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LONDON, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8.

Free wheat and free food are taboo at
Ottawa.
Does Sir Melvin Jones feel that he must
jump back to the Liberals now?
Mr. White says "the worst is over." It
is a happy occasion for the use of such a
superlative.

Everyone connected with the protected
monopolies is "very much pleased" with
the tariff speech.

The Conservative party seems to be
becoming a sort of Federal League for some
erstwhile Liberal stars.

Houston has signed up a shortstop
named Lemon. It's up to him to make
good on the "squeeze" play.

Our idea of appropriateness is the St.
Paul's chimes drilling out "There's No
Place Like Home" as lunch hour ap-
proaches.

Finance Minister White announces a
five-dollar reduction on binders, but the
minister's fee for binding will still depend
on the financial standing of the groom.

Still another evidence that love laughs
at locksmiths is shown in the enterprise
of a southern swain, who climbed a tree
and proposed through the bars of the town
jail.

The Toronto Star says the budget
speech was "an old-fashioned protection-
ist whoop." The Toronto News admits
that there is "nothing revolutionary
about it."

As the average woman considers a
bachelor of 40 too old to be a hero, and
yet not old enough to be ineligible, the
poor fellow is usually kept in a state of
distressing uncertainty.

The Montreal Citizens' Association hav-
ing failed to carry the municipal election,
it is likely that the Tramways Company
will now carry the citizens at its own
terms for the next 40 years.

The world lost a singer of songs of hap-
piness and good cheer in the death of Cy
Warman. Canada was fortunate in at-
tracting his pen, for he did much to bring
this nation under the eyes of other na-
tions. His personal admirers were legion.

LEGISLATING FOR ITS FRIENDS.
IN its new tariff legislation the Do-
minion Government has shown con-
clusively where it looks for its support.
Evidently it is of the opinion that the
friendship of the large moneyed interests
is of more value from a political point of
view than that of the farmer, and the
consumer, and the small manufacturer.

The demands of the West have been
practically disregarded. Free wheat is
refused. The promise of elevators and
increased transportation facilities will
not be accepted in its place. The West-
ern farmer needs the United States' mar-
ket for his lower-grade wheat, because
it cannot stand the heavy costs of
transportation. To tell him that he can
store this in an elevator until the trans-
continental lines can carry it through
Canada to the seaboard will not meet
his demand. He asks for a near market,
and he is told he will have opportunity
to send his wheat to a distant market.

The demand for free agricultural im-
plements is refused. On binders and mow-
ers there will be a reduction of five per
cent. When this was provided for by the
reciprocity agreement Western Conserva-
tives were very indignant, because it was
so little, while eastern manufacturers de-
clared it was a blow at their prosperity.
Now it will be hailed with delight by the
western Tory, while the eastern manu-
facturer will submit without a murmur,
thus showing that his professed fears of
three years ago were unfounded. On
plows and other agricultural implements
there will be no reduction. Manufacturers
of this class will be thankful that they
have a friend at court. One of their
number sits on the Government side of
the House, and has been a faithful friend.
His interests must be protected. Sir
Melvin Jones came over to the side of
power too late. He ought to have made
his bargain with the Government before
he deserted the Liberals. Then, possibly,
he might have been spared that five-per-
cent reduction on his mowers and bind-
ers.

In regard to manufactures generally,
any changes are in favor of the big man
as against the little one. Take the case
of wire rods for an example. Hitherto
these have come in free, and the small
manufacturer turned them into nails and
wire goods. Now he will have to pay
duty or else go to the two steel com-
panies which are cornering the trade in
Canada. These corporations will be given
practically a monopoly, to the disad-
vantage of the small manufacturer, but
still more to the consumer. The farmer
and the average man in the city will
have to pay more for their nails, and the
corporation's profits will increase at
their expense.

The cost of building is now very high,
but the Government evidently thinks that

the man who can afford to build can af-
ford to pay a higher tax. Store for
building purposes will now have to pay
duty. The man who is rich enough to
put up a palace will not become bankrupt
if he pays duty on imported stone. The
average man may find it a heavier bur-
den if the local quarries are to be pro-
tected, and prices raised in consequence.
Perhaps they think he should not use
stone, anyway.

