

OUR TREATY WITH FRANCE.

Lower Duties on French Laces, Silks, Etc.

Light Wines Will Also Be Made Lower.

Canadian Farmer Gets Reciprocal Advantage.

Ottawa, Nov. 28.—The Franco-Canadian treaty which was brought down to Parliament to-day was concluded at Paris on September 19th. Following the form in which the treaty was signed in both the English and French languages, the treaty, or convention, as it is technically called, is printed for distribution in the two languages, side by side. The English version is headed, "Convention respecting the commercial relations between Canada and France."

The old treaty gave to Canada in the French market the minimum tariff rates on a number of articles, chiefly the products of the fisheries and the forest. It gave to France in the Canadian market special rates of duty on a number of French specialties, of which the most important were champagnes and wines.

A Big Preferential List. The new treaty gives to France in the Canadian markets the benefit of the Canadian intermediate tariff on ninety-eight tariff items. In addition to these, concessions below the intermediate tariff are granted to France on a number of French specialties. The rate on champagnes remains the same as in the old treaty. The duties on light wines are graded in proportion to their alcoholic strength. Those containing more than 23 per cent. of alcohol and not more than 20 per cent. remain at the same rate of duty as now—namely, twenty-five cents per gallon. The lighter wines containing only 20 per cent. or less of alcohol are to come in at fifteen cents per gallon. Those containing more than 20 per cent. and not more than 23 per cent. of alcohol are to bear duty at twenty cents per gallon.

Novels or works of fiction, etc., unbound or paper bound, printed in the French language, 15 per cent. ad valorem. Other books in the French language, 5 per cent. ad valorem. Liquid medicines, not containing alcohol, 25 per cent. ad valorem. Olive oil, 15 per cent. ad valorem.

Embroideries, lace, manufactures of lace, nettings of cotton, silk, etc., 27 1/2 per cent. ad valorem. Pure silk and silk fabrics, 20 per cent. Ribbons of all kinds and materials, 25 per cent. Manufactures of silk, 25 per cent. In several of these cases the duties are the same as in the British preferential tariff, and in one or two cases they are lower than the rates of the British preferential tariff, but these are cases in which Britain does not produce the goods. In any case where the British preferential rate is higher it follows that it will be reduced to the rates of the French treaty. In the case of embroideries, laces, velvets, and silk goods the treaty rates are above those of the British preferential tariff.

On the other hand, Canada is to enjoy the benefit of the French market at the rate of duty in the French minimum tariff upon 152 tariff items. These include nearly all the products of paper, meat, fish, dried goods, pulp and a considerable line of manufactured goods, some of which are already exported from Canada and others are of a class which might in future be exported.

In the case of a number of these items which are printed in italic in the treaty as brought down, the rates of the French minimum tariff are the same as the rates of the French general tariff, but by putting them in the list Canada assumed of itself a reduction in the tariff which may hereafter be made on such items. In the old treaty Canada received guarantees of favored-nation treatment in France as respects the particular articles mentioned in the treaty, while France on the other hand, received guarantees of favored-nation treatment in all tariff and commercial matters.

The new treaty conditions are reciprocal. France receives favored-nation treatment in Canada on the list of articles mentioned in the schedules. Canada receives favored-nation treatment in France on all the articles mentioned in the schedules. This clause opens the way for negotiating further trade treaties with other countries without having any reduction in the tariff rates given them apply necessarily also to France.

the French Chambers and by the Parliament of Canada, after which ratifications are to be exchanged at Paris, and the treaty will then come into force. Reference is made to a period of ten years as the contemplated period of the treaty, but either party may terminate the treaty at any time by twelve months' notice.

The French commissioners strongly urged when the treaty was in course of preparation that France should get the whole benefit of the British preferential tariff, but the Canadian commissioners would not agree to any such proposal, with the result that the tariff against British goods will be in nearly every item of importance to the British manufacturer considerably below the tariff against French goods.

The gradation in the wine duties is made with a view to encouraging the importation of light wines rather than heavier wines. To Build Up Canada's Ports. The provision with respect to goods coming direct to Canadian ports will help to build up Canadian shipping and Canadian ports. The total value of the Canadian exports enumerated in the treaty as getting the preferential French rate amounts to about two hundred million dollars. The reduction in duties given by the advantage of the minimum French tariff, as compared with the present schedule, varies from about five to twenty-five per cent. On agricultural implements, for instance, Canadian manufacturers would be allowed to export goods to France at a lower rate of duty than afforded the manufacturer of the United States or any other country.

