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## THE FARMERS AND THE TARIFF

Under the Laurier administration no sensible attempt has been put forth to secure a larger outside market or more effectively protect the home market for the Canadian farmer. While the United States tariff has not been reduced one jot in our favor, our own tariff has been deliberately cut down in the interests of the Yankee farmer. Indian corn was made free by Mr. Fielding solely that the United States article might drive out the Canadian product, or at least reduce the price. The result of this operation has been very marked. Just so long as we taxed United States corn there was a possibility that the Americans would take their tariff off our barley. The two things, corn and barley, it will be observed, would balance. Immediately the duty was removed from corn the Americans took no further interest in the barley question, and the consequence is that through the action of our own Government the corn producer of Ontario West is injured, while the barley producer of the East, who at one time sold \$2,000,000 worth of barley per annum to the United States, is permanently excluded from his nearest market. Now, while our farmers are excluded from the United States, and cannot send a dollar's worth of their products there, the Yankees have a good hold of the Canadian market. They send nearly \$2,000,000 worth of their animals here, great quantities of breadstuffs, of fruits, of seeds and roots, and half a million dollars' worth of vegetables.

The Ottawa Government has been asked to consider this situation. It has been urged to bear in mind that if the United States will take nothing from us, our best policy is to treat that country with its own medicine. All the farmers' deputations, however, have been sent away from Ottawa. How different it is with deputations of another kind! The Standard Oil Company merely names the tariff legislation that it requires in order to enable it to strengthen its monopoly and to squeeze more out of the Canadian farmer, and the law is at once proposed. A rich American syndicate suggests the bonus or bounty it needs for producing its iron or steel, and the bonus is granted out of the pockets of the despised farmers without delay. There is more for the Standard Oil monopoly and for other Yankee institutions than for the Canadian farmer under the present regime. It is interesting to note what the farmer has to stand. Everybody remembers that the taxes were once too high, and that they were to be reduced under the Laurier regime. Here is the scale of taxation as it was and as it is:

1896, Tory ..... \$27,759,285  
1903, Liberal ..... 49,015,505

The farmer does not pay in its entirety this increase of \$21,300,000 in the taxes, but he pays his share. And it is safe to say that the impost laid upon him have been doubled since the Laurier Government came into office. In the seven years for which the record is published there have been collected \$68,258,543 in taxes more than would have been collected in the same period had the Tory scale of taxation continued.

The mortgages in this country aggregate \$110,000,000. In seven years the Laurier Government has extorted from the Canadian people, over and above the needs of the public service, enough money to pay half of the mortgage indebtedness of the country, and to leave in the hands of the mortgagees a balance of \$13,000,000 towards the next instalment. In spite of this gigantic extortion the Ministers are not satisfied. They must needs concoct a new scheme by which the people of Canada will be deliberately taxed \$150,000,000 in the interests of a railway project that could be supplied for one-tenth the amount.

## THE CZAR'S THANK OFFERING.

That the representations of the Czar's passionate anxiety for a male heir were not in the least overdrawn is shown by the scope of the thank offering made by him to his dear people on the occasion of the baptism the other day of the infant Czarévitch Alexis. Following the custom among crowned rulers in the celebration of events of great joy, the Autocrat of all the Russias decreed the pardon of political offenders (assassins excepted), the liberation of prisoners or reductions of their sentences, the remission of certain debts due to

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the Government, the grant of largesses to landless Finns and of other privileges and immunities. From the point of view of one whose horizon is so extremely contracted as is the Czar's, the edict would probably appear to be reckless in its liberality.

It makes three concessions to the Finlanders, who, in the eyes of Russia's offended majesty, must appear to be not only rebels against the state but against the divine law itself in their opposition to the autocratic pretensions of the God-giver overlord. It would not occur to the infatuated Czar that his perjury in violating the Finnish constitution, which he swore to maintain, might be considered a crime; that in his account with the Finnish nation the balance stood heavily against him and that the amnesty to Finlanders who had emigrated "without authority," and the remissions of fines imposed on communes which resisted military conscription, would evoke more contempt than gratitude. What about the thousands of representative Finlanders who emigrated with the authority of the Government, i.e., who were deported? There is evidently to be no amnesty for them.