A very satisfactory feature of the new
legislation is the authority which it gives
the Government to raise duties on iron
and steel products, if on inquiry it thinks
it advisable to do so. It is suggestive of
higher duties to be imposed without a
vote of Parliament. Tariff legislation by
order-in-council is an unsafe pro-
cedure. It is bad enough as an indica-
tion of increased protection; it is worse
as a withdrawal from Parliament of its
right to discuss and vote upon tariff
changes. It is another step towards cen-
tralization of power in the hands of the
ministry of the day. That is sound Tory
doctrine, but from a Liberal point of view
it is a blow at responsible government.
Not only are we facing a general increase
in duties on certain goods for the benefit
of the few producers of the basic forms
of iron and steel, but we are confronted
with a retrograde movement towards
government by a few for the benefit of
the few, and to the disadvantage of the
masses. From a reactionary ministry,
however, nothing is to be expected but
reactionary legislation.

THE FARMERS' PARTY.
STANDING for free agricultural
implements means free trade, then
the Liberal party is a free trade party.
Finance Minister White is anxious to
label the Liberal party as being out and
out for free trade. Any means of draw-
ing the fire of the protected interests
upon Sir Wilfrid Laurier will be taken by
Mr. White. The Finance Minister is
another deserter from the Liberal camp,
who scurried away at the suggestion of a
reduction in tariff. Yet, as a sort of
stop-gap, he has just put into effect a
reduction for binders no less than was
proposed by the Liberals in 1911. Mr.
White no doubt hears the farmers' de-
mands, but very faintly. The manufactur-
ers have his ear first.

But the Liberals will continue to stand
by the agricultural class in the commu-
nity. The Liberals would no doubt be
free traders to the hilt if it meant a
fuller measure of prosperity for the whole
country. Free wheat and free agricul-
tural implements are what the people
ask for today, and the Liberal party is
the party that wishes to carry out the
wishes of the people. The agricultural
manufacturers of Canada now meet the
world's competition in the world's mar-
kets, and do an enormous business. It
is all very well to talk protection when it
is needed, but it cannot be much needed
when Canadian binders, threshing ma-
chines and mowers can be sold in all
parts of the world. The farmers of
Canada must be putting up the difference
between the home and foreign profit.
He must look to Laurier for relief.

WHY NOT PROVE IT?
EVERY contractor who was given
work to do on the National Trans-
continental Railway by the Laurier Gov-
ernment was required to place with the
Dominion authorities a deposit, to be
forfeited if his contract was not properly
carried out.

Under oath, Gordon Grant, chief en-
gineer of the railway for the last four
or five years, has testified that the total
security thus deposited has been more
than sufficient to meet all claims that
were made upon it. This security re-
mains in the hands of Major Leonard,
the Borden Government's commissioner.
So that if once payments were made
by the Liberals on any contracts, and if
money was gained dishonestly by any
means, and if the Lynch-Staunton-
Gatellus charges are true, why does not
the Government hasten to reimburse the
public treasury by taking the entire
amount alleged to have been gained im-
properly while the Liberals were in
power? A practical and effective method
of replacing these "stolen funds" is open
to the Government. But the Government,
for some reason, does not grasp the
opportunity. Not one cent has been
deducted from a contractor's deposit. If
the falsity of the charges needed further
proof, one need only point to the failure
of the Government to take criminal
action. "The country has been robbed!"
is shouted. Then why not put the robbers
in jail?

Gordon Grant was appointed chief
engineer of the National Transcontinental
by the Liberals. If there was such ap-
palling extravagance, Mr. Grant was
responsible. Was he incompetent or dis-
honest? The Liberals thought not when
he was appointed. And the Conservatives
think not today, for they have retained
him in the same office, and given their
own commissioners the lie.

NO RETRENCHMENT.
IN his budget speech, Mr. White ad-
mitted that there was a proportionate
decrease in Canada's trade, indicated by
a drop of about six millions in the re-
venue. He acknowledged, in fact, if not
in words, that the gross debt of the
Dominion was greater than ever. As to
annual expenditure, he did not, of course,
say that it was nearly double what it had
been under the Liberal Government, but
he did admit that it had increased about
fourteen and a half millions last year.
And he further admitted that this in-
crease was due to "liberal appropriations"
for public works, and for the militia.
Yet, with it all, he gave no indication
that there was to be any retrenchment.
It is true, he said, that the estimate
should be kept within as reasonable
bounds as possible, but that is a vague
statement, which he might make, irres-
pective of what these estimates should
be. He could always say they were "as
reasonable as possible."

