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IN CENTRAL ALBERTA

The crop reports from every quarter during the last few weeks have been very favorable. The same good news comes in from every part of the province, and it looks now as though Alberta would be blessed with a bumper crop.

Mr. J. N. McDonald, travelling correspondent for the Albertan begins his tour through the province this week, and probably his first letter will appear in these columns tomorrow or on Monday. Readers who have followed these excellent letters know how thoroughly and fairly Mr. McDonald treats the different districts. He is a newspaper man of long experience, an old hand in Western Canada, a careful observer and an entertaining writer.

Mr. McDonald left for Castor yesterday, but it is probable that he will spend a couple of days at Red Deer en route. Mr. McDonald started his first journey last year in June. He made a long overland journey to Castor which was just starting. He will tell of a vastly different condition of affairs during the present year. That is just one indication of the change, and the same appears in different parts of the province.

The letters by Mr. McDonald will be read with considerable interest.

A TAIL OF MYSTERY

The astronomers have been quite successful in keeping a tab upon the movement of the comet itself, but they have erred slightly in calculating the orbit of its mighty tail. The head of the comet passed through the head of the tail, and crossed the orbit of the earth just as it was expected, but the nearest that can be said of the tail is that it is in the present or on the way.

Though the comet's tail is the essence of nothingness, and almost as thin as the arguments of newspapers which defend the A. & G.W. deal, it has a length of some million miles and a sweep none would imagine that it could be located in some way.

The astronomer across the line says that the comet has passed but it is the tail that is the other way, and we have never been wrapped up in it. An astronomer at the coast believes that we shall plunge into it at any time. While on the other hand the astronomers at Ottawa noticed the time that we entered upon it, took observations, while we were passing through and noted the very instant that we passed it.

Is it possible that there are some things that even astronomers do not know?

THE LOYALTY CRISIS

When the high tariff men find that they are threatened by a general decrease in loyalty, the ancient loyalty cry is always brought into play, as a never failing helper in time of need. It was ever thus.

The Montreal Board of Trade urges opposition to the suggested tariff legislation, fearing that it would tend to weaken the ties which bind Canada to the Mother Country.

To this the Montreal Witness makes a very complete reply: "The Montreal Board of Trade is pretty much made up of protectionists and protectionists are always intensely loyal, in so far as loyalty consists in non-intercourse with other countries. When the question is one of our commercial relations with the Mother Country, our loyalty hobbles very low, for the best we can do is to ask the United Kingdom to shut out other people's products for our benefit. We are entirely and intensely imperial as to that. When it comes to any reductions of our tariff which would encourage British trade with us we sing very small indeed. But our loyalty is at the forefront, with all stops open, when it comes to a question of intercourse with other countries. Then indeed it is the Empire, the Empire, and nothing but the Empire! Not only are our protectionists loyal in the extreme on such occasions, but they have brought themselves to think that nobody else is. How, indeed, could anybody be loyal that would let in foreign goods to compete with theirs? This illusion is of long standing. Singularly, it dates exactly from the time that our tariff became protective. It was this illusion that prompted the historical utterance of Sir John Macdonald, 'A British subject I will die,' with the luridous innuendo against his fellow-countrymen, as though those who differed with him had some sort of idea of being anything else than British subjects. That boast was of a piece with Mr. Mcawber's 'I never will desert you, Mr. Mcawber.' It was entirely pardonable as a piece of patriotic heroics; but it has been carved in stone in St. Paul's Cathedral, where it supplies a slender against one-half of the Canadian people.

The Board of Trade is afraid if the Canadians get buying the goods of the United States they will cease to be

British at heart. Not only will our industries be ruined, but we shall fall in love with those who ruined us. The trouble about this vaticination is that we have a history very much against it. Possibly our merchants do not remember that we had a reciprocity treaty before. They may recall how we got that treaty. The Montreal merchants were a short time previously shouting and, as some of the ditties of the day put it, roaring for annexation. Lord Elgin obtained reciprocity for us, and forthwith annexation faded away like a bad nightmare, and not one of its quondam advocates liked to hear it recalled. That reciprocity treaty did not bring ruin, but great prosperity. Perhaps they do not remember how we lost it. Was it because during its continuance we had become so loving with the United States as to put our legitimate allegiance in peril? On the contrary, it was abrogated by the United States in an access of resentment at our unfriendly attitude towards them during the war. We do not think greater prosperity, such as would be the inevitable result of increased commerce, would make us less satisfied with our circumstances. On the contrary, it would be very much as before. If we were in business distress, as we were in the forties we should be casting about for anything that would save us. If we prosper we shall be, as we are now, too pleased with ourselves to want any change.

