, of achieving results of the greatest importance to the province, to Canada and the Empire, which British Columbia affords to a public man who possesses the confidence of the people, are not to be lightly thrown aside. It is simple justice to Mr. Mc-Bride to say that this is the guiding principle of his political course at the

Hon. Wm. Templeman admits that

present time.

any the better for it.

Cannot our evening contemporary nember from day to day what it says Its proposition, which the Colonist disputed, was that milling Sound are already preparing to move their plants to British Columbia, and this our contemporary cannot prove.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier may legitimately be placed in the same class as "the who rocks the boat." We have all heard of the individual who thinks it a clever thing when out with a boating party to jolt the craft from side to side-"just for the fun of the thing," and we know also that the "experiment" often results disastrously. At a time when Canada is getting along very nicely, Sir Wilfrid is assuredly "rocking the boat" with his reciprocity "experiment."

The Spokane Spokesman-Review the following apropos of the election contest now in progress in Canada: "The possibility of annexation will loom large in the Canadian campaign. Economic forces in the future-international commerce, industry, and social relationswill finally determine whether the United States and Canada shall be one country. Canada abhors the idea, liking neither our government, our political methods, nor ourselves, and the detestation felt for annexation will work against reciprocity. In addition, there is a strong and admirable feeling of Canadian nationality."

In connection with the suggestion advanced by Hon. Wm. Templeman that the Chinese head tax of \$500 should be abolished, the following statement by Andrew Furuseth, president of the International Seamen's Union, before the convention of the International Typographical Union at San Francisco on Monday is of interest: "The labor movement on the corst is complicated by the race question in its most serious form. We are placed in the position of Russia guarding Caucasian land against Asiatic hordes. The speakers who have addressed you have called your attention to the beauties and the glories of Callfornia. Allow me to call your attention to our Chinatown. These allens are acquiring larger and larger interests, and encroaching upon us little by little. When you return in 1915, let us hope that you find adequate exclusion laws."

FRAUD SUSPECTED

U. S. Customs Authorities Look Into Valuation of Crockery and China-ware from Japan

SEATTLE, Aug. 15,-A. B. Hammer, pecial agent of the treasury depart ment in this city will return to Seattle tomorrow after spending ninety days in Japan investigating charges that the es is and has been ed out of customs duties mounting into the millions through undervaluation Pacific Coast ports during the last few years.

In connection with this investigation a large consignment of Japanese crockery and curios from the Japanese house of Morimura Brothers, at Kobe, to their New York house, is loaded on cars here awaiting release by the federal appraisers. A valuation of \$14,792 is placed by the shippers of the consignment held here, and the customs authorities are making a careful appraisal of the goods to determine the amount, if any, of undervaluation.

A similar consignment to the same firm is held in Tacoma undergoing like appraisal, and in San Francisco 500 cases of Oriental wares consigned to Morimura Brothers are held, alleged to e vastly undervalued.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 15 .- It was eported unofficially here tonight that 82 cases of merchandise consigned to Morimura Brothers, of Japan and America, are held here in the course of an investigation which is being made by the federal authorities into the valuations

placed upon importations into this port. Officials admitted that an investiga tion is on, but declined to discuss its scope. The Morimura Brothers, one official said, are marked among importing firms for their probity and open dealings. They have had no trouble with the government, it was said, since the firm began business.

Morimura Brothers, in Japan, cabled their brokers at this port, before the arrival of the Mongolia, on which the detained goods were brought, that Spe cial Agent Hammer had been investigating their methods of buying, and that their cargo, invoices and prices will be found as they should be.

Pope's Condition Improves

ROME, Italy, Aug. 15 .- The general condition of Pope Pius tonight is better. His strength has perceptibly increased, the irregularity of the pulse, which alarmed the doctors, has almost disappeared and his temperature re mains at about 98.9. Today His Holfness took a few steps in his bedroom without feeling any the worse. The gouty knee is less swollen and the pain continues to diminish.

Eareg Seekers for Homes MINOT, N. D., Aug. 15 .- Twenty-eight states, besides Canada, were represented today in the registration for lands in the Fort Berthold Indian reservation The registration at Minot was 2,750 at noon, with homeseekers still lined up at the registration building.

Ex-Shah Defeated

TEHERAN, Aug. 15 .- Mohammed Ali Mirza, the ex-Shah, is reported to be in full flight after a crushing defeat of his forces by government troops north of Fireuskueh.



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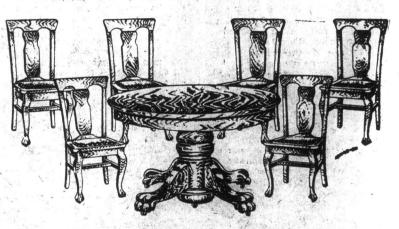
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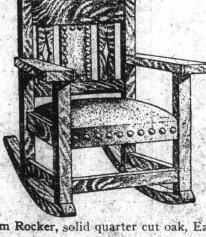
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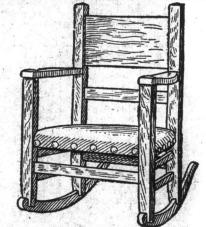
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VANCOUVER, Au news of a terrible figh ing on the part of the supposed death of G. H. Cottrell arrive night from a two we upper Fraser district Mr. Cottrell says t last evening a canoe Indians, living near paddled rapidly dow when near an elbow caught by the curre and tipped over. The Indians were washed the river, and Luke erates the ferry acros Hope, the engineer Kelley, William and into the gasoline lau after the Indians.

When about a mile the town, Mr. Cottre two of the Indians si canoe, and when pick found much the work There probably will

WARMLY W Private Clifford, Winn

TORONTO. William J. Clifford. adiers, winner of the of Wales prizes at Bi finest marksman in t received one of the ever given by the on his arrival here was met by all the on the arrival of th the station. He was the principal street h son in marching ord and Mayor Geary ro drawn by a dozen of the Grenadiers, while ed the line of march with deafening chee At Queen's Park,

twenty thousand peo sented with a mahos with sterling silver, citizens of Toronto. of Vancouver, a form King's prize, was p his congratulations ford's other admirer GREAT FORE

Southwestern Shore

Severely Visited ... T ings Burned in

HALIFAX, N. S. dous forest fires are outhwestern shore from Port Clyde, Sh eight miles of the t The fire has been b three days, but yes burst out with grea At Port Clyde twe were destroyed. tween the two points

chain of fires, which damage. The weather has b the summer that the ed two feet into the take an enormous quench this fire, ar come the conflagrat

Chooses

TORONTO, Aug. ville, an Englishma barn of the inspecto morning, said he w that he intended i ple the trouble of body, and conseque son in a lane adjoin minutes later.

OAKLAND, Cal., A

Todd, wife of a of this city, and M young bride of the the car, were killed were injured, one when the automobil riding collided in North Berkeley