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FOR FREE WHEAT

Tory correspondents at Ottawa have been trying for some time past to convince their readers that Sir Wilfrid Laurier had weakened in his attitude toward free food, and that he and his followers were not in the House of Commons what he had said in speeches in the country. The answer to this foolish talk was given at Ottawa yesterday, when the amendment declaring in favor of free wheat was moved. It is now up to the government to declare its position. Evidently the government was taken by surprise, and when Hon. Robert Rogers rose and called upon the Conservatives to vote down the amendment his remarks were not characterized by his usual fluency.

The government in this matter does not find itself in an enviable position. The western provinces are unanimous in favor of free wheat. As one speaker put it yesterday, such a policy would mean millions to the country and the country needs those millions. The free food policy of the Liberal party commends itself to the people because of the rapid increase in the cost of living and a lessening of the power of the working classes through increasing unemployment to pay the higher cost. The question of tariff revision downward is the great issue before the people of Canada today, and so far as their attitude has been revealed the members of the Borden government propose to stand by their friends the protected interests.

The Liberal party now as always is the exponent of the views of the great mass of the people upon whom the tariff burdens fall. But what will the government do in regard to free wheat? Mr. Rogers has urged the dutiful followers of the government to vote down the amendment in favor of free wheat, but at the same time his chief objection seemed to be that the amendment had been introduced at this time instead of in connection with the debate on the budget. If the government remains flatly opposed to free wheat, it will be in direct opposition to the demands of the western Conservatives as well as Liberals. The situation is not at all comfortable one, and we may easily understand the apparent ill-temper of Hon. Mr. Rogers in the brief remarks with which he favored the house yesterday. He and his followers must now stand up to be counted.

ST. JOSEPH'S

The University of St. Joseph has contributed much to the cause of higher education in this province. During the fifty years since the institution was established many men have gone forth from its walls to occupy positions of honor and responsibility in Canada. It has enabled the Catholic people of the province, who desired to give their children a higher education, and possessed the means, the opportunity to do so under the direction of men of their own faith, who were so eminently capable as teachers that the students have been able to hold their own with other universities among the graduates of other universities.

Mr. H. A. Powell and others who spoke last evening were able to give the names of a long list of graduates of St. Joseph who have contributed in a very substantial way to the progress of this province. It was a very pleasing feature of last night's meeting that public men of the Protestant faith joined in hearty praise of this Catholic institution and commended its work to the people of the province. It is proposed by raising a large fund for the erection of needed new buildings, and to equip the university for a greater work in the years to come. Rev. Dr. Guertin was able to say last evening that there are now upwards of five hundred students in attendance, and it does not require any argument to show how much this means to the cause of higher education in New Brunswick. The movement for the betterment of the institution should not only receive the hearty support of all the Catholic people of New Brunswick, but it will probably be found that there are generous Protestants also to whom the cause will appeal. The suggestion that an agricultural school may be established in connection with St. Joseph's indicates a new field in which it would be of very great service, especially to the sons of the farmers. The complaint about all our higher institutions of learning is that they have not in the past been sufficiently practical in training young men for professions other than those of the church, the law, medicine and teaching. More attention to agricultural training is urgently needed in this province and might well be considered in connection with the expansion of all the higher institutions of learning.

TAX REFORM COMING

The members of the city council who heard the recent address by Mr. James R. Brown on tax reform were evidently much impressed, and it was decided yesterday to ask Mr. Brown, when he returns to the province, to address the council and those civic officials who have to do with the question of the city's revenue. The Fredericton board of

trade has unanimously decided to invite Mr. Brown to deliver an address in that city, and the Moncton Transcript says it is practically certain that he will be asked to speak again in that city, where he recently addressed the Canadian Club. He is also to speak in New Castle, and doubtless also the other important centres in the province will make an effort to secure an address before their business men by one who made so careful a study of taxation problems, and is so well qualified to set forth with clearness and force, not only the inequities of the present system, but the advantages of the system which he himself advocates. Tax reform should be one of the subjects taken up very seriously in St. John this year, and a more general and vigorous effort should be made to secure legislation at the coming session of the legislature providing for home rule in taxation. The adoption of such a measure would enable communities, especially the cities and towns, gradually to remove the objectionable features of the present system and get nearer to an equitable plan of taxation.