The pardon of all other political offenders in Russia whose crimes did not involve murder means very little; the "politicals" who are not assassins are generally innocent people who have fallen under suspicion of the secret police and men and women guiltless of any worse offense than slips of the tongue or pen in the criticism of some acts of the public authorities. If the Czar's edict, made early in his reign, in favor of a free press had been non-political prisoners of the sort included in the present decree of amnesty. For the rest, the imperial Russian edict is chiefly remarkable for its revelation of the survival until this day of the knout as an instrument of punishment in the army and among the peasantry of Russia and the further revelation of the fact that the emancipated serfs after forty years of freedom from bondage are still in the debt of the state for the small farms conceded to them out of the poorest land of their late masters' estate. Liberty has meant little more to the former serfs, it seems, than chronic hunger. As for military misdemeanors caught in a second offense, their backs will continue to be belabored with the cat-o-nine-tails. Such is the Czar's thank offering.

**Lifebuoy Soap**—disinfectant—is strongly recommended by the medical profession as a safeguard against infectious diseases.

**His Experience With Love.**  
"Do you think that love is a disease?"  
"Well, it makes me feel far from well at times."  
"You? Why, I didn't know you were in love."  
"I'm not. But I sit opposite it at a boarding house table three times a day."

**A Compromise.**  
"Your account has been standing a long time, Mr. Dukey."  
"Then give it a sent, my dear Shears."  
"Very glad, sir; shall we make it a receipt?"—London Tit-Bits.

**Like a Good Preacher.**  
"You say your washwoman reminds you of a good preacher?"  
"Yes. She's always bringing things down to me that I never saw before."—Yale Record.

The whale was the first ocean male carrier, and in three days thereafter he adopted the free delivery system.

Ask for Minard's and take no other.

## AT THE LIGHTHOUSE

Mr. and Mrs. F. Oldershaw spent a few days with J. Oldershaw at the "Breezy Time" Cottage last week. Dick Cartier, of Detroit, spent Sunday with his mother at Hiawatha Cottage.

Harry Sager, of Tilbury, spent Sunday at Widgeon Lodge.

The yacht Robina brought a crowd here Sunday to spend the day.

All the cottagers spent Wednesday in Detroit.

Mrs. S. Sager of Widgeon Lodge, returned from spending a few days in Dresden.

Miss Alice Johnson, of Chatham, spent Sunday with Mrs. Joyce.

The yacht, The Flyer, brought a crowd here from Willow Beach, Wednesday.

B. Giffen, of Detroit, is visiting at Widgeon Lodge.

R. Knott spent Saturday in Chatham.

Mrs. Palmer, of Tilbury, spent Friday at Widgeon Lodge.

Arnold Gagnon, of Detroit, has returned from River View Cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Oldershaw returned home to Chatham Monday, from Breezy Time.

Miss Gertrude Irving is visiting Miss Rena Knott.

B. Oldershaw, of the Maple City, and Clarence and Charlie Smart, of Detroit, are visiting at Breezy Time.

Miss E. Oldershaw and Mrs. J. Paxton, of Chatham, and Mrs. Smart, of Detroit, spent Tuesday with Mrs. Joyce.

Mr. MacLachie, of Ottawa, Blanche, of St. Armour and Marie Delouge, are the guests of Mrs. H. Cartier.

Miss Mabel Bunker, of Detroit, is the guest of Miss Louise Oldershaw.

The yacht, J. & C., took a party from here Tuesday to Willow Beach.

Mrs. H. J. Cartier entertained the cottagers to a very pleasant dinner on the lawn Wednesday.

Mr. McKay, of Detroit, spent Saturday here.

Mr. P. & J. Cowley spent Sunday at the Tilbury cottage.

Mrs. W. Crow, of the Maple City, spent Wednesday here.