"If imperial loyalty has any word to say on a question of economic betterment for two neighbor peoples it is this: The interests of Great Britain and those of the United States are closely linked. Great Britain herself cannot hope to grow in proportion to the nations about her. She must look for strength to the loyalty and backing of the children to whom she has given so generously of her strength. Of all her children the United States is the greatest and the strongest, and, at bottom, her heart is with that of the mother. Is it for the benefit of England that her children should pull apart? We look for the time when our neighbors will, as much as we, be standing together with Great Britain for insistence on peace and for the promotion of civilization."

EDITORIAL NOTES

The nation weeps. The whole world mourns.

Let us hope that Halley's comet will be let alone and come safely home bringing its tail behind it.

With the Kaiser held under curb and Theodore Roosevelt sheathing the big stick for the nonce, no diplomatic furniture is likely to be injured during the present week.

When Mr. Halley drives his comet this way on the next lap let us hope that he will see no halting, evasive premier, explaining to any royal commission the way that the province got taken in on a railway deal by certain promoters from across the line.

The time between the death of the king and his funeral has been spent by the British public to some extent in getting acquainted with the new king. The more that the British people get to know the new sovereign, the more they admire his noble and kingly qualities.

Through the evidence of Premier Rutherford we find a determined intention to bring down Hon. W. E. Cushing with the government. The government doubts underhand that it is done for no underdebt by any kind of methods to drag down the man that laid it low.

WHEN PRINCE MET QUEEN MARY

Veteran Theatrical Man Tells of Early Day Acquaintance With May of Teck.

"The last time I met the present queen of England," says E. J. Price, business manager for Robert Mansfield, "it was quite informally. Mansfield was playing 'Jekyll and Hyde' at Irving's Lyceum theatre in London in 1886. The Prince of Wales—afterward King Edward—was a great patron of the playhouse, but for some reason he would not go to see Mansfield. The latter thought it was because Irving was jealous and had influenced the prince, but that was wholly absurd.

"Anyhow, the nearest approach we could get to royalty was the Tecks, who were church-mouse poor. They were the poor relations of Queen Victoria. One night they drove up in a ram-shackle old carriage, the elderly duke and duchess and the volatile Princess Victoria Mary. The loyal British employees, walking backward, ushered them into the royal box.

"After Mansfield had died in great agony as Hyde he washed up and received his guests in the Lyceum. Some tea and cakes—and if I remember correctly some brandy and soda—were requisitioned from the Lyceum refreshment bar.

"While Mansfield was looking after the elderly Tecks it became my pleasant duty to entertain the Princess, who afterward married England's present monarch. She was a fine girl—buxom, buoyant, jolly, unaffected, for all the world like a self-reliant American thoroughbred. It was the first time she ever been behind the scenes. I showed her the big organ built into the stage wall and the novel electrical effects, and she was delighted.

"We became really chummy, but unfortunately at that time I was not a single man. Looking backward it seems to me that nearly my whole life I have been married to somebody.

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KING'S DESCENT

BACK 1,170 YEARS Royalty of Germany, Russia, Norway, Spain and Greece Related to George V.

His Most Excellent Majesty George the Fifth, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions Beyond the Seas; King, Defender of the Faith, and Emperor of India, while of German rather than of English blood, can trace his ancestry back by one line to William the Conqueror, and even to Harold, first Duke of the Normans, who reigned from 911 to 937. A. D. His great-grandfather the Duke of Kent, was the third son of George III, and a brother of the vain and foppish George IV, and the bluff and solidly William IV.

George V. is the thirty-seventh in descent from Alfred the Great, of burly build, keen memory, and thirty-ninth from Egbert, the first King of England.

The thirty-nine generations from Egbert to George V. give, at 37 years each, 1,170 years. This would go back to 741 A. D. Egbert actually became king in 802.

The genealogy of George V. recalls all the splendors of the most famous ancient royal house of Europe. In comparison, the other sovereigns are of yesterday. The Hohenzollerns, it is true, trace their lineage for one thousand years, but the family assumed royal dignity only in recent times. The Hapsburgs have sat on the throne of Austria for only six centuries. The Romanoffs have ruled Russia for less than half that time. The reigning family of Sweden goes back only to 1510.

The family that produced George V. produced also the great Alfred, the conquering Norman, Richard the Lion-Hearted, Edward I., the conqueror of Scotland; Edward III, and the Black Prince, who humiliated France; and Elizabeth, the restorer of England's prestige.

Whittaker's English "Peerage" gives a list of 249 living blood relatives of Queen Victoria, grandmother of King George V., who are scattered among the kingdoms or principalities of Europe.

The present King of England is a first cousin of the German Kaiser, who is a son of Victoria Adelaide, Queen Victoria's eldest daughter; a brother of Queen Maund of Norway; a nephew of the Queen of Greece; a first cousin of the Czar of Russia, who is a daughter of Victoria's second daughter, the Grand-Duchess of Hesse; uncle to Queen Ena of Spain, and related, though more distantly, to practically every reigning house in Europe. The late King Edward made use of this relationship in establishing most intimate diplomatic relations between England and the other great powers.