The surprising announcement comes today that the Bank of England rate has been reduced to three per cent. This means easier money and a much more rapid recovery than had been expected from the financial depression of last year.

Secretary Daggett of the provincial department of agriculture has been asked to meet a representative of the United States government at Bangor to discuss the potato question. If it is true as is suggested that the embargo may be modified so that New Brunswick potatoes properly inspected may be admitted into the American market, it will be a great boon to the farmers, who are receiving from 60 to 70c per barrel for potatoes than is paid in Aroostook.

Ex-President Taft warns the people of Canada against the growth of corporations to such a point as they have reached in the United States, making it necessary to provide legislation to break their power in the industrial and commercial world. Corporate control and plutocracy have had their beginnings in Canada, and the number of big managers formed during the last two or three years shows that the warning of Mr. Taft is well timed.

The general manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia says he sees no reason why the progress of Canada should not be steady and regular; but he utters a word of warning, when he says we should guard against trying to force the pace. Looking over the whole situation he finds every reason "to look forward with confidence to a general, steady improvement in financial conditions."

Other general managers of banks have expressed similar views, and there are evidences that borrowers who have sound propositions will have less difficulty this year than last in placing loans on the British market.

The city council yesterday failed to deal with the police report, ostensibly on account of the absence of Commissioner McLellan. It was stated, however, that the council's communication had been returned to Premier Fleming, with the objectionable clause referring to the government struck out. It does not appear that the communication was amended in such a way as would ask for immediate power to appoint the chief of police; but that it went forward asking originally for power to dismiss the present chief. The council would surely have done better to have made a change in this clause, if it expected or desired action on the part of the government.

It is pleasing to observe that the patriotic services of the St. John Standard and Moncton Times have been recognized. The Moncton Times received a somewhat larger reward, being closer to the headquarters of the Intercolonial Railway, and its receipts from the government last year amounted to \$21,884. The Standard was a good second in this province, with \$16,135. When under a Liberal government Liberal newspapers received money from the government for advertising, the Tory papers were in the habit of saying that this money was the price of their support. Of course that is not true of such independent journals as the St. John Standard and Moncton Times.

ANOTHER SCHEME TO RECLAIM LARGE PART OF THE SOUDAN

London, Jan. 29.—Work has been commenced on another great scheme to reclaim by irrigation vast tracts of desert in the Soudan. It is believed it can be made to add enormously to the cotton output of the British Empire.

The tract to be watered lies between the Blue and White Niles, below Khartoum, and consists of 1,500,000 acres. The force and flow of the two rivers is sufficient to water the entire district when properly harnessed.

LIGHTER VEIN

Aroused Her Curiosity
Marie—I wonder how old you are?
Julia—Just told you my age.
Marie—Yes; that's what set me wondering.—Exchange.

Not Worth the Wear and Tear
The Beggar—Oh, lady—a halfpenny—but what a pity to open a beautiful bag for such a trifle! —Megendorfer Blatter.

The Usual Remedies
The Sweet Young Thing—"Does flying require any special application?"
"Oh, no. Arnica, or almost any old kind of horse liniment will do"—Life.

No Talk Lost
"So Kate and Alice are not on speaking terms."
"No; but they more than make up for it by what they say about each other."

Circular Evolution
"Jim"—errand boy.
"James"—office boy.
"Brown"—clerk.
"Mr. Brown"—head clerk.
"Brown"—junior member of the firm.
"James"—son-in-law of head of firm.
"Jim"—head of the firm and power on the street.—Life.

At the Zoo
The curate to Johnny at the Zoo—"Well, did you see the lions?"
Johnny—"Yes, sir."
The curate—"And the tigers?"
Johnny—"Yes, sir."
The curate—"And the bison?"
Johnny—"Was bison? Oh, I know. The bison won't they drink a bit of—Exchange."

