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## BATTERING DOWN THE TARIFF WALL.

The New York World is making a  
scientific assault upon the high tariff  
duties now effective in the United  
States. It is following up the work of  
the tariff board, having retained for  
that purpose several gentlemen who  
acted as expert advisers to the board  
when the woolen, cotton and other  
schedules were under investigation. An  
effort is made to present these articles  
in such a way as to interest many  
readers, and especially ladies, who  
are natural free traders. Thus the  
first article on the cotton schedule,  
which is summarized in this issue,  
bears the flaming caption:

What every woman knows.  
That everything she buys costs too  
much.  
What she can learn.  
What her dresses, lingerie, gloves,  
hose, household fabrics, etc.,  
should cost. How she is swindled  
at every hand; who robs her and  
how it is done.

Just what influence this sort of  
campaigning will have is problematical.  
It may in the end help Roosevelt rather  
than Wilson, because the ordinary  
reader will say at once that a greater  
proportion of the protection afforded  
the manufacture should get into the  
pay envelope of the working man.  
Tariff reduction, we have contended,  
and still believe, is bound to come in  
the United States, and nearly every  
concession bargained for in the Tariff-  
Laurier reciprocity deal will be ob-  
tained by Canada without bargain or  
price. But none the less it is true that  
the people of the United States are as  
unanimously attached to the principle of  
protection as are the people of Canada.

This particular year, moreover, is not  
favorable to a low tariff propaganda.  
The United States is looking forward to  
a tremendous harvest and the biggest  
boom it has enjoyed since the panic of  
1907. This year it is a car famine, and  
a currency famine that is dreaded.  
Governor Wilson is wise to avoid, as  
far as possible, the tariff issue as ten-  
dered by the Baltimore platform. The  
New York World's articles, however,  
will be of interest to Canadians as  
throwing light upon the inside work-  
ings of a tariff board. It will not be  
surprising to find that such a body  
labors under the same disadvantages as  
the government which seeks to frame a  
tariff. The business interests to be af-  
fected know what they want, know  
just what they are talking about and  
just whom to go to. The unorganized  
consumers, under any system, are  
liable to be unrepresented.

## A CURIOUS CHARGE.

The Regina Leader is the journal-  
istic mouthpiece of Hon. Walter Scott  
and is an aggressive Liberal news-  
paper, but it can hardly claim to be  
in the confidence of the Borden Gov-  
ernment. Nevertheless, The Leader  
charges that the preference to be ex-  
tended to West Indian products under  
the recent reciprocity agreement will  
not be implemented by reducing the  
duties upon imports from those other  
countries, but by increasing the duties  
upon like imports from all other coun-  
tries, by twenty per cent. Upon this  
basis the charge is made that the net  
result of the recent agreement will be  
to increase the cost to the consumer.  
It may be that some of the articles  
included in the agreement are upon  
the free list and can only be given  
preferential treatment by making them  
dutiable. Generally speaking, however,  
the device of giving a preference by  
increasing the tariff seems to be a  
cumbersome one. We venture to doubt  
however, whether The Leader's charge  
will be verified by the event.

## MUNICIPAL COAL.

With the present weather conditions,  
few people consider what is in store  
for them in a few months, when with  
the thermometer at ten below zero, coal  
and plenty of it, becomes a necessity of  
existence. There is a tremendous out-  
cry about the water supply, but there  
are many weeks in the year when Tor-  
onto could get along with the most  
precious supply of water imaginable,  
better than without coal.

Water has not been so scarce with us  
that there has not been plenty to throw  
on the suggestion for a municipal coal  
yard. It is quite natural that those  
engaged in the coal business should  
disapprove of the city taking any part  
in the supply of fuel to the citizens,  
but there are enough disinterested per-  
sons outside the circle of the coal barons  
who understand the situation of the  
degreed below zero and coal, as we are  
threatened, at eight dollars a ton, and  
who would support anything that  
might be done to relieve the pressure

