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A SATISFACTORY SITUATION

When Sir Henry Drayton introduced his Budget proposals last session, he made the announcement that it was his intention to, if possible, make the revenue and expenditure balance, and that there would not be any more loans.

The situation at present seems to be that not only will Sir Henry be able to accomplish his object, but he will be able to pay off some \$74,000,000 of treasury bills which fell due last October.

The preliminary figures for the eight months are as follows: Revenue 1919 1920 \$218,027,000 \$296,094,000

THE AMERICAN TARIFF BILL

During the last few years prices for farm produce on both sides of the line have been remarkably good and the farming community in both Canada and the United States have made some easy money.

As a result an Emergency Tariff Bill to apply for ten months, has been rushed through the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives, by a vote of 196 to 85.

There is thus a departure from the ordinary slow process of tariff revision. But the first rush is over and the bill will now have to await more deliberate consideration.

When the Wall Street Journal advises Canadians to do more of their shopping at home, and less in the United States, it is time for Canadian buyers of unnecessary imported articles to rub their eyes, and wake up.

Perhaps it is to improve the saying "Little children should be seen and not heard" that modern girls decree their "little ones shall hear" but not be seen? Ridiculous.

DRIVING BISHOPS OUT OF PALACES

Just as we added lavishly to the ranks of the rich, so the aftermath of war has contributed largely to the population of the newly poor. The latest, unwilling candidates for honors in these ranks are the bishops of England.

Mr. George Carlin, a London correspondent of the Detroit Free Press, introduces the subject thus: "Is religion going to the devil in England?" was the amazing question I heard last evening in the stuffy atmosphere of the House of Commons.

But the war can be blamed. It is not so much the cost of living, which affects everybody, that is worrying the bishops, but the taxes which are levied on the cost of the war.

Canada is as much interested, as the American market is an important one to our farmers. It would be idle to think otherwise. The balance of trade between the United States and Canada is already largely in favor of our neighbors.

THE POSITION OF QUEBEC

The Liberal party has always fallen back upon Quebec as its great stronghold, and is now pinning its hopes to practically a solid representation from that province after the next election.

As can readily be seen, the new "National Liberal and Conservative" party has the only true principle which protects the Canadian labourer.

"The ridiculous claims of the Liberal press will change nothing to the real facts. The Farmers' party is a radical free trade party; the Liberal party has no settled tariff policy; free trader in principle, he has applied protection when he administered the affairs of the country, and today he has to coach it, a nebulous leader who seeks eagerly an alliance with the free trader farmer; the National Liberal and Conservative party is the party of moderate protection."

Under the title "What Others Say" the unions seek to bind their members more and more tightly to prescribed hours and kinds of labor, it is not to be permissible for the railway porter or signal man to employ his spare time and add to his earnings by doing work which other unions consider may have effects "detrimental to their wages."

South Africa and the Empire. General Smuts' arrangements for fusing the South African and Unionist Parties in order to defend the imperial connection are progressing favorably. He has met the executive of the Unionist Party, and the latter has endorsed his plans.

THE LAUGH LINE

Nobody—a prominent woman's husband. A Veracious Epitaph. On a tombstone in New Jersey—"Julia Adams, Died of This Shock, Aged 19 years."—Boston Transcript.

Old Formula Best. There may be some new-fangled method of achieving success, that looks good for a time, but we don't believe that any man has ever improved on the old formula of hard work and honesty.—Seay (Ark.) Citizen.

Not Enough to Go 'Round. "Jack, how is it that you never bring any good marks home from school?" "Oh, papa, there are such a lot of us that when my turn comes there are none left!"—Edinburgh Scotsman.

STILL MURDERING POLICE. Cork, Dec. 30.—Armed civilians are reported to have ambushed a police patrol in Middleton, County Cork, last night killing one policeman and wounding several others.

Bishops Are Evacuating. The Bishop of London some time ago gave up his mansion in St. James' Square. The Bishop of Exeter, also left his palace. The Bishop of Durham formerly Canon Hensley Henson, has done likewise and half a dozen others of the high dignitaries of the church have admitted that they cannot maintain the dignity that is expected of them on the salaries they are allowed.

WHAT OTHERS SAY. Sparetime Earnings. Under the title "What Others Say" the unions seek to bind their members more and more tightly to prescribed hours and kinds of labor, it is not to be permissible for the railway porter or signal man to employ his spare time and add to his earnings by doing work which other unions consider may have effects "detrimental to their wages."

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Benny's Note Book

Saturday afternoon me and Leroy Shooter and Skinny Martin was outside my house and Nora stuck her head out the front door saying, Benny, don't you be dirtying up those front steps now or you'll hear from me, do you understand?

And she stuck her head back again, and Leroy Shooter sed, "G, do you allow your cook to boss you, holey smokes. Jimmy Krisman I'd never allow our cook to boss me, sed Skinny Martin, and I sed, Av, whose cook bosses them, was you tawkin about, if she had kopp her head out there a minit longer I'd told her a few things all rite, thas why she didnt keep it out there.

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FUNERALS The funeral of Thomas B. ... was held yesterday afternoon at the residence of his daughter, O. Watmore, 80 Brough Street, St. John. Service was conducted by Rev. G. A. Kurling.

THE UNEMPLOYED The Union Worker for new will deal with the unemployment situation.

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