

The Weekly Times  
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"JUG-HANDLED."

Minister Patterson is reported as telling his Dundas audience that under the Reform government American agricultural products were free to come into Canada, and that on an average \$15,000,000 worth of such articles were imported. It would be a bad thing for our farmers, he said, if they were again submitted to such serious competition. Minister Patterson is a member of a government that tried to negotiate a treaty with the U. S. government whereby reciprocity in farm products would have been established. The government even at the present time formally declares itself ready to arrange such reciprocity, at the same time carefully making it known that no free trade in manufactures will be allowed. The furious competition in what the farmer has to sell, as pictured by Mr. Patterson, would thus be renewed by the government if it could get an opportunity, but while the farmer would be compelled to sell cheap he would not be given the chance of buying cheap. British Columbia farmers are told that a lowering of the tariff would be ruinous to them, since it would expose them to the severe competition of cheap products from Washington State. What do they think of the government's scheme, which would at the same time expose them to this severe competition and force them to buy the dear goods of the protected manufacturers of the east? They might rack their imaginations to conceive anything more "jug-handed" than this proposal. They know, moreover, that the government are actually spending the country's money to encourage competition from Australia in agricultural products. The Canada Farmers' Sun, the organ of the Ontario Patrons, has been giving some attention to this phase of the competition question. Some of its remarks are thus summarized:—

"The annual surplus of sheep alone reaches 4,500,000 and in its effort to dispose of it Australia has adopted the plan of freezing the mutton and exporting it. On the line of steamers subsidized by the Canadian government this mutton can be laid down in Canada at two cents per pound. To meet this competition the price of our Canadian mutton would have to be reduced to the same figure, at which rate the farmers would lose several cents a pound on it. Beef, too, the Australians can put into the Canadian market at one-fifth of the present price, and all other agricultural products at proportionately reduced prices. Enough beef, mutton, wool, tallow, hides, pork, apples, canned goods, meats, cheese, butter, etc., to supply the Canadian trade would be forced upon us at prices with which the home farmers would find it impossible to contend, and still it is Canadian people that are supplying the means to establish this trade which would ultimately ruin the agricultural portions of our country and the farmers themselves are paying for the introduction of this rival that would ultimately make our calling profitless."

If Australia produced any lines of manufactured goods which our farmers would want to buy the government would take good care to discourage them in the interest of the Red Parlor. Their motto is "slaughter" for the farmer and protection for the man who is ready to reciprocate by making contributions to the campaign fund.

INJURIOUS DELAY.

Many friends of the Dominion government are becoming disgusted over the delay in reaching a decision as to whether an election or a session should come first. The condition of uncertainty has a bad effect on business, and business men do not care to be slaughtered to make a government holiday. They do not want to be sacrificed while the ministers are timorously hesitating as to which cold plunge they shall make. A sign is anxiously awaited, but all that is vouchsafed is an oracular utterance or two such as the following made by Minister Ives at Collingwood: "There will be months in which the friends of the government will have an opportunity to propagate their principles, to explain their policy and their ideas to the people of the country. If any one fancies that the election is going to take place until every man, woman and child in the Dominion has had an opportunity of knowing what the Grit policy is, and of knowing what the Tory policy is, he is exceedingly mistaken. If the people of this country turn out the government at the next general election it will be because after judging of the facts they have come to the conclusion to do so. It will not be a snap verdict, and it will not be a verdict which the government will seek without giving the people not only ample time, but at a time of the year when they can devote themselves comfortably and conveniently and pleasantly and agreeably to it, and they won't want their overcoats either." No better evidence than this is needed to show that the government are unable to make up their minds. They are

afraid to move and afraid to stand still. A session would be awkward, with the necessity of facing a heavy deficit and of proposing a remedy for it. A dissolution would be awkward because of the certainty of defeat at the coming elections. And while the ministers stand shivering on the brinks of the two poles the interests of business must suffer.

THE YOUNG MEN.