Canadian Goods at the Minimum. The principal items of Canadian products which will enjoy the benefit of the minimum French tariff when the treaty is ratified are as follows: Horses and cattle, poultry, meats, dairy products, honey, fish, grain, malt, pulse, potatoes, table fruits, such as apples, pears and peaches, syrups and candied fruits, preserves, tar, woods rough or sawn, charcoal, vegetables fresh or preserved, fodder, including hay, sprouts, wood pulp, mineral waters, emery in any form, cement, coal, cast iron, wrought iron drawn in bars, angle and T iron, axes and types in the rough, sheet and plate iron, steel wire, iron or steel rails, steel in bars, sheets or bands, copper ore, etc., lead, nickel, crude or refined, antimony, compound medicines, starch, incandescent electric lamps, yarn of hemp for manufacture of fishing lines and nets and of cordage, paper or card, cardboard goods and ornaments, skins and hides, boots and shoes, gloves, transmission belts and other articles of leather, peltries, locomotives and traction engines, agricultural machinery, sewing machines, dynamos, linotypes, general machinery, bolts, wire gauze, iron castings, for machinery or for ornaments, wire nails of iron or steel, lead pipes, electric accumulators, furniture, doors, wainscoting, etc., small wooden wares, pianos, organs and instruments, with iron metallic rods, carriages for rail uses, seagoing ships of wood, river boats of any size of wood, manufactures of India rubber and gutta percha, mica, and typewriters without nickelled parts.

MAY LOSE CITIZENSHIP.

Question of U. S. Citizens Who Vote in Canadian Elections. Winnipeg, Nov. 27.—American citizens who poll votes in the coming municipal elections forfeit their right to citizenship in the United States by participating in politics foreign to the United States, and become alien to the land of their birth. The question has been raised lately by American citizens who have overlooked the fact that the municipal act provides that only British subjects are entitled to vote, or who claim, as many of them do, that they were not asked as to their nationality when they applied for registration or for the ballot. In many cases they did not understand that they had to be British subjects, and considered the ownership of property and payment of taxes the only required qualifications. This affects a very large number of residents of Winnipeg and western Canada.

Consul Jones states that in his opinion such an action as voting places the person doing so in a position where he cannot be regarded as an American citizen. Leaving aside the offence of voting in contravention of the laws of the Province, the Consul said: "This is a question that I cannot decide, it being a matter for the courts; but I do think that an American citizen who votes in Canada at municipal, Dominion or Provincial elections jeopardizes his American citizenship. This, of course, is based upon the law of Canada, which requires a man to be a British subject to be entitled to vote at any election, and it necessarily follows that where an American participates in an election in a foreign country he identifies himself with that country."

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LOOKING INTO DISASTER.

The Commissioners Will Visit Quebec Bridge To-morrow. Quebec, Nov. 28.—The bridge commissioners returned to Quebec this morning to-day had a conference with Mr. Heare, Quebec bridge engineer. To-morrow they will go to Belair to inspect the material in the yards there. Another visit will be paid to the bridge on Saturday, and the commission expect to go to New York next Monday night to conclude the examination of Mr. Cooper. The commission expect to complete their investigation and present a report to Parliament within three weeks.

DROWNED WHILE SKATING.

S. Earwaker Went Through Hole in Ice Near Kenora. Kenora, Nov. 28.—What is regarded as a drowning accident occurred Tuesday evening when S. Earwaker left home for a skate on Lawrence Creek, near the lake here. Not returning, a search was instituted and a hole in the ice was discovered. The creek has been dragged, but so far there is no trace of the body. Earwaker was about 30 years old. His wife and family joined him here from the old country a few months ago.

Hamilton's Headquarters.

For shaving supplies is Gerrie's Drug Store, 32 James street north. Most complete stock, including Gillette razors \$5, Gem safety \$2.50, Wiltch safety \$1.50 Ever-ready safety \$1. King Shaver and carbide-magnetic (best sold) \$2, King Cutter \$1.25, and many other kinds; also razor hones, clippers, Adonis Hed-Rub, June clover, and an immense stock of high-grade razor strops.

