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CROTHERS AND FOSTER

The objections raised by Hon. Mr. Foster to a tariff commission and in fact to commissions in general, direct the attention of the public to the fact that Mr. Foster is himself a member of a commission of inquiry, and that he is apparently paying a good deal more attention to commission work than to his duty as a member of the government.

And yet, speaking at Smith's Falls the other day Mr. Foster scoffed at the idea of a tariff commission, and said:—

"The Lord knows we have had enough commissions. They are as plentiful as blackbirds. Commissioners are roaming the country wasting good ink and paper, preparing reports which are laid on the shelf and nothing done with them. It is not a commission that will right this matter."

Apparently Mr. Foster was here expressing his disapproval of what Hon. Mr. Crothers had said when he suggested that the government would appoint a commission of experts to investigate the causes of the high cost of living.

Mr. Crothers, who at that time was quite full of the commission idea, has since been brought into line, and in St. John last week intimated to the Standard that there was no likelihood of a commission being appointed.

Meanwhile the statement issued by Mr. Crothers' department for November shows another increase in the cost of living, with advanced prices in grain and fodder, cattle, sheep, beef, dairy products, eggs and vegetables. Commenting on the situation, the Montreal Daily Mail says:—

"First, Mr. Crothers speaking at Halifax, said, according to reports, that 'We want cheap living, let's have a few years of hard times.' Then Mr. Foster, speaking at Smith's Falls, 'deplored' the high cost of living and referred facetiously to the idea of appointing a commission to investigate the matter. He pointed out that a commission takes a lot of time, and its report is seldom acted upon. In conclusion, he criticized the habits of Canadians in spending money. They did not understand what frugality meant, he said. The remarks of the two ministers will, we believe, find but little favor with the majority of our wage-earners and consumers. Leaving Mr. Crothers' remarks to carry their own rebuttal, we would like to ask Mr. Foster what the frugality of the people has to do with the rise in price of foodstuffs? If Mr. Foster opposes a commission on the ground that it would reveal serious weaknesses in our fiscal system, we think he is needlessly alarming himself. His attitude would indicate that he belongs to the tariff school which sees danger in facing facts bearing remotely on pet theories. We hope the government will disregard his advice and his policy of do-nothing."

The following comment is from the Montreal Star:

"It is as clear as noonday that the present government must do something more than talk about the exceeding sinfulness of our 'extravagance' or the curative power of 'hard times' when this pressing question of the high cost of living comes up if they are to keep the confidence of a people all too conscious of the unaccustomed pinch of poverty."

It will thus be seen that it is not the Liberal party alone which protests against the attitude of the government in the face of steadily increasing cost of living and the growing percentage of unemployment in the country at large.

The testimony of men familiar with the business of handling mails is that remarkably quick despatch was given to the mails handled here by the steamer Victorian. A fair test, the citizens of St. John are confident, will prove that this is the best Canadian mail port during the winter season.

The Fredericton Mail says:—"Tory politicians told the farmers of York two years ago that horned cattle were worth less money in the United States than in Canada and they attempted to prove their case by statistics. The experience of the last two months proves the statement to have been false. Since the new U. S. tariff went into effect American buyers have been scouring York county from end to end, buying everything to be got hold of in the cattle line and paying for the same higher prices than have prevailed here since the U. S. civil war."

Referring to the Canadian Liberal policy with regard to the tariff the London correspondent of the Montreal Daily Telegraph cables as follows:—"Sir Wilfrid Laurier's campaign against food taxes is being watched with the greatest possible interest by the progressive Liberal forces of this country. Every confidence is felt here in the common sense of the Canadian people and no doubt whatever is entertained that Sir Wilfrid will carry his mission to a successful issue. Tariff reform here is as dead as the proverbial dead lion. Manufacturers who previously favored high tariffs are offering the error of their ways through President Wilson's revision of the American tariffs. They are now preparing to do an extensive trade with the United States in goods the high tariff previously shut out. Liberals and

Labor men wish Laurier every success, as dear food is the greatest of all handicaps from which any country might suffer."