The formation of the Young Men's Liberal club, now organizing in this city, appears to be a move in the right direction. Aside from the inestimable aid which their efforts will lend in the cause of Liberalism here, the education in matters political which will result from their deliberations will be an incentive toward taking an active interest in their country's welfare. Then again, discussion in debate will tend to develop in them the art of public speaking—an accomplishment much to be desired. The young men of to-day are the men who will to-morrow shape the destinies of our country, and we hope that many of the members of the Young Men's Liberal club of Victoria, just now launching forth on the political sea, will in after days be found among those elected to administer the affairs of the country. We believe this club is forming under the most favorable circumstances. With a membership embracing nearly all the representative young men of the city, and with a president who possesses all those qualifications which are necessary in a good presiding officer, the club has before it what appears a most brilliant future. We wish the young men every success. Long live the Young Men's Liberal club of Victoria!

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The young Conservatives of the city are looking for a name for a proposed new organization. We have heard of the "Sir John Macdonald club" suggested but all things considered, in deference to the proprietor of the party in Canada, the "Sir William Van Horne Club" would be more appropriate.

Toronto Globe: To please the manufacturers the ministry bonused a line of ships to Australia. That brought competition from Australian butter in Canada. To appease butter makers the government decided to buy up Canadian butter at a higher rate than the market price. That has seriously injured the prospects of butter dealers. The method of appeasing the butter dealers has not been announced yet. This policy of climbing out of one hole to fall into another has been pursued for fifteen years, and all the time the holes have been growing larger, deeper and more numerous. Has the national policy made you rich?

The News-Advertiser has been playing a nice little two-act farce all by itself. Act I. consisted in an elephantine endeavor to cast ridicule on the resolution proposed in the Liberal association of this city declaring that British Columbia should have representation in the Dominion cabinet. Act II. was an effort to show that the Conservative association was quite right when it passed a similar resolution. It is not often that even a Tory organ finds itself obliged to show that what was black yesterday is white to-day. The News-Advertiser might better have saved its breath to cool its porridge.

The \$425,000 appropriation for the settlement of Behring Sea seizure claims was thrown out by the house of representatives at Washington, not by the senate. It is altogether likely, though, that it would have been thrown out by the senate if passed by the house. An earlier stage the proposition was in the hands of the appropriations committee, the majority of whose members refused to report it with a recommendation. It was therefore passed on to the house, leave being given to any member to move that the appropriation be voted and that duty was undertaken by Congressman Breckenridge. The pretext for throwing out the vote was want of information on the subject, though the secretary of state appears to have furnished the committee with all that was in his possession. Now that the administration's proposal has been rejected the question of damages will have to be settled by a commission, and the unfortunate men whose property was taken from them by a piratical process may have to wait a year or two more for compensation.

Montreal Herald: To describe a customs tariff as a hindrance to the Gospel seems a new thing. But in the light in which the ministerial association in the district of Bedford views the matter, the description may not be set aside as entirely inaccurate. Among the hindrances which the association discussed at its session a few days ago smuggling received especial attention. The main question was as to whether or not the

Christian would be justified in consenting to withhold the payment of duties on dutiable articles which the customs officers had exempted as articles for personal use. The majority of the association entertained the opinion that unless the law distinctly allowed the officer discretionary power this practice was unjustifiable. In order that the implied doubt might be removed the secretary of the association was instructed to correspond with the controller of customs. Hereby is Clarke Wallace acknowledged Defender of the Faith, with authority more absolute even than that with which he has been invested as Grand Master.

CANADIAN DISPATCHES.

North American Trading Co. Want the Yukon Country Opened.

Ottawa, Feb. 28.—President Wear and Manager Healy of the North American Trading company are here to urge speedy action by the government in reference to opening up the northern and Yukon country, establishing mail service and enforcing laws. They saw Mr. Daly on the matter to-day. Until Mr. Ogilvie returns the government cannot decide anything. Messrs. Wear and Healy have just been making extensive purchases for the company.

A great sailing race of Maritime province fishing schooners takes place at the end of April over a one hundred mile course. Valuable prizes are offered. The government has decided not to enter the protection cruiser Kingsfisher for prizes but to test her sailing qualities. She is a sister vessel to the sealing schooner Agnes Macdonald.