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Why the Late King Selected Edward Rather Than the Expected Albert

Most royal families have a given name they employ as a sort of distinctive dynastic hall mark. George and Frederick are distinctively Hanoverian, as Edward is distinctively English. The late king selected Edward rather than Albert from motives of once filial and politic. He desired that his father should stand alone in his glory as Albert in English history, and Edward was associated with old and stately traditions of the Plantagenets and Tudors. Similarly the French Bourbons usually have a Louis or a Charles among their string of names, and the Bonapartes never forget Napoleon at the baptismal font.

The most striking instance of reference to a dynastic name is found in the princely family of Reuss in Germany. There are two principalities of Reuss, respectively representing the elder and the younger lines. Every reigning prince must bear the name of Henry. Henry XXIV reigns over one principality and Henry XIV over the other. All the heads of the houses for nine hundred years have been Henrys, and in a grand family council early in the eighteenth century it was decreed that the figures should not exceed one hundred, after which a new series should begin with Henry I. As both branches clung to Henry a working arrangement was patched up by which the younger line begins a new group numbering with each century.

The first Henry born in the twentieth century who shall mount the tiny throne must revert to Henry I, and similarly his descendant senior among the Henrys of the Twenty-first Century is foreordained to be I, too. Rather confusing is the system to the reader, but if people of the principalities like it no one else need be concerned.

THE LAST WORDS UTTERED BY MONARCHS

King Edward VII.—"Well it is all over now. I think I have done my duty."

King James V. of Scotland—It came with a lass and it will go with one. (Alluding to word brought to him that his wife had borne a daughter, heiress to the throne, and to the fact of the Crown having come to his family by the daughter of King Robert Bruce.)

Charles V.—Ay, Jesus. (Supposed to refer to a command to his son to forgive his enemies and murderers.)

Charles I.—Don't let poor Nelly starve. (Referring to Nell Gwynne.)

William III.—Can this last long? Cromwell—it is not my design to drink or sleep, but my design is to make what haste I can to be gone. Napoleon—Mon Dieu—La Nation Française—Tête d'arsenic!

George IV.—Watty, what is this? It is death, my boy; they have deceived me.

Richard I.—YOUTH I forgive you. (To Bertrand de Gourdon, whose arrow killed him.)

Alexander I. of Russia.—You must be tired, Elizabeth. (To his wife, who had been watching long at his bedside.)

Maximilian—Poor Carlotta! Louis XVIII.—A king should die standing.

LOUIS XV.—Why do you weep? Do you think I should live forever? I thought dying would have been more difficult.

Louis XVI.—Frenchmen, I die guiltless of the crimes imputed to me. Pray God my blood fall not on France. He so—(and the knife fell.)

Queen Elizabeth—All my possessions for a moment of time.

Richard III.—Treason, treason! Charles IX. of France—Nurse, nurse, what murder, what blood! Oh, I have done enough. (To his physician.)

Frederick the Great—We are over the hill. We shall go better now. (After a fit of coughing.)

Louis of France—I am a Queen, but have not power to move my arms.

Louis XIII. of France—There come to me thoughts that torment me.

Marie Louise, Empress of France—I will not sleep; I wish to meet death wide awake.

Leopold II. of Belgium—The long journey is at hand. I am suffocating.

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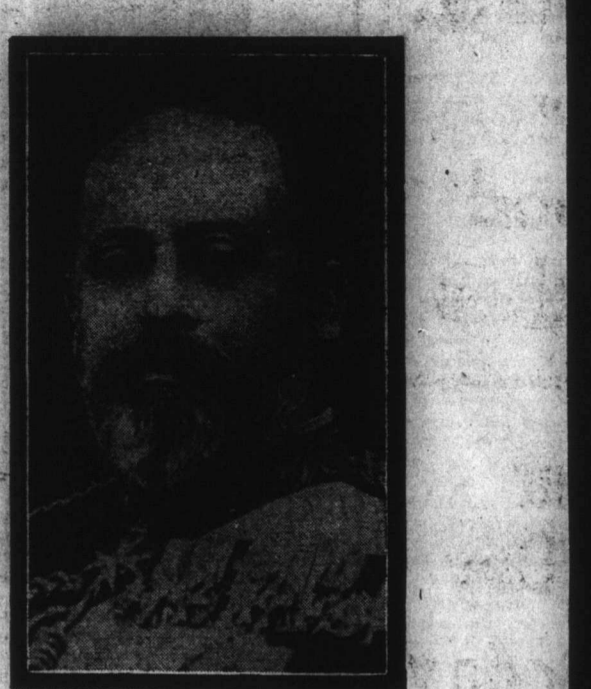
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