Christmas Hints



Here is a partial list of the many things to be found at this store which make a handsome Christmas gift: Suit Cases, Club, Brief, Medical, Gladstone and Hand Bags of all kinds from 75c to \$30. Ladies' and Gentlemen's Hat Cases, Toilet Fitted Bags and Cases, Music Rolls, Purses, Card Cases and Wallets, Flasks, Drinking Glasses, Ebony Brushes and Mirrors, Cigar Cases, Portfolios and Brush Cases of every description. Alligator Hand Bags a specialty.

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MOTOR FIENDS PASSED ON.

Killed Man in Race at Baltimore, But Did Not Stop. Baltimore, Md., Nov. 28.—During a race between two high-powered automobiles at an early hour to-day, James F. Grinnel, colored, was struck and instantly killed by one of the machines. The cars were driven by Frank J. Brown, son of former Governor Brown of this State, and James Elliott, a sporting man of Washington, D. C. Neither one stopped after the accident, but continued on their course. The police later arrested young Brown and his chauffeur. Brown did not deny being involved in the affair, but declared that it was Elliott's automobile that struck Grinnel. He and his chauffeur were arraigned in court, and released on their own recognizance for a hearing next Monday. The police were unable to find Elliott.

ANOTHER HOLD-UP.

Officials at Prescott Station Bound and the Till Riddled. Prescott, Nov. 28.—A hold-up took place at the G. T. R. station at 3 o'clock this morning. Two masked men threw two rocks through the ticket office window, and covering the Night Operator, Conable and Night Baggageman Tynes, who were in the office at the time, with revolvers, ordered the operator to open the door. After entering the office the robbers tied up the two men and rifled the till. They got about \$47 and escaped, leaving the two victims bound. Operator Conable succeeded in releasing Tynes by untying the ropes with his teeth, when the alarm was given to the police over the telephone. As yet there is no trace of the burglars.

SUFFOCATED IN HER HOME.

Elderly Widow of Peterboro Found Dead by Police. Peterboro, Ont., Nov. 28.—Mrs. Maggie Kerr, a widow, aged 60 years, who lived alone in a flat over Dutton's grocery store, was found dead in bed at noon today by the police. In retiring on Monday night she had not properly closed the stove, and the room was filled with gas. Coroner Dr. Gray states that death was due to asphyxiation. Mrs. Kerr had been dead three days, and not being about, an investigation was made. She leaves one son, Walter Kerr, 294 King street east, Toronto.

FEEL CONFIDENT.

Mr. Robert F. Tate, resident engineer of Mackenzie & Mann, died at the Western Hospital, Toronto, on Thursday. A number of Toronto bakers have been summoned on a charge of placing shortweight bread for sale. The York County Council has decided to ask Judge Morson to investigate charges made against Magistrate Woodcock and certain county constables.

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HARRISBURG

The remains of the late Ollie Patterson, oldest daughter of Mr. John Patterson, of London, who died at her home there after a lingering illness, were brought here for burial on Friday the 22nd. Deceased was well known, having spent all her life here. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Ferguson, of this place. A large number of friends and relations gathered to pay their last respects to the departed. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of the whole community.

Mr. James Martz, of this place, has been appointed G. T. R. rolling stock inspector at Brantford station. Mr. John Berry, of Hamilton, spent Sunday with friends in the village. Mrs. A. Dowswell, formerly of this place, was visiting friends here a few days last week. The hunters who went to Muskoka a couple of weeks ago returned home having had good luck, each securing a fine big deer. Quite a number from here attended the sale at Mr. Greenfield's last week. Mr. Green is taking down the signal tower on the G. T. R. here and moving it to his farm near by. Mrs. Geo. Vrooman spent Sunday with friends in Hamilton. Mrs. McLoud, who has been visiting friends west of here for a couple of weeks, returned home on Tuesday last. Miss Annie Grant, of Paris, was in the village on Friday attending the funeral of Miss Olive Patterson.

ATTERCLIFFE

Miss Bertha Bowman, of Welland, visited her parents here over Sunday last. Mr. Joseph Turler lost one of his working horses last week. Mr. Edward Dilts was a visitor with her daughter here, Mrs. E. Miller, last Sunday. Mr. Lemon Randall is improving quite satisfactorily, and visited his parents in Dunnville last Sunday. Jacob Studler has his new house nearly completed. Councillor A. E. Burritt, Gainsboro, attended the Big Liberal convention at St. Catharines and reports a grand meeting. Butcher Geo. Clark expects to open a meat market at Niagara Falls this coming week. The revival meetings in the hall here will continue this week. Evangelist Howie is the speaker.

