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Lumbermen and Settlers.

It is said the British Columbia lumbermen who have been at Ottawa asking for a duty of two dollars per thousand feet on lumber, did not get an encouraging reply from the Government. The result of the mission will be made known when the budget is brought down. The case for and against the petition is easily stated. They are undoubtedly deprived of a large market in Manitoba and the Territories because distance and, therefore, freight rates are in favor of their Minnesota competitors. A duty of two dollars per thousand would raise the price of lumber in the Canadian West and enable the British Columbia lumbermen to overcome the greater cost of transportation. But the settlers of Manitoba and the Territories want lumber at the cheapest price. It is the first purchase the immigrant is compelled to make when he takes up land. The average settler is not a rich man, and for a few years he has a great many hardships to bear. A tax on lumber would materially add to his burdens at the time he is least able to carry them. National policy suggests that if the West is to attract population the conditions of life should be made as easy and comfortable as possible for the newcomers. The lumbermen of British Columbia cannot be protected except at the expense of the struggling settlers. It is a choice between the two classes, and it is clearly a case where the interests of the consumers outweigh those of the producers.

Fighting for Her Life.

The war in the far east is essentially a commercial war, in which Japan is fighting for her very existence. Dr. K. Asakawa, a Japanese professor in Dartmouth College, tells in the current issue of the Yale Review, how both the need for more room and food and the possibility of industrial expansion render it a matter of national life or death to Japan that her people and business should not be shut out from the mainland of Asia. During the past thirty years the population of Japan has advanced from 34,000,000 to 46,700,000, exclusive of Formosa, or 57 per cent. About 600,000 are now added every year. The tillable land of Japan does not and cannot support so large a population and the deficit of home-grown food increases with the population. Less than 13 per cent of the land is under cultivation and not more than 25 per cent is capable of cultivation. Intensive methods are already in use, and production cannot be increased in that way. When all the land shall have been brought under tillage the per capita share will be less than one-half an acre—below that of England, a conspicuous example of a country not able to feed itself.

In this situation the Japanese have turned, as the English turned, to manufactures. Last year 84.6 per cent of the exports of Japan were wholly or partly manufactured articles, while her imports, like those of England, are largely food and raw materials. To a nation thus placed, unable to produce its food and materials, increasing rapidly in numbers, advancing with equal or greater rapidity in varied industry, laborious, energetic, industrious, endowed, moreover, with the maritime instincts and gifts of an island race, trade becomes the very breath of their nostrils. They simply cannot live without it. And the natural field for their nearest and most useful trade is the Peninsula of Korea, and the mainland of North-eastern China. Within the last thirteen years the commerce of Japan with East Asia has grown 568 per cent. That is to say, it is more than six times greater than in 1890, and it constitutes nearly one-half of her entire foreign trade. From this source come the bulk of her food and materials. In 1892 she brought from East Asia an insignificant amount of cotton and rice. Last year she imported from that region \$35,000,000 in cotton and nearly \$10,000,000 in various foods, with \$5,000,000 of cakes used as manure.

The enlightened mind of the Japanese perceives that the future of the country depends on trade and on trade as free as possible. It is the instinct of self-preservation that has induced them to proclaim the open door wherever their arms or their influence can prevail. The same instinct prompts them to seek the independence and development of Korea and the progressive development under Chinese rule of Manchuria and Northern China generally. Prof. Asakawa insists that the Japanese seek neither annexation on the mainland nor exclusive privileges, believing that these would bring vexatious conflicts of interest with other powers and entail endless responsibilities. They seek and seek only an open field for the exercise of that intelligence, skill, energy and enterprise which they have proved that they possess in rare degree.

Across the one path to this future so imperatively needed, so ardently desired, forecast and pursued with such extraordinary enlightenment, stands Russia, not only barring the advance of Japan, but threatening her with industrial and political destruction. Russia aims to seize North-eastern Asia, including Korea, to the exclusion, politically and commercially, of all other powers, so far as possible. Russia wants to make Asia tributary above all to Russian power and to Russian trade, to Russian industries; and since the latter are as yet con-

ducted at a disadvantage against those of other leading nations as regards capital and skill, the Russian policy is to bar out foreign competition.

These conflicting necessities—that of the Jap who must have colonies and foreign markets, that of the Russian who is bound to keep out foreigners and monopolize markets where she can—were bound to clash desperately the moment they touched each other.

That Confidential Letter.