There was a report current some time
ago that Mr. White was anxious to curb

On the Spur
of the Moment
by Roy K. Moulton.

Moments.
There are moments when one wants to
be alone.
And with your consent we will catalogue
a few.
One is, when you are rushed to death by
business cares,
And the gentle bore sits down and
asks, "What's new?"
When you're sneaking down the back
street with your pole
To spend your Sunday angling for the
perch.
And you meet the patient guardian of
your soul—
Your pastor on his quiet way to church.

When your wife comes home quite sud-
denly to find
A poker party going on at four.
When you're dancing with a maid of
sweetest kind,
And your suspenders part to meet no
more.
When the meat and grocery men pre-
sent their bills,
And when the landlord drops in for his
rent.
And your spinal column is convulsed with
chills
Because you haven't got a single cent.
When you drop a large quart bottle in
the street
And every friend you have goes by and
winks.
And they all confide to all the folks they
meet:
"It seems an awful pity that he drinks."
When three women friends of yours get
on the car
And you have just one nickel of your
own.
Yes, indeed, without a doubt, my friend,
there are
Some moments when one wants to be
alone.

Pleasant Experiences.
Being out in your car and asking a
his extravagant associates. But if he
made any protests against extravagance
in sessions of the council there were no
echoes of these protests in the budget
speech. He claimed no credit for having
arrested the volume of expenditure, nor
did he attempt to pose as an economist.
Instead of showing any signs that his col-
leagues were to be checked, he encour-
aged them to go on and spend, by assur-
ing them that the "worst was over" so
far as hard times were concerned, and
that the latter part of the year would
make up for any falling off in revenue
in the beginning. Mr. Rogers can go on
erecting public buildings in little villages
where they will do the Government the
most good. Col. Hughes can go on build-
ing armories, and increasing his military
expenditures. There will be lots of
money; "dash away, and spend it." And,
in the meantime, the cost of living stand-
ing advances.

WALTER MILLS, K.C.
MR. WALTER MILLS, K.C., was ten-
dered a complimentary banquet by the
citizens of Ridgeway. The occasion
was furnished by Mr. Mills' removal to
Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, where he joins
one of the leading legal firms as counsel.
Mr. Mills is the eldest son of the late
Hon. David Mills, K.C., and has
inherited a good share of his father's abil-
ity and industry. He has already won his
spurs at the Ontario Bar, and will be an
acquisition to the Bar of Saskatchewan,
which already has many former members
of the Ontario Bar on its roll. We believe
Mr. Mills is taking a step forward in his
profession, and trust he will meet with
the success attained by others in the
western provinces. His father was min-
ister of justice and one of the Judges of
the supreme court at the time of his
death, and after a few years' more experi-
ence at the bar it is likely Mr. Walter
Mills will attain a position on the bench
which is the laudable ambition of all law-
yers.

SOLUTION.
[Judge.]
Her admirer swallowed hard, pulled at his
collar, and finally made up his mind.
"Libian," he said desperately, "let's
get married!"
"Libian's" hored expression vanished.
"All right," she agreed; "but who can
you marry?"

THE OBOE'S REVENGE.
[Montreal Mail.]
A Chicago theatre audience was kept
waiting for an hour while the oboe player
in the orchestra was sent home to put on
a dress suit. An appropriate name for
the performance would be—The Oboe's
Revenge.

GOING A FISHING.
[Windsor Record.]
'Twas a day I shall always remember
A most beautiful day in September.
Not a cloud in the sky.
And our spirits were high;
Life, with us, was far from an ember.
All the summer we boys had been wish-
ing
For the time when we could go fishing.
So we cut some birch poles.
Dug the worms from mud holes,
While mother our dinner was dishing.
Then we harnessed old black and the
gray.
Hitched them fast to an ancient coupe.
Put in bait, hook and line,
Stuck the poles out behind,
And our rollicking crew sped away.
By upland, and valleys, and meadow,
'Neath cloudland and sunlight and shadow.
Down the white sandy road
Where the golden-rod glowed
Near the red of the sun, in yellow.
Soon the pond, a fair picture in blue,
And some flat-bottomed boats came in
slew.
So we slackened our speed,
Tied the horses for feed,
And bid summer's labor adieu.
O that day, it was surely a winner.
For we caught lots of fish for our dinner,
And with appetites big,
Drove home in our rig,
Eat them all, or else I'm a sinner.

