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CANADIAN POLICY

Speaking at the Mansion House in London, the other day, Premier Meighen declared that "to achieve a measure of independence in commerce and transportation is the constant care of our (Canadian) statesmen." He had pointed out the magnitude of the problem, the magnitude of the task, and the magnitude of the effort required to achieve it. He had pointed out the magnitude of the task, the magnitude of the effort required to achieve it.

This point of view, says the Mail and Empire, has been impressed time and again on the people of Canada, but apparently not for the last time. The anti-reciprocity campaign of 1911 was founded on this principle of Canadian commercial independence. The man in the street does not give more than passing attention to the deeper matters of state policy, but ten years ago he grasped thoroughly the magnitude of the dangers of the Knox-Peilding pact, and if the same "Canada first" issue has again to be presented, in somewhat different form, there is no doubt his Canadianism will again come to the forefront. By reason of our situation, we have always with us this problem of protecting and preserving ourselves against the superior organization and financial power of the United States. If we want to have complete independence in the framing of our fiscal policies, in the conduct of our transportation and commerce, we must make a cardinal principle of the avoidance of entangling commercial pacts with the United States. The Republicans at Washington have seen fit to exclude most of our raw products, and much of our other natural products, but Canada must not whimper. Our duty is plain. It is to stand solidly alone on our own way, maintaining what has become the traditional policy of at least the larger number of Canadians, viz., to keep distinct and independent our commercial and industrial life. Western Agrarianism takes account only of material considerations, and would sacrifice what all Canada should cherish most. The "restraint" of "Canadian statesmen" in preserving "our independence in commerce and transportation" would be made abortive if the Agrarians had their way.

Canada's Premier put succinctly the whole base of Canadian policy as it has broadly developed. No matter which way we turn, we run up against either United States commercial competition, or United States economic power. Our production, in competition with United States production, has severe handicaps arising out of our numerical smallness, but we have, so far, made good, and there is no reason for believing the future is not far brighter for us than the past has been. If we stay solidly in the path of independent development and British connection.

PRECEDENT AGAINST IT
 In those degenerate days when scepticism and unbelief raise their ugly visages all around, it is encouraging, to say the least, to find that there are still in evidence some examples of the faith that removes mountains and performs other such heroic feats. The Globe apparently has some of this mountain-moving brand of faith in the good will of the people of Canada in regard to the port of St. John, and refuses to listen for a single moment to any one who has any doubts on the matter. The Globe maintains that the Government will do just as much for St. John as it has done for other ports. Unfortunately a very large number of people can be persuaded to accept this view, previous experience in that respect having shown it to be unsound.

There never was a single occasion since New Brunswick entered Confederation when she got a square deal from the remainder of Canada. Whenever this province has been able to get anything, it has always been the extreme minimum. New Brunswick never got the courtesy even Nova Scotia has received. As for showing consideration for the port of St. John as The Globe maintains the Canadian people and Government will do, how much of this was shown when the National Transcontinental was deliberately routed so that this port should get no advantage from it? And what evidence is there that in the equipment of St. John will not be the same as buying a thing to get rid of it.

The Winnipeg Tribune says: "Heart must be reforming. He describes Mr. Compers as a 'true-born Englishman.' Compers never received a higher compliment."

CRERAR'S PANACEA

In view of the fact that in the next House of Commons the Agrarians will not improbably fill one of the leading roles, it would be as well to bear in mind that the leader of this party, the Hon. T. A. Crerar, has come out flat-footed for Reciprocity with the United States as a panacea for all our troubles. Once before, this country pronounced on Reciprocity, and gave a verdict which was unambiguous. We have a right to ask what is covered by the term "Reciprocity"? Wool, wheat, fruit, cattle are already, in confirmation of President Harding's solemn promise to the American farmers, heavily protected against all outsiders. Do not we already know it? There are 300,000 pounds of wool stored up in Ontario now, and by the end of the year there will be a million pounds. Our cattle trade with the United States is practically blotted out. Is the Hon. T. A. Crerar so simple-minded as to suppose that Congress, having just passed the Young Bill shutting us out, would, if we approached them, immediately proceed to nullify their action? The Young Bill was introduced and passed to implement a solemn promise. If it were annulled, after being in effect only a few weeks, the President would stand convicted as dishonest, tricky, and insincere and his reputation would be smirched beyond cleansing. We may be sure the Young Bill will stand.