A great pother has been raised by the opposition over the production of the letter of the promoters of the Grand Trunk Pacific in which they asked for a bonus of \$6,400 and 5,000 acres per mile for a line from North Bay to the Pacific coast. This letter was not brought down when the Opposition asked for the correspondence on the question. It was marked confidential by the writers, and the Government treated it as such. During the present session Conservative members of Parliament and Conservative newspapers have intimated that the Grand Trunk were willing to build a line from North Bay to the Pacific coast free of cost to the country. This statement put the Government in a false position. With the consent of the writers of the letter the seal of secrecy was removed, and Mr. Fielding divulged its contents to the House. It was in the nature of a bombshell for "honorable gentlemen opposite," who had professed to favor the original proposition of the Grand Trunk without knowing what it was. That proposition, if accepted, would have cost the country \$33,000,000, reckoning the land grant to be worth \$3 an acre. The Government is getting a line nearly a thousand miles longer for between \$13,000,000 and \$15,000,000. No wonder honorable gentlemen opposite are flustered. They profess to be very angry because the letter had not been brought down with the other correspondence. They are really angry because it has seen the light. They accuse Sir Wilfrid Laurier of bad faith in saying he had laid all the correspondence on the table of the House, knowing that this confidential document was not in the batch. Sir Wilfrid would have been guilty of bad faith had he produced it without the consent of the authors. The Government could have no object in concealing it because it is one of the strongest vindications of the Grand Trunk Pacific contract.

The fact of the matter is that honorable gentlemen opposite are kicking up a cloud of dust and throwing handfuls at the Premier to divert attention from Mr. Borden's bad break in making use of Mr. Blair's stolen memorandum.

The circus is coming again, and papa will go once more "just to take the children."

What's become of Admiral Togo? There was something doing every day when he had the middle of the stage.

The Tibetans are hard-shell protectionists. They are going to fight before they will consent to trade with a neighbor.

Immigration is pouring into Canada at the rate of nearly 1,000 souls a day. There can be no such thing as hard times while that keeps up.

Benjamin Russell, M. P., is named as the new chief justice of the supreme court of Nova Scotia. The bench will gain and Parliament lose the most scholarly man in Canadian public life.

It is given out that Uncle Sam and John Bull are so friendly, that there is no need for an arbitration treaty. So long as Uncle Sam can get "adjudications," he wants nothing better.

Lord Minto objects to his parish church in Scotland accepting a subscription of £100 from Andrew Carnegie toward a pipe organ, and will furnish the money himself. So far his lordship is the first man on record who has refused to help Carnegie to die poor.

John Morley says the first condition of colonial prosperity is the prosperity of Great Britain. It is certainly in Canada's interest to have her best customer prosperous, but the rule works both ways. The prosperity of Great Britain is becoming increasingly dependent upon the prosperity of her colonies.

If Stratton were announced to speak in Massey Hall, Toronto, would he crowd the hall and turn 4,000 away?—Ottawa Citizen.

Because a crowd will turn out to hear Gamey, does it prove anything except that a freak excites public curiosity? More people in Toronto would go to see and hear Carrie Nation, if she charged them nothing, than any public man in the country.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

[Chicago News.]

Men who go to law are sure to get satisfaction—they are lawyers. All women are born reformers and they want to begin on some man. A woman's favorite writer is a husband who is capable of writing checks. A man may be as honest as the day is long and still have a bad record at night.

Many a man who says he has great presence of mind manages successfully to conceal it. A man in trouble is apt to discover that his friends are not as friendly as they might be.

When a widower begins to tell his troubles to a widow she knows he is going to ask her to share them.

AN OPTIMIST.

[Toronto Star.]

"Well Pat, I heard your brother was sent to prison for life."

"Yes, but he's so delicate he'll never live to complete his sentence."

PROVING THE CLAIM.

[Washington Star.]

"De world owes every man a living," said Uncle Eben, "but he's got to hustle to prove de claim."

SUNSHINE.

[Philadelphia Press.]

One little ray of sunshine
To gladden in our path,
Will help the weary traveler
Reduced by more than half.

A kindly word of welcome,
A greeting with a smile,
Will help the weary traveler
For many a cheerless mile.

Then who who dwell in sunshine
Don't keep it all within,
That which we have not done before
'Tis time we should begin.

There are shut-ins all around you,
Who love the sunlight sweet;
You have enough at home to spare,
Just brighten their retreat.

MORE DIVINE GUIDANCE.

[New York World.]