Suggestion by The Defence
Court (to prosecutor)—"Then you recognize this handkerchief as the one which was stolen?"
Prosecutor—"Yes, your honor."
Court—"And yet it isn't the only handkerchief of the sort in the world. See, this one I have in my pocket is exactly like it."
Prosecutor—"Very likely, your honor; there were two stolen."—Christian Register.

Returning a Favor
"It's going to be war to the knife," declared the suburban man, who was feeding his chickens.
"What now?" asked a friend.
"Why, Blinks sent me a box of axle grease and advised me to use it on my lawn-mower."
"Well?"
"Well, I sent it back and told him to use it on his daughter's voice."—Lippincott's.

Back to Nature
The waist line which erst was so slender, And sometimes was high and then low, Is now disappearing completely. As pictures in fashion books show, I looked for the reason and found it, And so pass it on in all haste; We have tried, all these years: "Back to nature!" And in nature, you know, there's no waste. —Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The February Maid Should Wear The AMETHYST

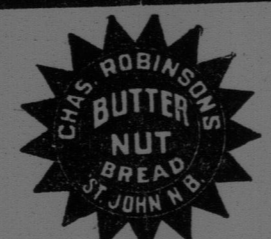
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The leader in each small rural community who seeks to stimulate enterprise and promote progress must expect to meet opposition. Most expect to be misunderstood and must expect to be subjected to much of the criticism that would be directed against him if he were seeking public office at public pay.

Fortunately, however, for the country and for the world at large, time is not wasted in the service of the community. The lives of great men are not spent in the service of the community. The lives of great men are not spent in the service of the community. The lives of great men are not spent in the service of the community.

Few persons remember nowadays, or if they remember they will be glad to forget, that during his lifetime Washington was accused of murder, treachery, corruption, hypocrisy, ingratitude, moral cowardice and private immorality; Franklin was charged with theft, debauchery, intrigue, slander and irreligion; Jefferson was accused of dishonesty, craftiness, slander, irreligion, immorality, cowardice and incompetence, while many men still living can recall the many and baseless charges made against Abraham Lincoln at a time when he was giving his life's blood for humanity's sake.

While community development work, like the work of statesmen and soldiers, involves hardship and criticism it is necessary and is worth all that it costs. At the same time it must of necessity be but a side issue with most citizens. Few men can take many hours away from their regular employment and business and give them to the public service. Yet they ought not to forget to overlook the fact that history has been due to the efforts of patriotic men and women made during leisure hours or hours taken from their regular business.

Every page of history affords examples of duty and devotion to the cause of the world always has been performed as a mere incident to the duties of patriotic citizenship.

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Syndicalism Results in the Breaking of Contract by the Men.

Christiania, Jan. 29.—The Norwegian Employers' Association has declared a lockout against the organized laborers of Northern Norway, to take effect on February 7, unless existing troubles are settled soon. All the wood pulp, cellulose, paper and engineering workmen are idle because of three small strikes, one in a mill near Trondheim, another in an engineering plant in Christiania and still another among the cabinet makers of Alesund. These conflicts have lasted a long time, and, according to the employers, resulted from the breaking of a contract.

Prior to the introduction of syndicalism in Norway two years ago contracts were always kept, but of late contracts have been broken in several instances.

Up The Spout
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Dated this Fifth day of January, A. D. 1914.

Arthur W. Sharp
Chairman of Assessors of Taxes.

Ulrich Drake
Timothy T. Lantalum
John Ross

Extracts from "The Saint John City Assessment Act, 1909."

"Sec. 32. The Assessors shall ascertain, as nearly as possible, the particulars of the real estate, the personal property, and the income of any person, who has not brought in a statement in accordance with their notice and as required by this law, and shall make an estimate thereof, at the true value and amount, to the best of their information and belief; and such estimate shall be conclusive upon all persons who have not filed their statements in due time, unless they can show a reasonable excuse for the omission."

"Sec. 48. No person shall have an abatement unless he has filed with the Assessors the statement under oath within the time required; nor shall the Common Council, in any such case, sustain an appeal from the judgment of the Assessors, unless they shall be satisfied that there was good cause why the statement was not filed in due time as herein provided."

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