WOODBURN

John Thompson, of York, paid a visit to Wm. Daw on Monday. James Jarvis, of St. Catharines, was in this place on business on Tuesday. Mrs. Hugh Johnson returned home on Saturday, after spending a few days in Hamilton. Mrs. Henry and Miss May Henry, of Grimsby, are visiting Arthur Henry, here. J. Reid has broken up over 225 acres of sod on the ranch this fall, and expects to get more broken up yet. Mrs. Fred White and daughter, Miss Florence White, of Stony Creek, returned to their home, after spending a few days with Andrew White, of this place.

SMITHVILLE

Mrs. Steele, of Dundas, district officer of the W. F. M. S., delivered a fine address in the Presbyterian Church here on Wednesday evening. On Monday, the 18th, there passed away at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. William Capelan, of this vicinity, one of the oldest residents of this vicinity, Rev. John B. Cutler, at the advanced age of 90 years. His funeral took place to the Union Cemetery on Wednesday last. Rev. A. L. Gee, Ph. D., of Brantford, conducted the services at the Methodist Church. Mr. T. W. Shipman was in St. Catharines on business on Saturday last. Camp's Literary Society will reorganize for the winter at the school-room on Thursday, Dec. 5th, at 7 p. m. A large attendance is requested. Mr. Munroe, of Georgian Bay, has located in Smithville, Eastman's building, where he will be found by those needing his services. Rev. Dr. Smith, of St. Catharines, will preach in the Presbyterian Church here on Sabbath next at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

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CASTORVILLE

Archie Farewell spent Sunday last with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Fralick. J. T. Taylor and son Hall spent Wednesday evening with relatives in this place. Miss Laura Shields is dressmaking for Mrs. F. Dennis. W. D. Hoover is doing a fine business chopping grain with his new gasoline engine. Miss Springer, sister of Rev. Mr. Springer, is spending the week at the parsonage. Robt. Mitchell is a happy man these days. A little daughter arrived at his home on Monday last. A new coal stove has been placed in the parsonage.

proceeds amounted to nearly \$100 which is for the benefit of the public library. Mr. Austin Wingarden and family have moved into this village. Several from this village attended the auction sale at Mrs. A. Goring's, near Kelvin, on Tuesday afternoon.

ALBERTON

Alex. Robertson, Hamilton, spent Sunday in the village. Miss Dora Vanderlip, West Flamboro, was the guest, on Sunday, of her parents here. A very successful meeting of the Alberton Ladies' Aid Society was held yesterday at the home of Mrs. J. Sage, Trinity. Arthur and Mrs. Markle and family visited friends in Trinity on Sunday. Mrs. G. N. Peer is visiting in Brantford. At Baptist Settlement, on Nov. 27, by Rev. Mr. McKinnon, Effie, only daughter of Fred, and Mrs. Pettit, and Cyrus Johnson, of this village, were married. Heartly congratulations and best wishes.

EAST SENECA

East Seneca will hold its Christmas entertainment on Thursday evening, Dec. 19. Admission 10 and 15 cents. Miss Aggie Woodwiss has returned home, after visiting in Dunnville and other places. Misses E. Parker and Hazel Pettigrew and John Waring visited at C. Lattimer's on Sunday. Miss Crosby, of Caistor, is visiting friends in this vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. H. Dilts spent Monday at Mr. C. Lattimer's. Wallace Calder gave a farewell party to a number of his friends on Monday evening.

The population of the prairie districts of Canada has doubled within the last five years.

SCOTLAND

Several from this village attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Jonas Smith at Wilsonville on Friday afternoon. Mr. J. Nicholson, a former section boss on the T. H. & B. here, died at his residence on Friday and was buried on Sunday afternoon. He leaves a widow and an only son. Many friends extend sympathy to the bereaved ones. Mrs. N. Owen leaves this week to visit relatives in Norwich and Tilsonburg. The concert which was held in the hall on Friday evening, was a grand success. A splendid programme was provided and there was good attendance. The

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