for the less fortunately circumstanced.  
The wealthy man can buy his coal in  
August at the lowest figures, and pay  
any time he likes before next August.  
The poor man knows that he has to  
keep in view the extra effort to get  
a ton, or a half-ton, or a quarter-ton,  
or a bag of coal, every little while thru  
the iron days of winter, if he and his  
family are not to freeze to death. And  
he believes that the rich man gets his  
coal at least 25 cents on the dollar  
cheaper than he does. The coal dealer  
claims that the cartage of half a ton  
or less costs as much as a ton or may-  
be several tons. If a municipal coal  
yard were in operation, part of its  
work would be to sell coal by the bag  
from wagons sent into likely districts  
for retail purposes. The delivery of a  
ton in this way would cost very little  
more than the ordinary delivery in  
bulk.

The existence of a municipal coal  
yard would, by its competitive effect,  
tend to keep down the prices which  
monopoly in mines and railroads seeks  
to advance. No citizen, however well-  
portioned, cares to pay more for an  
article than its fair value. He has a  
very strong conviction on the subject  
of coal values, and he feels that be-  
tween the mine owners and the rail-  
way corporations a ton of coal repre-  
sents more than a fair share of his  
substance. He would be quite willing  
to submit to the shame of encouraging  
a socialistic measure if that measure  
would reduce the price of coal one or  
two dollars a ton.

And it would reduce the price. That  
is why the idea has met with such op-  
position.  
Of course, we would all rather pay  
eight dollars a ton for coal than nine.  
But we would prefer to pay six-fifty  
and continue the vital processes.

## THE CITY COUNSELLOR.

There is an amusing little game go-  
ing on at the city hall. The object is  
to appoint a second or third rate city  
counsel and get away with it, without  
incurring any candidates' chances in the  
next civic elections. The interests are  
encouraging the game, and are in high  
glades over the possible appointment of  
some light weight of the legal world,  
a junior partner or something less ma-  
ture, who will meet their own heavy-  
weights on agreeable terms.  
Mr. Meredith's hesitation may be the  
result of a slow habit of mind, or it  
may arise from reluctance to take hold  
of an uncomfortable post. At all  
events, the delay betokens no great  
enthusiasm for public service. It may  
be that the appointment will be de-  
clined. In the meantime, the little men  
and the wire-pullers are all busy in  
the hope that something may come their  
way.

We trust the mayor and the board  
of control will rise to the occasion, and  
see that nothing is done which might  
handicap the city when she has to  
meet her enemy in the gutter. There  
should be no difficulty for the board  
of control to get excellent advice from  
the many public-spirited men of af-  
fairs in Toronto respecting possible can-  
didates for the office, should Mr.  
Meredith decide to decline it. And  
there should be still less difficulty for  
the board of control to avoid any ap-  
pointment that would add to the weak-  
ness of the city and diminish the ef-  
ficiency which the legal department  
had begun to attain.

## AUSTRALASIAN MINERAL POLICY.

For many years the Australasian states  
have made it a rule not to include min-  
eral rights when selling or otherwise  
disposing of crown lands. This has  
been directly derived from the princi-  
ple that the land and all that it con-  
tains belongs to the state and must be  
managed for the public advantage.  
Because of this basic idea it is held  
that the surface rights may be granted  
to one owner or lessee for agricul-  
ture or other specific purpose, while  
the minerals and necessary way-leaves  
and other accessories necessary to  
work them may be sold or leased to  
independent persons under the bur-  
den of the obligation to compensate the  
surface proprietor for any interference  
with his possession on damage sus-  
tained by that working.

Again, the Australasian states have  
developed a decided preference for  
leasing rather than selling outright  
mineral lands. Onerous terms are not  
imposed, but it is essential that the  
tenants actually work the mines—if  
this is not done they revert to the  
state. In this way the holding of min-  
eral rights inactive, when that suits  
the interests of speculators or mine-  
owners, is prevented, while the leasing  
system further enables conditions to  
be imposed in the public interest. In  
fact the Australasian states have tak-  
en up a position closely resembling that  
of the private landowner in Brit-  
tain whose first consideration it is to  
have the minerals worked. If the first  
lessees fail in this the owner may pro-  
ceed to deal with other offenders.  
In the matter of mining lands the  
interests of the state or the public and  
the interests of capitalistic exploiters  
come into more or less conflict. If the  
desire is the immediate attraction of  
capital even at the cost of loss of sub-  
sequent control, the state can secure  
this by the system of absolute free-