The warship Pallas, recently on the China station, has been transferred to the North American station. She will be seen in the St. Lawrence this summer. Several ministers start out to-morrow for another Ontario stamping tour.

Montreal, Feb. 28.—Hackett, M. P. P. for Stanstead, and Alex. Morris, M. P. P. for Montreal, were sworn in as members of the Quebec government this afternoon. Mr. Hackett will be president of the executive council, and Mr. Morris will be without portfolio. Hon. Mr. Taillon retains the treasuryship.

It is rumored in railway circles here that a cut in the salaries of the C. P. R. employees is to take effect next month, and one authority asserts that it will reach from the highest office down.

London, Feb. 28.—Mrs. Barrett died in the hospital yesterday from the effects of a dose of poison. When asked by the doctor if she had taken it by mistake, she unhesitatingly answered "yes." The circumstances point to suicide.

Woodstock, Feb. 28.—At a meeting of Thomas Allen, at Dereham, have been burned with all the contents. Loss, \$3000, insured for \$1700.

John Workman, a well known contractor of this place, is dead. A son of the deceased is a C. P. R. messenger on the train between Toronto and Winnipeg.

Montreal, Feb. 28.—At a meeting of the council of the Canadian Hockey Association last night, the Quebec club was suspended from the league for unfair play and treatment of other clubs during the season.

Winnipeg, Feb. 28.—The alleged conspiracy to wreck the city's new Merry-weather fire engine fizzled out this morning, when McLaren, the accused, was dismissed by the judge.

Winnipeg, Feb. 28.—It is reported that the Greenway government may go to the country after the school law their platform. It would be a strong card at the present juncture. A Conservative convention for the province of Manitoba will be held shortly.

Toronto, Feb. 28.—At the Hyams trial to-day Mrs. Lucy Fendilly, who was a servant for Harry Hyams and his mother at the time of the tragedy, testified that after the tragedy she was given by Harry Hyams a pair of blood stained trousers to wash. She could not wash all the stains away, and his trousers were sent to the dyer.

A petition against the return of Hon. Mr. Hartly as member for Kingston in the Ontario legislature, who was elected at the recent bye-election, has been filed at Osgoode hall.

Hamilton, March 1.—Representatives of the various retail firms in the Dominion ex-Alderman Gowanlock again refused to convene and decided to organize a Canadian retail furniture dealers' association, with John Hoodless, of this city, as president.

Toronto, March 1.—When the municipal inquiries were resumed this morning ex-Alderman Gowanlock again refused to give privately to judge or counsel an outline of his evidence. The judge adjourned the investigation until to-morrow, stating that if they were not ready to proceed he would have to declare the investigation closed and return his powers to the city council.

Montreal, March 1.—When the criminal term was opened this morning Grand Trunk Conductors Stone, Tamblin and Defries, charged with selling and passing bogus tickets between Toronto and Montreal, were called. Tamblin and Defries answered, but Stone was not present. Should he not appear to-morrow his bail bonds will be forfeited.

Brockville, March 1.—Hon. Mr. Wood was nominated to represent Brockville. No other names were mentioned. Hon. Wilfrid Laurier will visit Brockville at an early date and open a series of meetings to be held in eastern Ontario.

Montreal, March 1.—Fire did damage to the extent of \$50,000 in the wholesale warehouse of Samuel Harris, furrier and hatter, corner of Lemoine and St. Peter streets. Jesse Joseph owned the building. All the losses are covered by insurance.

Toronto, March 1.—Charles Edward Hooper, aged sixty-three, formerly well known for many years as the leading member of the drug firm of Hooper & Co., died yesterday.

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BAD,  
INDIFFERENT.

There are many kinds of matches offered, but you can't always rely on the recommendation of the grocer.

Since the introduction of match-making in Canada, E. B. Eddy's Matches have been associated with excellence and merit.

FROM OVER THE FISH POND

Marquis of Queensbury Arraigned in Court for Defaming Oscar Wilde.

Prof. Blackie Died This Morning—Prospects of the Oriental Peace-makers.

London, March 2.—Professor Blackie died at Edinburgh this morning. He bade farewell to his party last evening.