As the vital things—wool, cattle, wheat—are out of consideration, what earthly good would a Reciprocity pact do us? Obviously no good at all. The new tariff will be aimed at all our manufacturers. There is no chance for Reciprocity there. It is not for us to go begging for Reciprocity, but to stand up on the terms of our strength and to offer foreign markets. The McKinley Bill did us good. The new High Tariff measure may, in the end, prove our financial salvation. One thing is certain: We will be able to make decent fair terms with Europe and with the other members of our mighty Empire. Let the United States erect its Chinese wall; but let us play fair and not forget that complete isolation in the end means asphyxiation. Reasonable protection against unfair competition we must have, but protection carried to wild extremes would destroy our rapidly expanding foreign trade as it will surely destroy that of the United States. The Hon. T. A. Crerar addressed his remarks to the recent American arrival and played the complete demagogue. He would have been advised to advocate, not reprisals, but dignified acceptance of the situation, and stern patriotic counsel to advance into the field of the world.

THE FILM INDUSTRY

Few businesses have made such rapid growth in so short a time as the manufacture of "movie films" has done in the last few years. Probably the United States has more movie studios than any other country, and it is now expressed that in the near future the production of films will fall into the clutches of a new "trust." Undoubtedly as matters stand at present, the larger film companies have a tremendous hold over their patrons, forcing them to take such films as the company's produce, whether such are suitable to the patrons' requirements or not.

Ninety per cent. of the films shown in Canada are produced by American companies. Why should this be? It is because people in this country lack the necessary enterprise to start the production of films on a scale commensurate with the needs of the people. Many of the American films shown here do not commend themselves to our people; we could produce more satisfactory ones ourselves. We are getting British films over here it is true, but the distance such films have to come is a serious handicap to their use. All such films as have been shown in St. John have been highly approved of by all who have seen them, with the possible exception of that small section of the community which can see no good in anything that does not have its origin over the border.

It is not unlikely that more people on this continent are getting what might be called their education, their ideas of life and their conceptions of other lands, through the movies than through the newspapers, the pulpit, and the cigarette coupons combined. For this reason therefore it is most desirable that we in Canada should have the benefit of films most suited to our needs. We are not getting films that satisfy this description from the United States; and the sooner our theatres can be provided with an adequate supply of purely British or Canadian films, the better for the country.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

Hind Sight Again.
 Many Americans who made a point of laying something up for a rainy day now wish they had laid up something for a dry one.—London Opinion.

Volcanoes Make No Difference.
 Just now Stromboli is having a peculiarly frightful fit. The people have fled to the sea, begging for boats to take them away. The Italian Government will see to it that they are rescued. But when the eruption is over they will doubtless return and resume their routine activities. Men must live. And they must live where the earth is productive. As long as volcanic material makes a fertile soil men will huddle confidently up to the very feet of the great destroyers. The earthquake is more powerful than the fear of sudden death.—Chicago Tribune.

Times Have Changed.
 Things have changed considerably between the time when the four-hands used to rumble over the old coach roads and the present day. When it has become quite a feat to cross an automobile road on a fine Saturday afternoon. In the same way the controlling of the traffic has become a very difficult problem. In the old coaching days policemen at street crossings were unheard of, but, with the growth of automobile and motor transport, elaborate devices for regulating and expediting traffic have had to be devised, such as "islands" at busy crossings, subways for pedestrians, mechanical signs, and even searchlights for illuminating policemen on duty at crossings at night. New York devised a system of traffic control in the Fifth Avenue, and recently London employed the alrship R-33 for controlling the streams of motor cars on Derby Day. Perhaps there will be time for it for it but to build elevated roads for automobiles, and have moving pavements for pedestrians in a hurry.—Christian Science Monitor.

A BIT OF VERSE

PERFORMING ANIMALS.

The seal must be very unhappy when true.
 For it cannot be healthy or nice
 To have to swim round in a nasty cold sea.
 With nothing to sit on but ice;
 So, of course, he prefers to reside in a cage.
 To dive in a tank and do stunts on a stage.
 The dog, though a noble, intelligent beast,
 Is privately troubled and sore—
 His legs, he considers, need halving at least.
 He hates to run round upon four;
 He is vastly obliged to the gentleman who compels him to dance like a human on two.