hold grants. But if the ultimate pub-  
lic interest is to rule, then mineral  
lands will be parted with only for the  
purpose of actual operation—and with  
safeguards against their being locked  
up indefinitely, in whole or in part, for  
speculative purposes or with the ob-  
ject of limiting output and artificially  
raising prices. There is not much  
doubt that experience will prove the  
Australasian states to have been right  
in conserving state and public rights  
and insisting upon strictly limited min-  
eral grants.

Abuse, whether in italics, plain print  
or large capitals, is a feeble substi-  
tute for argument. But it is an or-  
dinary support of the present civic  
system.

## FARM LABORERS IN THE WEST.

I have heard reports that farm lab-  
orers going to the west could not se-  
cure work after they had arrived in  
Winnipeg and points west. I have had  
twenty-three years' experience in suc-  
cessful farming in Manitoba and Sas-  
katchewan, and I am expressing senti-  
ments, but to the contrary in the out-  
lets of the west, it has almost im-  
possible for farmers to secure suffi-  
cient help at the highest salaries in  
previous years.

It is possible in some cases where  
the farm owners have not properly de-  
voted to the larger towns, but were after-  
wards distributed to the smaller settle-  
ments where farm labor is required. One  
week after the farm laborers' excursion  
arrives at Winnipeg, it has always been  
impossible to find available men. The  
great trouble seems to be that the  
farm laborers going to the west want  
to harvest wheat on the principal busi-  
ness streets of the largest towns. In-  
stead of going to the farming districts  
where the wheat is grown.

My sons and myself have some six  
hundred acres, mostly under culti-  
vation, and I am expressing senti-  
ments of the entire west. The greatest  
worry at the present time is the fear  
of not being able to get sufficient men  
to harvest the crop this year. I am  
doubtful if the 50,000 men the rail-  
roads are advertising will be sufficient  
to meet the situation.

Last year I traveled thru as far as  
Battleford, and I failed to see a man  
who could not get a job, and it is to  
be hoped that the coming year will  
east will avail themselves of the op-  
portunity by the low rates quoted  
by the railroads and will go west to  
assist the western farmers in har-  
vesting their crops, which will be the largest  
in the history of western Canada.

A. N. Mullett,  
Winnipeg, Sask.

## U. S. TARIFF.

The New York World has begun a  
systematic attack upon the existing  
U. S. tariff law so far as the same  
affects the cost of living. It is pub-  
lishing from day to day articles writ-  
ten by experts, but so written as to  
be intelligible to the people. It is well  
known that an expert could rewrite any  
schedule of an existing tariff law so  
that it would appear to be a reasonable  
while, in fact, increasing it. The or-  
dinary newspaper reader never looks  
at the Customs Act and he would not  
get much real information from the  
New York World is, therefore, en-  
deavoring to translate the Payne-  
Aldrich tariff into plain English.  
The articles will not deal with the  
theories of free trade or protection,  
but will endeavor to show that exorbi-  
tant duties are maintained upon goods  
and merchandise which can be and are  
manufactured as cheaply in the United  
States as abroad.

The first article deals with the cot-  
ton schedule and is contributed by  
K. MacLac. Mr. MacLac claims to be  
a life-long student of the tariff, and  
with twenty years' experience in  
the cotton trade and dry goods busi-  
ness. He acted for several years as  
expert adviser to President Taft and  
before resigning a few months ago  
because he believed the board was not  
making a square report to the presi-  
dent upon the cotton tariff. Mr.  
MacLac has taken the same  
samples from the same factories and  
has learned the cost of production  
in the United States, and also what the  
cost of production of similar fabric is  
abroad.