A Toronto paper says that twenty-five thousand people are going from Canada to their former homes in the old country to spend Christmas, and that as a result New Brunswick is going to obtain some thousands of solid Scotch citizens. In fact, she can have as many as she wants."

The London cable to the Montreal Daily Mail says:—"The agent of New Brunswick, who has just returned from an extensive tour of Scotland, says that the prospects are rosier than usual, and that as a result New Brunswick is going to obtain some thousands of solid Scotch citizens. In fact, she can have as many as she wants."

The Halifax Echo makes the following remarks regarding the matter:—"If the government persists in its policy of pampering St. John there can only be one outcome, for it is very evident that the sister city will not be happy till it gets the entire mail business. It would seem to be about time that the government abandoned this pampering policy."

For St. John read Halifax, and the application may fairly be made. All St. John asks is a fair field and no 'pampering.' The result of a fair test of St. John as a direct mail port is not dreaded at all by the citizens.

An attempt has been made to pull through the Quebec legislature a bill compelling newspapers to publish lists of their shareholders. The bill was killed in committee, but its promoter said he would bring it up again in the house. The Montreal Daily Mail, which appears to be rather anxious to learn who are the shareholders of certain newspapers in that city, strongly supports this bill. The reason appears to be that it has been alleged that at least one very prominent Montreal financier has stock in newspapers, one of which supports the Conservative and the other the Liberal party. Apparently it is believed that a "show-down" would do much to clear the atmosphere.

The province of New Brunswick may boast of its resources, its climate and its advantageous position over so loudly, but if the census statement to the effect that literacy is greater in New Brunswick than in any other province is widely published, it will do much to counteract the effect of all our advertising. New Brunswick needs a well-earned compulsory attendance law and better qualified and better paid teachers throughout the counties. It must be noted, however, that the census statement is not fair to Canada. School age for children in New Brunswick does not begin so early as in other provinces, and this would have some effect in making the census returns appear more favorable to the other provinces than the conditions really warrant. This fact has been clearly set out by Chief Superintendent Carter, and it should be given as wide publicity as is given to the census returns.

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See The Dawn of a Tomorrow tonight. You will want to see it again before the week is over and you will remember it always.

The Wish and The Thought

"Mamma, was that true about your having a friend in Mexico who had just war started, and about a cannon ball coming right through the house and knocking their piano all to smithereens?"

"Perfectly true, dear."

"And did they have any little children who had to practice on their piano?"

"Yes, they have two little girls and a little boy."

"Mamma, don't we never have no wars in this country?" — Houston Post.

BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

Sir Richard McBride, premier of British Columbia, is forty-three years of age today. He was born in New Westminster and is a lawyer by profession. Entering the legislature in 1896, he became premier ten years ago and has since swept everything before him in the political arena.

Another distinguished British Columbian also observes his birthday today in the person of the Hon. A. S. Goodyear, member of the Dominion Railway Commission. He was born in Guelph, Ontario, fifty-three years ago and went to Rossland in the eighties. Since then he has taken a prominent part in politics.

Leighton McCarthy, nephew of the late Dalton McCarthy and himself a prominent politician, was born on December 15, 1869, in Walkerton, Ont. He is a lawyer, now practicing in Toronto and has represented North Simcoe in two parliaments.

LIGHTER VEIN

Teacher, somebody hit me on the head with a horse-shoe.

"Well, now, Tommy, that's what I call hard luck."

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Laid or Lied

Son—Dad, when you put a hen on eggs to hatch them, do you say she is 'sitting' or 'setting'?

A hen can't sit, can she?

Dad—Don't bother about little things like that. What concerns me most is to know when she cackles whether she has laid or lied—Philadelphia Press.

The Return Trip

Three strands of thread for anchorage, A loose tied knot, a festoon trail, A skirt not meant for wear.

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The town council at a special meeting last evening made arrangements for the lease of the new shoe factory to Clarke Bros. & Co., to become effective on Jan. 1, 1914.

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BY A SPECIALIST

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