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**Provincial Exhibition**

The Annual Provincial Exhibition at Charlottetown opened about noon yesterday, and is now in full blast. The formalities of opening were about the same as for a number of years past. After introductory remarks by the President of the Association, Mr. John J. Davies, His Honor Lieut. Governor McKinnon delivered an exhaustive address on the question of exhibitions generally, with special reference to the Charlottetown Exhibition. In conclusion he declared the exhibition opened. Hon. Mr. Lea, Premier Bell and the American Consul followed in appropriate addresses. There were several selections of vocal music by the school children, massed on the platform, and also music by the band. The exhibition, both inside and outside, is much more extensive than last year, and there never was such an array of trotting horses. There is trotting on every one of the five exhibition days. Should the weather continue fine the exhibition of 1920 will be the greatest in the history of this Province.

**King's County Exhibition.**

The King's County Exhibition held at Georgetown on Thursday last, 23rd inst., was well attended and, generally speaking, was most creditable. The exhibits displayed in the building were of a high order of merit; the fruit exhibit especially was very fine. The horses, cattle and other live stock shown on the grounds were fine and attracted much attention. About 1 o'clock the exhibition was formally opened by His Honor, Lieut. Governor McKinnon. In the course of his remarks, His Honor took occasion to refer in complimentary terms to the excellence of the quality of the exhibits and to the industry and taste of those who had prepared and presented them. Suitable remarks were made by Hon. Mr. Lea, Commissioner of Agriculture; Mr. Clark, head of the Experimental Farm, and Professor W. J. Reid. The weather was beautiful and everything in connection with the exhibition passed off in excellent order, and to the credit of the management and the people of Kings.

**Tariff Main Issue**

Over three thousand people cheered Canada's Prime Minister, the Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, to the echo when he finished his great speech in the Armory, Sherbrooke, Quebec, on Tuesday night of last week, enunciating the policy of the Government of which he has been chosen the head, and issuing a direct challenge to all who sought to overthrow it or to cloud the issue in the next election. The Premier did not mince his words. He frankly declared that the one issue that would be before the people would be a protective tariff for Canadian industries as against free trade. He marshalled a strong array of facts in an illuminating analysis of the needs of the hour. He challenged the Farmers' party and the remnants of the Liberal party that has attached themselves to the creation of Mr. C. R. Erer. He denounced the latter for their vacillating views regarding protection, and then went on to demonstrate, by hard facts, the benefits that had accrued to the country through the protective tariff, incidentally pointing out that the policy that the Liberals had carried out for fifteen years was now declared by the Opposition to be the curse of the country, although the tariffs averaged six per cent lower than in the time of the Liberal regime. He declared that the policy of the Government would be to impose tariffs, after investigation now being made by the tariff commission was completed, which would only be sufficient to detain in this country the industries we have and just enough to make them stay here and expand instead of moving to another country.

**The Triumph Of The League.**

The League of Nations has won its first victory. In the face of difficulties that seemed insurmountable it has lifted the dispute between Lithuania and Poland out of the heated sphere of angry passions and national rivalries and set it on the higher ground of conciliation and compromise, where the League itself is sovereign.

**High Ocean Fares**

Illustrative remarks on the subject of the cost of building and operating ocean steamships now as compared with the years preceding the war were made by Sir Thomas Fisher, general manager of the Canadian Pacific Steamships, at the launching of the great new Pacific liner, the Empress of Canada, on the Clyde last month. The Empress of Canada, he said, was costing \$8,500,000. Prior to the war the Calgarian, a somewhat similar ship, was built for \$2,750,000. The growth in expenditure was even more serious from the point of view of maintenance. The difference between a ship built today and one built before the war in expense of insurance, depreciation and interest on capital involved an additional charge on every round voyage across the Atlantic of \$100,000. So far as running expenses were concerned, the round trip, which cost before the war \$22,500, now costs \$120,000. Repairs which used to be \$8,500 were now \$38,500. Provisioning cost before the war \$15,000, and now costs \$40,000. Wages had risen from \$12,500 to \$45,000. In addition there was an increase in respect of the accommodation transferred from passengers for the greater comfort of the crew—an increase which he put at \$25,000 for every round voyage.

Summing up, he said that the Empress of Canada would cost \$300,000 more to maintain and operate per round voyage than the Calgarian did before the war. So here you have the explanation of high passenger fares on the ocean—why you must pay \$250 for a first-class passage across the Atlantic today, when you paid \$95 prior to the war.

Sir Thomas Fisher said the moral the C.P.R. was drawing was to build a simpler and slower class of steamship. As an illustration of that policy he mentioned that the Canadian Pacific Ocean Service had cancelled by arrangement with the Fairfield Company, an order for a first-class ocean liner and had substituted one for an intermediate liner similar to their steamships Melita and Menesotea. Their Chairman, Mr. Bosworth, considered that that step was more in line with moderate requirements for democratic travel. The economies which could be effected by substituting a simpler class of ship for the costlier vessels which were formerly employed in ocean services were very great. The principal economy was in speed. Roughly, if four knots were knocked off an Atlantic liner—which means a 24 hours' longer voyage than that of a 20 knot ship—it would result in a saving of half the cost of the coal bill. If the internal combustion engines were adopted (and he predicted that ocean liners with internal combustion engines would be produced five years hence) they would again halve the fuel cost. In conclusion, he said that by a simpler class of vessel, at a slower speed, with internal combustion engines, they would get back to conditions which would enable ordinary people to travel in pursuit of their business.

**Local and Other Items**

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Fifteen hundred new cases of cholera have been discovered in Korea, according to an official statement issued at Seoul. This makes the total number of victims of the disease more than 20,000 of whom more than 9,000 have died.

All persons who proclaim a belief which passes judgment on their neighbors must be ready to have it "unsettled," that is questioned, at all times and by anybody—just as those who set up bars across a thoroughfare must expect to have them taken down by everyone who wants to pass, if he is strong enough.—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

The first ear of this season's Alberta wheat from Coaldale was sold at Calgary on the 11th September. It netted the farmer \$4.42 per bushel, less one per cent commission charges. The grain contained 1,702.10 bushels and the price at which it was sold was \$2.77. It is believed on the Calgary grain exchange that this is a record figure for a carload of wheat.

The hundred sailors from Canada who have been sent over to man the light cruiser, *Eurore* and the two torpedo boats the Imperial naval authorities are presenting an interesting sight to the people in Liverpool when they arrived on the 21st on the liner *Empress of Britain*. The delegates to the Imperial Press Conference held in Ottawa, and who made a coast to coast tour of the Dominion, also returned on the *Empress*.

As a result of negotiations just concluded between Frank A. Dudley, president of the United Hotels Company of America, and a large group of transportation and industrial interests in Montreal, the last named city is now assured of a 1,000 room hotel. It is to be constructed by the Mount Royal Hotel Company, Limited, of Montreal, at a total cost of \$10,000,000, and is to be built on the site of the old high school, now a military barracks, which occupies the entire block bounded by Peel, Burnside and Metcalfe streets, just above St. Catharines street.

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Canada will be very foolish if she does not learn from the late war to avoid the mistakes made in the United States. Population will seek this country as certainly as tomorrow's sun will rise. We are in a position to demand that only the best shall be admitted to the privilege of Canadian citizenship. We owe a first duty to the Canadians already on the ground and until conditions of life in Canada have returned more nearly to the normal we can very well afford to wait for a great influx of population.—Montreal Star.

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