THE ELEPHANT'S LIFE IN HIS JUNGLE

Is lacking in manners and grace—
 He never sits down at a table to eat
 With a napkin tucked under his face.
 O think how the sensitive beast must admire
 The polish his music-hall comrades acquire!
 How happy we are to have always on hand
 The trainer who guides and refines
 The beasts an incompetent Providence planned.
 On wholly inadequate lines,
 Who leads Nature's misfits, in lightest of thralls,
 To their height of ambition, a life in the halls.
 —Lucio in Manchester Guardian.

THE LAUGH LINE

They Make You Sick.
 A guy who always
 Gives us pain
 Is he who calls
 Car a boat.
 —Pats and Knock.

The guy who always
 Gives us pain
 Is he who calls
 A girl a Jane.

Not of His Own Volition.
 Blackie knew a man who has been married for ten years and spends every night at home.
 Brown: How did he become bed-ridden?
 Blackie: He was.

Shoe on the Other Foot.
 Don't talk about the big fight—it's all settled.—Portland Evening Express.

Have you paid your bet yet?—Boston Globe.
 Didn't have to—our heart was with Georges, but our money was with Jack.

A Bit of Camouflage.
 "Jones writes the most illegible hand I ever ran across."
 "Oh, he does that purposely to hide his poor spelling."

Let Us Hope So.
 Table d'hôte. Dinner 60 cents. Soup changed daily.—Sign in Boston restaurant.

Mary had a little skirt.
 I'm told by a reporter,
 So little, too, he doth assert,
 It could not be much shorter.

Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE

Sunday afternoon it was raining and pop was in the setting room reading the Sunday paper and me and my cousin Artie was in there waiting for it to stop raining, which it didn't, and I whispered to Artie, Hay, lets pretend we know a lot of guys with funny names, and scribble pop.

With we started to do, the saying out loud. Hay Artie, how about Rudolf Pretzelsinger, ain't he the biggest dumbell you ever saw, if that guy ever had to have an operation on his brains it would take the doctors a week to find them ferst and by that time the operation would be unsuccessful.

He aint as much of a dumbell as Helnie Axelgreese, set Artie, holey smoke, that guys so dum he don't know the difference between long division, and short subtraction.

Well maybe not, but all the same he aint as dum as Gerlie Smoothausser, she's so darn dum if it started to rain 'she'd squert a hose on herself insted of putting up a umbrella, 'fied.

Yes, but speaking of dumbell gerlie, how about Lizzie Smissewood, sed Artie, gosh, that gerlie so dum if her house cawl on fire she wouldnt know wat all the firemen was doing around there.

With jest then pop threw the Sunday paper on the floor, saying, Help, cease fring.

Sir? I sed, and pop sed, I want you ask you one question and I want the truth and nothing but the truth, do you or do you not know any people with sutch names?

Sir, sir, I sed, and pop red Thank heaven, I was jest about to rite a letter of protest to the immigration officials for allowing sutch names into the country. Its not raining any more, for the love of Peet get out.

With it wasent, so we did.

DISAPPOINTMENT CAUSED DEATH.

Vienna, July 19.—Forcing the employer's safe and finding only about \$30 worth of crowns, Rudolph Thwrdit hanged himself, leaving a note that the disappointment after so hard a job was more than he could stand.

CHANGE OF WATER

DIARRHOEA.

People moving from place to place are very much subject to diarrhoea on account of the change of water, climate, diet, etc. Prompt treatment with

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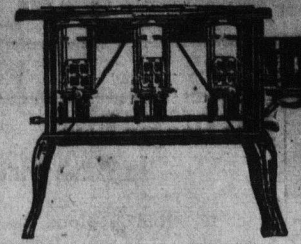
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Practical Joke Has A Tragic Ending

Lille, July 19.—A party of young men returning from target practice at the rifle ranges of Oost-Capelle in Belgium met an old farmer from a nearby dairy and decided to have a little fun with him. They installed a mock contrivance in a field still riddled with shell holes and sentenced the old man to death for his failure to have a litre of wine in his possession.

Tying him to the post in the fence one of the youths commanded fire. The one of the youths commanded fire. The one of the youths commanded fire. The one of the youths commanded fire.

Mrs. Maude Andrews, of Seattle, has just obtained a patent on a new pocket for women. The pocket, of rubberized material, is sewed on the inside of the corset.

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