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THIS AFFECTS YOU

The cost of living for every citizen in The city of Leeds wanted to construct St. John, Conservative or Liberal, is increased because the tariff of the United States on agricultural products and live stock has been reduced to a point which makes it profitable for American buyers to come into this country. As soon as the new American tariff went into effect the price of potatoes in York and Carleton counties advanced. Potatoes, hay, beef, eggs and poultry will cost more in St. John during the coming winter because of large shipments to the United States.

Conservatives will point out that the crease was an agriculture with the town. They applied to a land-owner who has two great estates in the neighborhood. For one of them he paid £25 an acre. The Leeds Corporation applied to him for 394 acres on the edge of the moor. It was not good agricultural land and it was twenty miles from the nearest town of any size. The owner demanded £500 an acre. Another case was that of the corporation of Hastings. They sought to buy some land which was rated at £3 an acre. The price they who has two great estates in the neighborhood. For one of them he paid £25 an acre. The Leeds Corporation applied to him for 394 acres on the edge of the moor. It was not good agricultural land and it was twenty miles from the nearest town of any size. The owner demanded £500 an acre. Another case was that of the corporation of Hastings. They sought to buy some land which was rated at £3 an acre. The price they who smiles when everything is glum, Than be the grouch, when things go wrong Who wails: "The worst is yet to come."

What's the Difference? "She's studying to be an interior decorator." "Why, that's strange, Her mother told mestic science." "Well?" creased because the tariff of the United the town. They applied to a land-owner

United States.

Conservatives will point out that the same result would have come if reciprocnad to pay was £2000 an acre. Other Conservatives will point out that the same result would have come if reciprocity had been adopted, and that may be true; but under reciprocity there would have been compensating advantages due to the removal of the duty from American products. There are times when we import American products without bringing them into competition at all with those of our own province. It would be a clear gain to have the duty removed. This has not been done, however; and, while the New Brunswick farmer gets the benefit of access to the American market, on very much more favorable terms than before, the consumer not only is not benefitted, but finds his cost of living increased.

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essary for Canada to reduce her tariff on food, or wipe it out altogether, so that there may be a geneval distribution of the benefits of freer trade. This will of course be opposed tooth and nail by the protectionists, but the great majority of the people are not in a mood to listen with patience to those who plead for special interests that seek to flourish at the public expense and not upon their merits. A downward revision of the Canadian tariff is necessary in the interest of the people at large, and the interest of the people at large, and the demand for it cannot long be resisted.

Unmpires and expert witnesses.

Of course a system under which such things are possible utterly discourages any municipality from attempting to secure land for any but the most urgent reasons. Hence it is necessary for the government as a part of its land scheme to make it possible by legislation for any municipality to secure land so Mr. Lloyd George says: "by easy, expeditious and cheap methods of procedure, at the real market value and not at an extravagant value."

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When it has been made possible for the cities and towns thus to secure land, whether it be to widen streets, to provide recreation spaces, to let in light and air, to improve the transit facilities to the suburbs, or transit facilities.

### A SPURIOUS ARTICLE

There is a cheap sort of alleged patriotism in Canada which consists in waving the flag, singing Rule Britannia, and denouncing as traitors and enemies to the country all persons who dare to say that Canada has a right to consult her own interests or to view any matter relating to the welfare of the Eming is easier than to insinuate that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is disloyal, and that all the members of the Liberal party are more or less trick. more or less tainted with disloyalty, and that no attention whatever should be paid to any man who does not have favor of free food will immensel his political thinking done for him by whoever may chance at the time to be the nearest exponent of toryism.

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The great mass of the Canadian people, however, are not so foolish as to

Mr. Borden is in Washington today. be deceived by the noise made by the professional patriots, who beat the drum with one hand while they have the other engaged in transferring from the public treasury to their own pockets as much of the funds as they may be able to seize. If Sir Wilfrid Laurier presents a policy relating to the navy, or any other subject, it will be examined by the people on its merits. That Sir Wilfrid Laurier is French and Catholic has nothing whatever to do with the merits of thing to do is to get through Mr. Hazer

any policy which he may submit for consideration and adoption.

The most shameful fact in connection with Canadian politics today is that there is a class of alleged patriots whose whole stock in trade is racial and religious prejudice. They never lose an opportunity to make insidious appeals of the most shameful character, while at the same time they are openly profest.

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The Times yesterday dealt with a threats of rebellion. A recent speech of tion of the speech of Mr. Lloyd Mr. Bonar Law showed that he con-George in which he pointed out that there was not one land question for the rural districts and another for the towns. but that it was the same problem in both. If housing conditions are to be improved in the towns, it must be made possible either for individual purchasers or the municipality or both to secure land at its market value, and not at the exorbitant price put upon it by those who hold it for speculative purposes, or who take advantage of their opportunity to profit at the expense of those unable to secure fair and reasonable terms.

Alberta Project to Train Them Wins Wide Attention Mr. Lloyd George quoted from the report of the Land Inquiry Committee London, Nov. 28—Agent-General Reid to show that when they inquired into of Alberta is already receiving inquiries the opportunities for acquiring land in from promising British boys, possessing or near towns, for housing purposes, recreation purposes, water works, tramways and public buildings, they found
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Mr. Lloyd George was able to fortify his statements and those of the Land in Canada.

### BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER, 28
Right Hon. Albert Henry George
Grey, 4th Earl Grey, and former governor-general of Canada, celebrates his
sixty-second birthday today. He has had
a long career as parliamentarian and diplomatist and was governor-general
from 1904 to 1911.

Hon, Harrison Andrew McKeown, puisne judge of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick, reaches his fiftieth birthday today. He practised his profession for many years in Sa. John and was for a time attorney-general of the province. He was raised to the bench in 1909.

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