The Marquis of Queensbury was arraigned in court to-day and held in £500 bail for libelling Oscar Wilde. The libel consisted of leaving a postal card for Wilde at the club of which both are members on which was written a vile epithet implying that Wilde was guilty of unnatural practices.

The American race horses took their first gallop on the heath at Newmarket to-day. The horses appeared to feel strange on the grass track. They were galloped for a mile, causing them to blow and sweat profusely. The lot were extremely backward.

Madrid, March 2.—The government has decided to send reinforcements to Cuba at once.

San Remo, March 2.—The Grand Duke Alexis of Russia, uncle of the emperor Nicholas II., died this morning.

Rome, March 2.—The pope received the cardinals, the members of the nobility and others in the throne room to-day, the occasion being the seventeenth anniversary of his coronation. He spoke of the reunion of the church and said it was unworthy of Catholics to call the idea Utopian.

Paris, March 2.—A newspaper publishes an interview with the United States charge d'affaires, in which the gentleman states that the American government had pointed out to France the consequences that might ensue from the enforcement of her claim against San Domingo, but never suggested intervening in the matter.

Berlin, March 2.—The emperor has written a letter to Hans Hopf, president of the society of old students, expressing great joy that the students have decided to honor Prince Bismarck's birthday by erecting a statue of the old chancellor in Rudelsberg. The emperor enclosed one thousand marks towards the cost of the statue.

Chancellor Hohenlohe attended the students' "comers" last night in honor of Bismarck. The chancellor in an address lauded Bismarck and urged the students to remain steadfast in their patriotism to the fatherland.

London, March 1.—The Standard has this dispatch from its Constantinople correspondent: More than forty Armenians are now in prison here in connection with subscriptions for the benefit of the Sassoun victims. Most of them are poor and a few are educated. The officials believe that the latter are the chiefs of the revolutionary party. It is stated that circulars asking for donations were enclosed in covers bearing the seal of the revolutionary committee.

The Daily News correspondent in Constantinople says: The American missionaries in Bitlis are very anxious as to the attitude of the Moslem populace, and United States Minister Terrill has made urgent representations to the porte on the subject. Although the missionaries have strenuously avoided countenancing resistance to the authorities, inasmuch that they have incurred the hostility of the Armenian revolutionary party by their policy, they have assisted the victims of the outrages. The Armenian witnesses at the recent sitting of the commission of inquiry have been sheltered by the missionaries. The commission has telegraphed this fact to the porte.

Lord Rosebery's condition is unchanged this evening. The continuation of the insomnia has begun to cause his physicians considerable anxiety.

A late dispatch from Edinburgh says that Prof. Blackie is worse.

The Standard's financial report will say to-morrow: The chances of shipments of gold to New York are daily becoming smaller. If the gold buying syndicate creates bills in London in New York for the purpose of keeping gold from leaving for Europe bills can be little less than draughts upon the gold bought or buyable on this side by means of the loan.

Havre, March 1.—This city was bedecked with flags and the quays were crowded with people as a mark of welcome to the steamer La Gasogne. The big ship entered the harbor at 1.30 p.m.; a regiment and band occupied a place on one of the jetties and played the Marseillaise and other patriotic airs as the vessel came in. The members of the municipality and a large number of the leading citizens boarded the steamer and

congratulated Captain Baudelon and his officers upon their courage and seamanship in bringing their ship safely into New York. A lunch was served on board the steamer at 4 o'clock, at which the mayor, members of the chamber of commerce and others in commercial life were entertained by the captain and his staff.

Havana, March 1.—The governor of Pinar del Rio made a raid on an insurgent resort about six miles from the provincial capital to-day and captured twenty rifles and twelve thousand cartridges. Guillermo and Pedro Acevedo, conspicuous insurgents, and two stray members of Coloma's band have gone to the Matanzas authorities and professed their submission. Among the men captured with Coloma's band is a son of the director of the Mercedes hospital in this city. Antonio Carbelo, a Havana tailor, was overtaken by the troops at Yaguaromas Arai Yaguey Grande. He was carrying arms and displayed revolutionary emblems. As he refused to surrender he was shot. The committee from the Barre insurgents has not returned to Santiago for further consultation with General Lachambe, but after conferring with the insurgent leaders has gone to Palma Soriano.