SUPERSTITIONS AS TO SALT.
[London Chronicle.]
Those who dislike or dispense with salt
should be careful lest they find them-
selves classed in evil company. Accord-
ing to popular tradition salt has always

farmer who has a sense of humor the
way back to the city, and having him put
you on the wrong road, which ends in a
swamp after you have driven about nine-
teen miles.
Getting out of bed at 2 a.m., putting on
your clothes, sticking your fingers in your
wife's cold cream while trying to find a
match, falling over three chairs and
barking your shins, feeling your way
carefully downstairs, and opening the
front door in response to a loud knock,
only to find that it is a messenger with
a telegram for the man in the next house.
Sitting down on one of those frail gilt
chairs in a friend's house, a chair that
the hostess thinks the world of, and hav-
ing all four legs break short off.
Spending an evening at a house where
there is a cute new baby, the only one of
its kind in the world.

From the Hickeyville Clarion.
Wilson's Mexican policy seems to
please everybody excepting the Mexicans.
Well, by ginger, you can't please a Mexi-
can, anyhow. They ain't got no sense of
humor.
Miss Amy Pringle's new spring hair
covers her ears so that she can't hear
nothing. Elmer Spinks proposed to her
three times last week.
Ren Binks, the gentlemanly and cour-
teous station agent down to the railroad
depot, wrote to the railroad company two
years ago and asked for a new uniform,
and they didn't send it, so he borrowed
one from one of the hand boys, and is
wearing it until the one comes from head-
quarters.
Mr. Amasa Tibbs, who went west nine
years ago to make his fortune, arrived
home today. He left the west two weeks
after he got there, and it took him all
this time to work his way back. He didn't
bring the fortune with him. He says
there is a lot of money out west, but
somebody has got all of it.

SONG OF SINGING.
[Richard Le Gallienne.]
Singers abroad the street,
Singing every kind of song—
One man's song is honey-sweet,
One man's song is hammer-strong;
Yet, however sweet the singing,
However strong the hammer-singing—
All the bees are round that honey,
Which the vulgar world call money.
Singers singing down the street,
I believe there is a song,
Could you sing it, that would beat;
All the sweet and all the strong;
Just a simple song of pity,
'Mid the iron of the city.

O we are so tired of birds,
Of rainbows and the love-sick word!
Sing us some manly tune,
(Leaving out the rising moon),
Sing the song of Hope Eternal,
In the face of Facts Infernal.
And make your singing somehow prove
it—
Faith so firm no doubt can move it—
Then the bees will leave the honey
Which the vulgar world calls money.

KEEPING COMPANY.
[Kansas City Journal.]
"WHAT can that young fellow find to
talk about for three hours every night?"
"O, he has plenty to talk about. He
has to tell Mabel he loves her, and so
over it four or five thousand times."

WARY WILLIE.
[Joy's Weekly.]
Wary Will wouldn't wed
Winsome, wistful Winifred,
Winnie whispered, "Why, when will he?"
Willie waited willy nilly.
Winnie, wasting, witching, wile,
Wondered whether 'twas worth while
Waiting while wee Willie wooed,
While willful woosers went who would.
Wayward widower, wealthy, wild,
Wedded Win while Willie whiled,
Willie's wisdom went away,
Weeping, woefully, wondering, why?

DOUBLE-DECKERS.
[Listowel Banner.]
Now that spring is here and the price
of eggs is down, the hens have com-
menced to get busy, and some of the
Listowel birds are laying double-deckers.

PLANT MORE TREES.
[Fredericton Herald.]
Plan to plant a few trees this year. The
frequency with which we get strong and
sometimes destructive winds, should be
sufficient incentive, to say nothing of the
added attractiveness of a place having
trees well located for windbreaks and
beauty.

BIRD PROTECTION.
[Godolph Signal.]
We are glad to see that a society has
been formed for the protection of birds,
and we believe that such an organization
is doing perhaps more to preserve music
than anything else. The press has long

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TOO MUCH TALKING.
[Ridgeway Dominion.]
The Aylmer Reformer bewails the fact that there is a young man in its town who "if given the opportunity would make a great orator—and yet he is sticking machinery together at so much per."

THAT CLANDEVORE "PUPIL."
[Glueph Mercury.]
A man in Biddulph Township, who is 99 years old, has started to take music lessons. He may have some trouble in running the minor scales.

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