## John McVean Drowned

John McVean, clerk and steward of the tow boat Belle Prince, was drowned yesterday morning about 11:45 o'clock, at a point about 28 miles below this city, known as Fish Pond, near Ashland landing, while endeavoring to rescue a skiff which had been washed from the tow boat by a wave from the steamer America. According to a statement made by an eye witness when the boat floated overboard, a negro was told to go out after it by Mr. McVean, but refused. Mr. McVean then signified his intention of going after it. Notwithstanding the protestations of other members of the crew, he leaped overboard and swam to within about two feet of the skiff, almost to the middle of the river, when he suddenly stopped. Apparently to rest, and a second later he was seen to sink, and the boat was, as quickly as possible brought to and went to the assistance of the drowning man but did not reach the spot until he rose and sank for the second time, this time not rising. After remaining near this point for several hours the tow was tied to the bank and the boat came to this city and reported the matter to the manager of the boat, George E. Gard.

At the time the accident occurred the Belle Prince had in tow a large raft which was being towed from Esperanza, La., consigned to the Southern Iron Company's mill at Kenner, near New Orleans. Captain Ed. H. Prince was in command of the boat at the time and P. Trudell was the pilot in charge. Mr. McVean was a native of Tilbury, Canada, and was 53 years of age. He had been employed on boats plying the Mississippi river for the past six years. He is survived by children, two daughters living in Canada, and a son, who is an express agent in Greenville, S. C. It is understood that efforts will be made to recover the body, but it is not probable that the body will be found near where the accident occurred, as the current being very swift and the depth where the man was last seen was about 125 feet.—Natchez (Miss.) Democrat.

The deceased was an uncle of Mrs. King, Wellington Street West, and has two daughters, Theresa and Jessie, who are pupils in the Ursuline of this city.

HIS FRIENDS  
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Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets also Drove Away M. Mongeot's Nervousness and Misery.

Has the hot weather made you nervous and irritable? Is your work a trouble? Are you too weary to find pleasure in your usual pursuits? If you are it is time to take heed to your stomach.

The heat hits the stomach first and by that means it hits the whole body. If you would guard against it strengthen the weak points—help the stomach. This can be done easily and easily with Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets. They digest the food and the stomach rests and recovers its strength. Listen to what M. Mongeot, of Masson, Que., says:

"I suffered with Dyspepsia. I was very nervous and for eighteen months I was miserable. Then I commenced to use Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets. The first box helped me and I was soon entirely cured. I have recommended Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets to all my friends and they have found them good."

One of the most wonderful things in nature is a glance of the eye; it transcends speech; it is the bodily symbol of identity.

## Prisoners in Japan.

Prisoners in Japan resemble large country houses with many outbuildings and do not, either in the solidity or details of their construction, wear a penitentiary aspect. The prisoners get food in proportion to their conduct and industry. Those who do not behave will get a cake of rice, which must last them seven days. For the deserving it is the ration for but four days, and they get with it also a little horse meat and potato or pea sauce. The labor is compulsory, but not severe, and the prisoner gets part of his earnings, though it amounts to little. The discipline is military, and serving a term in prison does not impose an indelible stigma. Systematic efforts are made to improve the prisoners. All the youths under nineteen years pass two hours each day in school. Even when their term of sentence is over they cannot be released till a surety is found for their subsequent good behavior. Till this is provided they must remain in prison and may do so for indefinite periods.

## Merry Divorce.

Recently a worthy couple of Zurich, who had been married for several years, decided to get a divorce, and no sooner had the court annulled their marriage than they proceeded to show their friends how rejoiced they were at the news. The two principals went arm in arm to a leading hotel, where they ordered supper for several guests, and a few hours later a merry party assembled there and did not break up until after midnight.

Those present say that the gentleman who had just been freed from his wife and who, by the way, paid for the supper was wonderfully gallant to her during the entire evening, paying her more attention than any other woman, and that she, too, seemed just as happy as though she had just been married.

