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### WE PAY TOLL

We in Canada, it appears, are paying to American railways and American lake vessels more than \$15,000,000 every year in order that Canadian wheat and other products may be carried through American ports.

Uncle Sam is for us a very expensive middleman, evidently, and that \$15,000,000, which is the direct toll we pay, only represents a part of the loss this country suffers because of the diversion to alien channels of an immense portion of its export products. This diversion is of no sudden growth, but has developed gradually over a great many years, and has now reached such formidable proportions that it challenges Canadian business instinct, Canadian patriotism, Canadian self-respect.

To that \$15,000,000 which we pay American transportation interests, and which should be spent—or, at least, the greater portion of it—within our own borders, to our own railways and ports and to our own labor, we must add a further sum, difficult to measure, which we have lost and are losing because we have not been steadily building up a self-contained system of transport. We have obviously lost a great deal of money because for many years we have not developed and pursued an intelligent and consistent all-Canadian plan, devised to take care of the constantly increasing traffic originating in Canada as her products and her population expanded.

To export our products through alien ports means, also, that imports which should come through our own harbors and be hauled over our own railways, are brought through foreign ports. Tonnage seeks two-way cargoes.

The summary of wheat movement conditions, given by the traveling representative of The Times-Star and Telegraph-Journal, and published today, indicating how complicated this question of wheat transport is, is most instructive, particularly when read in connection with the report of the Royal Commission, which has been investigating the Canadian grain trade, the report of which has just been tabled at Ottawa, and also in connection with the Dominion Government's proposals to fight the North Atlantic Steamship Conference.

It is well, of course, that all possible light be thrown upon Canadian marketing and transportation conditions. But the developments thus far only show how vitally important is the matter of working out a realistic and business-like all-Canadian transportation policy, making Canada, to the greatest extent possible, free from the losses and dangers due to the steady and increasing diversion of its export products to foreign ports, and at the same time bringing to Canada, through its own ports direct, by far the greater part of its imports.

Into the problem these necessarily enters the question of rates by sea and land, and more clearly than ever it must be recognized how directly beneficial would be the plan of limiting the British preference to goods coming direct through our own harbors. This is a lever far too important to be longer ignored or neglected. Undoubtedly there are forces which are opposed to the British preference, just as there are other forces which, while they support the preference, do not wish to have its application limited. But all Canada is bound to consider that after the preference was placed upon the statute books, and when we began to undertake the construction of the privately owned railway systems which are now united as the Canadian National Railways, it was made clear in Parliament that we would be independent of the United States and need not fear the abrogation of the bonding privilege, it was the intention that the preference should apply only to goods coming direct.

We built the railways to serve Canada—every section of it. They can serve Canada, they can justify their existence, only when they are used to the limit as levers for Canadian development. With the railways and the ports properly equipped, with a really Canadian transportation policy and the right use of the products of this country through its own ports, and the tonnage will be there to handle it. It is for Parliament to act along these lines, having this great objective clearly in view. It can be done, and it must be done for the good of Canada, for its upbuilding, and because when the great railways were constructed the Dominion and the Provinces financed them, directly or indirectly, on the condition—and Dr. Murray MacLaren quotes the very language of the pledges in the statutes—that Canadian traffic should move through Canadian channels.

These pledges must be redeemed, in order to show good faith, and also because the keeping of them is necessary to the growth, contentment and prosperity of this country.

### FOOD

Since the price of wheat passed the two-dollar mark, Canadians are once more assured that in the near future their exportable wheat surplus will become, and steadily remain, the greatest in the world. Statisticians remind them that the United States will soon cease to export wheat, that Russia will not soon regain its position as a great wheat exporter, and that, in all probability, there will be a growing world demand for the Canadian article, together with a natural increase in immigration and a marked expansion of the wheat acreage in the Canadian West.

At the same time several authorities are giving warning that high-priced wheat has a tendency to limit the European market, because so great a percentage of the people there cannot afford it, and it is constantly suggested that a world problem is the need for reduced costs of agricultural production. The United States has discovered that while its food-producing resources are tremendous, it is no longer, strictly speaking, feeding itself. The U. S. Department of Commerce recently issued an analysis of the foreign trade of that country for the last two years, and this shows that Uncle Sam is now importing far more raw foodstuffs than he exports. Thus, in 1923 the importations of raw foodstuffs were valued at \$363,020,000, and the exports of similar commodities were valued at \$297,478,000. The imports in 1924 exceeded the exports in value by some \$65,000,000. Of course it is true that the United States, because of its wealth, naturally imported great quantities of what might be described as food luxuries which most of the nations of Europe could not afford in any such proportion. But the Boston Transcript says that the facts in themselves explode the fallacy that the United States can feed the world.