A concrete example is given by pre-  
senting the portrait of a lady garbed  
in eleven yards of fancy wash fabric  
and this is now in vogue. The  
eleven yards of fancy wash fab-  
ric in the United States cost 40 cents,  
in England \$1.11. The eleven yards  
retail in England for \$1.81, and in  
the United States for \$2.75. Why?  
Because the Payne-Aldrich tariff  
tax amounts to 66 cents. Under  
this article it is shown that the  
Payne-Aldrich Act increased the tar-  
iff instead of revising it downward,  
and that the tariff board is incompe-  
tent and unfaithful to its trust.

## A PROSPERITY NUMBER.

The annual "Prosperity" number of  
"The Trader and Canadian Jeweler"  
has just been issued by H. Gagnier,  
Ltd. This handsome publication does  
credit to O. M. Ross, its editor.  
A striking design in color by E. Wal-  
cousins forms an attractive indica-  
tion of the article contents. Mr. Wal-  
cousins has only recently come to Can-  
ada and this is his first work here. It  
justifies the reputation he has brought  
as one of the foremost illustrators in  
London, England. A portrait is given  
of the artist on page 160. While the  
contents of The Trader appeal chiefly  
to the trade, there are many excellent  
articles of general business interest.  
One on "Trains" will attract business-  
men and displaying advertisements. J. L.  
Chase writes on "Modeling in Clay,"  
and W. J. McNaughton on "The Busi-  
nesses 'The Gold and Silver Stamping  
Act'."

Special Trains to Hamilton Races.  
Daily Until August 17.  
Special trains will leave Toronto via  
Grand Trunk Railway System at 12:45  
p.m. and 1:45 p.m. and return at 10:15  
p.m. Only \$1.25 return on this date.  
Tickets are valid returning until Mon-  
day, Aug. 19. Special train will also  
leave Toronto at 10:45 p.m. on Aug. 15  
and 16. Fare on these dates \$1.25 and  
tickets are valid returning on date of  
issue only. Trains run direct to race  
track and return immediately after  
last race. Secure tickets at city ticket  
office, northwest corner King and  
Yonge streets. Phone Main 4209.

# "YOU'LL SUFFER SIEGE OF DELHI" ALL YOUR LIFE" BEST EVER SEEN

That's What the Doctor Told Him  
Historical Spectacle Will Be  
Given at Exhibition This  
Year on a Magnifi-  
cent Scale.

Chesterville, Ont., Jan. 25, 1911.  
"For over twenty years, I have been  
troubled with Kidney Disease, and the  
doctors told me they could do me no  
good, and that I would be a sufferer  
for the rest of my life.  
I doctored with different medical  
men and tried many advertised reme-  
dies, but none of them suited my case.  
"Nearly a year ago, I tried 'Fruit-  
a-lives' and I have been using this fruit  
medicine nearly all the time since, and  
I am glad to say that I am cured.  
"I give 'Fruit-a-lives' the credit of  
doing what the doctors said was im-  
possible.  
"I am now seventy-six years old, and  
in first-class health."  
—C. W. BARKLEY.

In all the world, there is no other  
remedy that has cured so many cases  
of so-called "incurable" kidney disease  
as "Fruit-a-lives."  
This famous fruit medicine acts di-  
rectly on the kidneys—healing and  
strengthening them—and ridding the  
system of the waste matter that poi-  
sons the blood.  
50c a box, 6 for \$2.50, retail price, 25c.  
At dealers or sent on receipt of price  
by Fruit-a-lives Limited, Ottawa.

## EXHIBITION FIREWORKS.

Splendid Variety and Everything  
Novel in Pyrotechnics.

While the fireworks for the exhibi-  
tion will run largely to imperial and  
patriotic displays, the sixty numbers  
on the program allow for splendid  
variety as well as everything that is  
novel in pyrotechnics. The eruption of  
Mt. Vesuvius will be the feature num-  
ber. It will be an exact reproduction  
of one of the most famous volcanic  
outbursts of the world's most famous volcanoes.

Other numbers that are well worth  
watching for are: the fairy illumina-  
tion, produced by 50 prearranged flam-  
ing stars; "The Circus Elephant"  
—a scene changing to six different colors;  
"Princess Rupert Drops"—in rockets of  
bursting stars; "Displays of National  
Rockets"—charged with red, white and  
blue stars; "The Three Kaleidoscopes"  
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