## Quaint Story of Victor Hugo.

In the diary of Sir Montagu Grant Duff the following story is told regarding Victor Hugo: "An ardent admirer once said to Hugo: 'The nation has never treated you quite properly; no street has been called after you; there ought to be a Rue Victor Hugo.' 'That will come, my children; that will come,' said the master. Then another disciple took up the running and said: 'A street! That indeed would be nothing; a whole quarter of the city should be called after you.' 'That will come, my children; that will come,' said the master. Thereupon a third disciple joined in: 'Paris should cease to be Paris, and be renamed City of Victor Hugo.' 'That will come, my children; that will come,' said Hugo serenely."

## Reflected Light.

A dead white surface has decided advantages for reflecting light over a looking glass or a bright surface. Good white blotting paper reflects back 82 per cent of the light cast upon it. Many persons are under the impression that a looking glass must be a better reflector than paper or whitewashed surface because with looking glass a strong shadow can be cast, while from a dead surface no heavy shadow is obtained. The reason is not so much that the reflected light is less from the dead surface, but that the reflection is concentrated in the case of the looking glass. With paper or whitewash it proceeds from a vast number of points.

## Curious Advertisements.

Some of the Japanese tradesmen in the smaller towns of Nippon have a curious way of advertising their business. On their right forearms they tattoo figures—the shoemaker a shoe, the woodcutter an ax, the butcher a cleaver. Underneath these emblems are such inscriptions as "I do my work modestly and cheaply," and "I am as good at my trade as most of my fellows." When they are looking for work they bare their arms and walk about the streets.

**The Ruby as a Fruit.**  
The people of Burma believe that the ruby is a kind of fruit which will ripen if you give it time. They say that most rubies do not ripen simply because they are not allowed to do so. If you want to "ripen" the ruby in your ring, according to the Burmese idea, you must take your ring and lay it in the sun for one month without disturbing it at all, and at the end of that time it will be "ripe" and good to eat.

## Two Pairs.

Mrs. Egerton Blunt—But why did you leave your last place? Applicant—I couldn't stand the way the mistress and master used to quarrel. Mrs. E. B. (shocked)—Dear me. Did they quarrel very much then? Applicant—Yes, mum. When it wasn't me and 'im it was me and 'er."

## His Wanderings.

Stranger—What wonderful tales old Blinks relates! He must have been a great traveler in his day. Native—He was never outside the county in his life, but you see, his mind has wandered for years.

## Vanity, Not Love.

Eleanor—She is very fond of him, isn't she? Gladys—Well, I don't think she's as fond of him as she is fond of having people remark that he is fond of her.

## Useless.

Noggs—And a cure for insomnia is—Physician (facetiously)—An old fashioned remedy is to count 500. Noggs—Very good, but our baby can't count.

It is considered that Japanese men are among the best needleworkers in the world, their only equals being the women of Russia.

## New Fall Goods!

Cases upon cases, bales upon bales of new goods are crowding in upon us daily. New goods of every description are being opened out, marked off and placed in stock for your inspection and buying

New Dress Goods, New Silks, New Trimmings, New Outing Hats, New Ribbons, New Hosiery, New Underwear, New Wrappers, New Waists, New Flannelette Wear, New Kid Gloves, New Fabric Gloves, New Linens, new Wrapperettes, new Skirts, new Underskirts, new Coats, new Carpets, new Curtains, new Linoleums, Raincoats, &c.

These goods are all bought direct from the largest manufacturers at home and abroad—bought at the lowest prices that any wholesale house in Canada can possibly buy them at without paying toll or commission to brokers or others for the privilege. Our large direct buying enables us to sell you the goods at lower prices than any other concern hereabout can afford to offer them at. Our preparation for this fall's trade are the most extensive we have ever made. You are invited to call and examine our new stocks—compare the goods and prices with what is shown elsewhere. We know what your verdict will be.

## THE NORTHWAY COMPANY, Limited.

## STRAYED.

STRAYED—Chestnut mare, two 2-year-old colts, and one light bay yearling colt came to my premises, Barr Farm, River Road, Raleigh, on or about Wednesday, August 17. Owner is requested to call, prove property, or they will be sold as the law directs, Monday, Sept. 12. Wm. Sangster, Chatham, P. O.