It is a great exporter of meat, chiefly beef and pork products, yet it imports meats heavily, principally mutton from Australia and New Zealand, and poultry from those countries and from the Argentine. It exports wheat on a large scale from Canada, and great quantities of rice from the Far East. The American farmer is urged to increase his production, to replace foreign foodstuffs. He is told that it is a reproach to him that wheat is imported from Canada, when so much more could be raised in the United States; but the American farmer replies that his operations are unprofitable, and his natural tendency is to limit his crop. The politicians have attempted to give him protection against foodstuffs grown in other countries, but they have been unable by that device to influence the native prices or to give the native farmer control of the home market. Various schemes for the American farmer's products within his own country have failed under foreign competition and the natural desire to buy at the lowest price available.

A few years ago few Americans would have believed it possible, or likely, that by 1924 they would be importing more raw foodstuffs than they were selling to the world at large.

"Mr. Belding's tour through Canada in behalf of the Maritime Provinces is producing good results," says the Toronto Globe. "Newspaper comments show no lack of sympathy." Or of understanding and support. The case of the Maritimes, properly understood, is in the final analysis the case of all Canada.

It is announced that during next summer Canada will have a visit from Sir Fabian Ware, Vice-Chairman of the Imperial War Graves Commission, who will speak in several cities here concerning the work being done by his organization. In connection with Sir Fabian's visit, the Canadian public is reminded that there are now in existence or in the course of construction 1,200 military cemeteries in France and Flanders containing from 800 to 10,000 graves each, as well as a thousand plots in communal or parish cemeteries. The commission carries on the work of looking after these graves, suitably adorning them with monuments, planting trees and flowers, and giving them permanent care. The land occupied by the British cemeteries in France is a free gift from the French people. More than 60,000 Canadians lost their lives in the great war, and most of them are buried in France. There is a Canadian branch of the Imperial War Graves Commission, which co-operates closely with the Imperial organization.

### Great Thoughts

Manners must adorn knowledge, and smooth its way through the world. Like a great rough diamond, it may do very well in a closet by way of curiosity, and also for its intrinsic value; but it will never be worn, nor shine, if it is not polished.—Lord Chesterfield.

This world is a beautiful book, but of little use to him who cannot read it.—Carlo Goldoni.

## Odds and Ends

"You never know what you'll find among the odds and ends."—From "Notes by a Wayfarer."

### Wombing

A new word, engagingly appropriate, drops into coinage, and is accepted by the world with all the ravishing pleasure of an old maid listening to her first proposal, says the Manitoba Free Press. The latest to come into fashion is "Wombing." It has only arrived, being the last thing, and means to give adequate preparation to a speech. Its origin is traced to a former private secretary to Mr. Gladstone. It was said that Mr. Gladstone claimed never to prepare his speeches. The secretary, Sir Edward Hamilton, was asked to confirm this. "If he means," said Sir Edward, "that he doesn't sit down and write out notes, I dare say it's true; but he lies on a sofa and 'wombs' it in his inside."

That is what a speech-rivalling people needs, wombing, more wombing. We are just now in the midst of a season when the nights grow blacker with the weary howling of the speeches, and fall upon the unheeding ears of banquet guests, bored stiff by orators who have not wombed. From all sides come the lamenting, monotonous conventions surfeited with too much hospitality and corrupted with little wombing. Our legislatures are sitting, have sat or are thinking of sitting, but our legislators will persist in doing their wombing on their feet. Parliament itself is about to open the flood-gates of free speech, and it holds one of the poorest wombings in the country.

We are a subject people, compelled, as we are, to listen with politeness, and even sometimes with interest, to the long, tedious, and often meaningless speeches of our legislators. Let them womble; they should womble. If only some of them would first womble they would then realize they had nothing to womble about, when they might know enough to keep their seats. But, no; they must speak. Yet, worse, they are thoughtless, but our speakers? Indeed, the poorer the wombler, the longer the speaker, the duller the speech.