Paris, March 1.—The French government has deputed ex-Consul Durand, who served in Quebec, and who is now in London, to visit the French ports and give information likely to develop French trade with Canada. The Bordeaux chamber of commerce has published M. Hanotaux's letter asserting that Lord Dufferin, British ambassador, said he had not yet received powers to exchange ratifications of the Franco-Canadian treaty. M. Hanotaux expressed the opinion that despite this delay the treaty would soon become operative.

THEY WERE PALS.

Pathetic Tale of the Sea Told in San Francisco.

A San Francisco dispatch of Thursday tells a very pathetic tale of the sea, the opening scene being laid in Nanaimo. The dispatch is as follows: The bark Carrollton came into port to-night with a pathetic tale of the sea. Daniel Johnson and Charles Peterson, sailors, had been shipmates for ten years. Finally they separated and Peterson was stranded at Nanaimo in the power of the oar-dug-house masters. Johnson, who had a berth on the Carrollton, came along and paid the boarding-house debt, but Peterson was not much better off, for he had no job nor prospect of any. Johnson was in the last stages of consumption, and induced Peterson to stow away on the Carrollton, telling him he would die before the voyage was over, and that he (Peterson) could have his berth. Johnson died at sea according to the programme, and Peterson was shipped in his place.



Mr. J. Alcide Chausse  
Montreal, P. C.

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NEWS OF OUR OWN

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Toronto, March 1.—The Toronto aldermanic council resumed yesterday before-gull. The time was taken by the judges at Montreal, March 1.—The gross earnings of the C. P. 171,036 working expenses, profits, \$346,720. January profits, \$382,645. Decreases over same period last fore for January, \$35,925. Winnipeg, March 1.—The yesterday passed a resolute all expenditure for the lieut. er's residence after the pre- Norris & Co., dry goods. It is ascertained that the sudden disappearance of several grain buyers was a conspiracy to defraud Ogilvie & Co. of this city of forged wheat checks of defrauded employees of the money and when discovered. It has been decided to hold Conservative convention at Daly and perhaps other cities will be present. Conventions constitutions are also being

VARIETY ACTOR A

At the Instance of Charle  
Victoria.

San Francisco, March Hall, a variety actor, has here on a charge of grat the instance of Charles hotel employe, who disappeared some time ago became friend wife of Beckman, and came to this city in search he induced Mrs. Beckman trust him with \$300 worth and \$2000 in cash for working as a time that he was in a day or two. In obtaining possession of the valuables, Hall absconded, the result being his complaint of Beckman.

Fred Hall, who disappeared with money and diamonds to him by Mrs. C. Beckman he had promised to elope, arrested last night, was in court this morning but the time until to-morrow. He is held to await a return to Victoria.

The Mrs. Beckman spol telegram is better known proprietress of a house of called on the police several also paid a visit to Tacoma the alleged theft. She had gone to that city, and the Chief of Police Sir Tacoma chief. The chief not think anything can be case, as the money was Hall by Camille as a loan business here. She told that the amount was \$500 was going to buy an island Delmonico. She was privy of Hall's arrest, for she police station to-day and a rant issued for the extra. The chief told her it was tempt to do anything in

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Ottawa, March 2.—The expenditure statement published in to-day's off shows a decline in the re \$125,000 as compared with last year. The expenditure for the year to date is one-half over the receipts and collected is close on four less than last year.

Davie was gazetted chief D. C. Simon, collector revenues, has been suspended an investigation of his are alleged to be short.

It is stated that Vatin has been appointed judge.

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The refusal of Congress proportion to pay the award Paris arbitration on the will cast discredit upon this country. We want arbitration undertaken to result of it. The arbitrator assessed the amount to pay at \$5,000,000. It excessive; but the national stake and the amount we congress seems neither national credit in finance or in diplomacy. The group the appropriation for the was refused was that Americans are American citizens hoisted the British flag of ers to escape liability to the United States. There is doubt about this; but it late hour in the day to tion. The time has before the award was given favors the settlement al disputes by arbitration approve of the action of matter.—Seattle Press-Tri