## WANTED.

AGENTS. The best is not too good. You want goods you are not afraid to recommend. Write Cooper, Drawer 531, London, Ont.

GIRL WANTED—Good girl for dining room, at the Merrill House. Apply at once.

WANTED—Men wanted to learn barber trade; only eight weeks required by our system of constant practice; tools furnished; diplomas given. Full tuition \$25. Call or write, Detroit Barber College, 21 Roland Street, Detroit, Mich.

## FOR SALE OR TO RENT.

TO RENT—October 1st, a comfortable house with bath. Inquire of Mrs. Wm. Knight Poplar street.

TO RENT—Three front rooms, furnished or unfurnished, corner of Cross and Jeffrey. 10

FENCE FOR SALE—In good state of preservation. Apply to Thomas Scullard, Victoria Avenue. 11

HOUSE FOR SALE—On Grant street, for particulars apply to Thomas Scullard, or at this office. 11

FARM FOR SALE—200 acre farm for sale, six miles from Chatham, in Harwich, in first-class condition, possession, immediately. Apply to A. H. Patterson, hardware merchant, Chatham.

FARM TO RENT—A good farm to rent, all convenient buildings necessary; well drained and plenty of water; close to store and post office and railway station; good neighborhood all round. For particulars apply to John Holwell, Grant Street, North Chatham.

FOR SALE CHEAP—Very desirable property on Queen Street, now occupied by Major Reid, as a grocery store and dwelling, one and one-half story house, south side of Wellington Street, adjoining Dr. Cornell's residence. I have also several choice building lots for sale. Terms easy. For full particulars apply to G. K. Atkinson, Insurance and Real Estate Agent, Fifth Street. 11

FARM FOR SALE—North east half of lot 16, Front concession, Township of Harwich, 138 acres. All cleared, clay loam, two good sized frame houses. Large frame barn and cattle shed; stable and driveway combined; granary and implement house. Buildings all in good repair; about five acres of orchard; artesian well, windmill and pump; three other wells. Price \$20,000. Apply on the premises to Mrs. John J. Wainwright, or to W. F. Smith, barrister and solicitor, Chatham, Ont.

## House and Lot for Sale

One story and a half house on corner Ursuline and Poplar streets, three bedrooms, parlor, back parlor, one bedroom down stairs, two up stairs, clothes closet off each bedroom, china closet, large kitchen, bathroom and pantry, hot water connection and complete.

Also a house and lot on Bedford street, eight-room house, large lot, brick foundation, in good condition, sewer and grandiose sidewalk, best part of the city to live in, good garden, fruit trees of all kind. Apply to NELSON EMERY, City.

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100 acre farm in Raleigh, brick house, large barn, stable and other outbuildings. All cleared. About four miles from Chatham, \$7,500.  
100 acre farm in Harwich, good frame house, barn, stable and other outbuildings, \$6,500.  
50 acre farm in Tilbury East, good frame house and barn, \$2,500.  
50 acre farm, River Road, Dover, brick house, stable and granary, \$3,500.  
80 acre farm, River Road, Raleigh; one of the best, good frame house, large barn, stable and other outbuildings; a large orchard of various fruits; land all tile drained, \$6,000.

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Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Plans, specifications and details to be seen at the office of the undersigned architects, JAS. L. WILSON & SON, Architects.

Directors—W. R. Hall, M. D., President; W. W. Scam, Esq., Secretary; Chas. Bradley, Esq., Treas.; W. D. Sheldon, Esq., and W. Witherspoon, Esq.

## Tenders Wanted

Sealed, bulk or separate tenders, addressed to W. M. Druder, will be received at the office of the undersigned until Thursday, September 1, for the masonry and stone work, plastering, painting, and glazing, plumbing, heating and slate roofing, required in the erection of a brick and stone residence on Wellington St. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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King Street,  
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