Wombing is the one antidote. Our statesmen who discourse from the Atlantic to the Pacific might even find popularity if only they would womble a bit more. They might say less, but get farther if before speaking they had masticated their speeches in a three-hour womble on the parlor sofa. If Gladstone did it, most of them need not be ashamed to do a little themselves. Of course the spectacle is not inviting. What horrid spectacles from Montreal with no better result than the mind of Mr. Meighan as he wombles in his inside his speech that will explain the Hastings by-election? What confusion will reign in the brain of Premier King when he wombles his speech elucidating the Crow's Nest Pass rates situation? How all the other statesmen who are politicians, or politicians who are statesmen, would clasp and curb and trim their speeches if only they wombled them in their insides. They must womble. They must suffer while they do it; but the more they suffer beforehand the less aggrieved will be their listeners afterward. Wombing is the one antidote needed to be injected into this age of copious broadcasting of words, words, words.

### Cans and Can'ts

(Regina Leader.)

You can do a lot of things in this world; but there are a lot of things you can't do.  
You can't spend money and have it.  
You can't destroy credit and still enjoy the benefits of it.  
You can't break your contracts and have people trust you.  
You can't convert to socialism a man who has a bank account.  
You can't make as much working six months in the year as you can by working twelve months.  
You can't help Canada by making money here and spending it somewhere else.  
You can't pay real debts with stage money.  
You can't make scrub sires father pure bred animals.  
You can't sow weeds and reap grain.  
You can't demand special privileges for yourself and deny them to others, without being laughed out of court.  
You can't keep a bad horse, without weakening your backbone.  
You can't accomplish as much by talk as you can by work.  
You can't "knock" without being despised.  
You can't achieve without being respected, although you can not always be rewarded with respect for this.

You can't give a man brains God has denied him.  
You can't make all people think alike.  
You can't get more out of the provincial or federal treasury than you put into it.  
You can't accomplish anything unless you try.  
You can't be a good Canadian if you allow the lure of money to take you out of the country.  
You can't "save" Canada from a vermin in St. Monica.  
You can't run down your country without deserving to be run out of it.  
You can't go around down at the mouth without eventually going down at the heel.

Any more than you can make water run uphill or prolong the life of man beyond its appointed span.

### A Striking Address

(Calgary Herald.)

Farmers complain, with some justice, when they have to listen to advice from bankers, newspaper editors and others respecting their own business. Yesterday, before the Calgary Board of Trade, Major Strange, one of themselves, tendered them some advice. What he said is worthy of their attention. Incidentally, he gave all Canadians advice of a most sound and patriotic character, to which all in this country might well heed.

"Think Canada," he said to all classes. Think of the position of the other man in relation to tariffs and to other influences upon conditions in the Dominion. Do less class thinking, less sectional thinking, find where possible, the happy means that will give all Canadians, all groups and all sections the best opportunity to prosper. Major Strange's address made a profound impression upon the farmers and business men assembled at the Board of Trade. It was published in Friday's issue of The Herald, which comments to be the thoughtful reading of all those who were not at that meeting.

## GIVES GOOD REPORT ON MILK SUPPLY

Inspector Tilley Heard at Health Board Meeting—Food Inspection Statement Made.

The reports that "since the reduction in the price of milk the quality has been poor," were utterly contradicted in the statement of J. P. Tilley, milk inspector, presented at yesterday's meeting of the Sub-District Board of Health. Mr. Tilley said his tests showed an average of 4 per cent. of butter fat in the milk, with none testing lower than 3.8 per cent. and some going as high as 4.2 per cent. He said that no city in Canada had milk of such high butter fat content as did St. John. Now pasteurization was compulsory, and he pointed out that if value was based on quality the milk distributed in St. John was worth 13.7 cents a quart on the Ottawa scale of charges, for Ottawa was getting 3.6 per cent. of butter fat in milk costing 12 cents a quart.

### Food Inspector

The report of Dr. T. Fred Johnston, dairy and food inspector, told of inspection of 29 milk and cream producers in the township of Petticoat, West-Island county, where one milk producer and 12 cream producers were refused permits; the inspection of nine premises in Eight, Albert county, where three cream and one milk producer were refused permits. One permit was issued for a milk producer at Silver Lake. The city market and milk train were favorably reported on and with reference to inspections of slaughter houses it was said that it had been a poor month for the beef business. In all 122 animals were slaughtered at the two houses and six head of cattle referred to the tuberculin test had been killed.