George F. Baer, who in 1902 claimed that he had found the Lord's commission as president of the Reading Railroad, and who now lays "car families" to divine intervention, says that coal prices must stay up until Reading stock pays 4 per cent. Is this also a command from heaven, that the stock must be made valuable at the people's cost?

NOR SQUARE.

[Chicago Tribune.]

Burning a thousand square pianos is neither a grand nor an upright performance.

AN AWFUL WARNING FOR GIRLS.

[Cleveland Plaindealer.]

"There's a girl who has had, twelve offers of marriage."

"Mercy!"

"And she's been waiting five years for the thirteenth."

THE DECADENT VANDERBILTS.

[Everybody's Magazine.]

If the formation of a permanent aristocracy depended alone on the Vanderbilts the present promise would be shaky. Here is a group of the fourth generation, and the only man of undoubted high intelligence, the strange and disinherited one. If the estate should now disintegrate there would apparently be nothing left but the memory of a great name. Of inward superiority there seems no mark save in Cornelius, who, so to speak, with six or seven millions, is beginning at the bottom again.

The race-current appears very thin now; the only momentum is in the wealth, and if that should be pulverized under a mighty attack by a new swordman, the Vanderbilts would scatter off just like any other American citizens, and the name which for 25 years has been crowded on public attention as the symbol of American splendor and rank would become a past glory.

A GERMAN NIGHTMARE.

[Capt. August Niemann, Berlin.]

"It required the genius of Bismarck to awaken the German Michel to a sense of his power. Shall Germany be content to be depicted as a kicking man for light, for air, and for daily bread, or has she retained some of the power which won her victories?"

"Will the three powers which stood together after Japan's victory over China to thwart England's plans—Germany, France and Russia remain longer idle, or will they combine for their mutual benefit?"

I see in spirit the armies and navies of Germany, France and Russia advancing against the common enemy, which, like a polytip encircles the world with its web of wires.

The irresistible onset of the three allied powers releases the whole of Europe from its suffocating embrace. The future bears the great war in its womb.

I look into the future and am mindful of the duties and tasks of my country.

My dreams of Germany bring clearly before me the war and the victory of three allied great nations, Germany, France and Russia, and the fresh transportation of the possession of the world.

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earth as a final result of his mighty struggle. "Defeated in bloody battles on land and sea, securely encompassed on every side, rapacious England will be at last ground to dust, and the universe will be redistributed on a just basis."

KNOWING TOO MUCH.

[By the author of "Letters of a Self-Made Merchant to His Son."]

"Some men fail from knowing too little; but more fail from knowing too much, and still more from knowing it all."

Never ask a man what he knows, but what he can do. A fellow may know everything that's happened since the Lord started the ball to rolling, and not be able to do anything to help keep it from stopping. But when a man can do anything, he's bound to know something worth while. Books are all right, but dead men's brains are no good unless you mix a live one's with them. It isn't what a man's got in the bank, but what he's got in his head that makes him a great merchant. Rob a miser's safe and he's broke; but you can't break a big merchant with a jimmy and a stick of dynamite. The first would have to start again just where he began—hoarding up pennies; the second would have his principal asset intact. But accumulating knowledge or piling up the past is just to have a little more of either than the next fellow is a fool game that no bread-gauge man has time enough to sit in. Too much learning, like too much money, makes most men narrow."

SOMETHING JUST AS GOOD.

[Hamilton Times.]

If the increase in the price of sirloin and porterhouse steak induces the people to eat so-called inferior and cheaper cuts the increase will not be an unmixed evil. Steak is not more healthful than other parts of the beef, although perhaps more palatable. But with the aid of the three domestic sciences teaching appetizing dishes may be made out of those portions of the animal the price of which has not risen. To popularize the cheaper cuts would be a great triumph for the science.

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THE GOVERNORSHIP.

[Ottawa, June 6.—No hint has reached the Government as to who is to succeed Lord Minto as Governor-General and to all appearances his excellency is equally in the dark. The appointment of the present governor was announced in the month of July, although he did not come to Canada until four months later. It is probable that the Imperial Government have not made up their minds on the subject.

A MAGIC PILL.—Dyspepsia is a foe with which men are constantly grappling, but cannot exterminate. Subdued, and to all appearances vanquished in one, it makes its appearance in another direction. In many the digestive apparatus is as delicate as the mechanism of a watch or scientific instrument, in which even a breath of air will make a variation. With such persons disorders of the stomach cause much of the most trivial causes, and cause much suffering. To these Parnele's Vegetable Pills are recommended as paid and sure.