The report of anti-tuberculosis work showed 329 cases on the register of the Tuberculosis Society, 19 being old ones re-admitted and 28 being new. There were 32 discharged during the month, 19 as non-tubercular, four left the city and eight admitted to the county hospital.

The V. O. N. report of child welfare work showed 898 visits to 279 families and 125 children supervised in the five kindergartens, while at 18 clinics 146 babies attended.

### A Wistful Poem

It has been said of Roberts that he was not as successful in the use of figures—that is, people—in his poems as in painting the landscapes and scenes that he resembles the painters of the country in their treatment of nature. However, in "Grey Rocks and Greys Sea" there is a wistful note which gives it a high place.

Grey rocks and greys sea,  
And surf along the shore—  
And in my heart the name  
My lips shall speak no more.

The high and lonely hills  
Endure the darkening year—  
And in my heart the name  
My lips shall speak no more.

Across the tide a sail  
That tosses, and is gone—  
And in my heart a kiss  
That longing dreams upon.

Grey rocks and greys sea,  
And surf along the shore—  
And in my heart the name  
That I shall see no more.

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30,000 Veterans Placed On Farms During Year

OTTAWA, Feb. 9.—War veterans, 80,464 in number, have been placed on the land, according to the third annual report of the Soldiers' Settlement Board, tabled in the House of Commons today. Of this number, 24,148 have been given farms. The remainder are on soldier grant entries or free Dominion lands without loans.

The amount expended for land, removal of encumbrances, permanent improvements and stock and equipment is \$103,150,098. There has been returned in initial payments and repayments of principal and interest more than \$19,000,000.

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## Liberals at Moncton Greet Rand and Veniot

MONCTON, N.B., Feb. 9.—Hon. Ivan C. Rand, Attorney-General, who was elected in the Gloucester provincial by-election last week, and Hon. P. J. Veniot, Premier of New Brunswick, were tendered a reception this evening in City Hall by the Moncton Liberal Association. Aid. T. T. Goodwin presided at the meeting. A resolution expressing confidence in Hon. Mr. Rand was adopted after which the Attorney-General spoke briefly.

On motion of F. B. Dennison a resolution reaffirming confidence in the Veniot administration was adopted.

## BIRTHDAY PARTY

The Jessie Chipman Circle of the Portland Methodist church had a most enjoyable birthday party program last evening at the home of Mrs. Roy Thomson, King street east, and the birthday offering taken realized a substantial sum. Mrs. Fred Smiler, president, was in the chair. Miss Mildred Bustin gave a vocal solo. The play, "That Boy," was admirably presented by Miss Laura Fanjoy, Miss Gertrude Harper, Miss Nan McDonald and Miss Emma Chown, and Miss Chown gave a piano solo. Each number on the programme was greatly appreciated.

## IN LIGHTER VEIN

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Rooster—"I think you've got a wonderful speedometer."

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Stage manager (to amateur actress)—"Hiring it! Didn't I tell you to slip his face and not let him kiss you?"

Actress (innocently)—"Yes, but that's in the play. 'This is only a rehearsal.'"

At a recent party a literary hostess was testing the mind of a young sportsman who was not literary.

Hostess—"Well, you've read Kipling, of course?"

"Kipling? Oh, rather," exclaimed the sportsman.

"This red books, aren't they?"

"My dear George," said wife, "don't run away with the idea that I am ignorant. I know a great deal more than I care to tell."

"Well, my dear, that is good news," returned her husband. "I hope you will acquire a lot more of that kind of knowledge."

She was in Alaska looking over a fox farm. After admiring a beautiful silver specimen she asked her guide:

"Just how many times can the fox be skinned for his fur?"

"Three times, madam," said the guide gravely.

"Any more than that would spoil his temper."

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caught the message, sent from amateur station 2-YG, Sydney, and signed "MacLardy, Amateur Broadcasting Association," was addressed to Broadcasting Station KDKA at Pittsburgh and announced 2-YG had successfully rebroadcast the Pittsburgh programme of January 31 and would like to have a special programme for Sydney, February 5.

An Englishman was on a walking tour in the Highlands, and as he reached the outskirts of Dunkeld he caught an old man standing on the bridge staring contemplatively at the river. Going up to him, he inquired, pleasantly, "Can you tell me where I can get a good glass of whisky in this village?" The old man smiled craftily and shook his head. "No, no, I cannot do that, mister," he replied, "but I can tell you where you can get twa."

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