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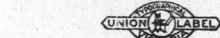
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BRITISH POSTAL RATES.

The postal rates on newspapers and
magazines from Great Britain to Cana-
da have been taken up by the Bir-
mingham Chamber of Commerce. The
attention of that body was called to
the matter by an English visitor to
Canada, who, on his return home, wrote
a letter to the Birmingham Daily Post
in which he stated that in all his jour-
neys, extending as far as the Pacific
Coast, he had seen only one English
newspaper. He complained also that
Canadians receive their English news,
not direct from Great Britain, but
through the newspapers at New York,
where everything that will magnify
American trade and customs is care-
fully supplied, and the reverse sup-
pressed. As the ship in which he sailed
to Montreal had to take 1,000 tons of
water in tanks for ballast, he thought
there should be no difficulty in arrang-
ing for the cheap carriage of literature.
The Birmingham Chamber of Com-
merce has sent two letters, one to the
Secretary-General of the Post Office
Department, and one to the Right
Honourable Austen Chamberlain, M.
P., postmaster-general, in which at-
tention is called to the "great
discrepancy which exists in the
rates of postage for newspapers,
magazines and periodicals, as between
America and Canada, and England and
Canada, to the great detriment of the
commercial relations between the two
countries." It is pointed out that the
British rate on the publications referred
to, when despatched by publishers from
the office of publication or by news
agents to their regular subscribers is
4 pence per lb. as against 1 cent per lb.
from the United States to Canada. It
is added that "The Canadian people,
therefore, are unable to purchase Brit-
ish newspapers, magazines or periodicals
because of the excessive cost imposed
by reason of the heavy postal rate. It
is further urged that "advertisements
are rarely or never seen by the Cana-
dian people, while advertisements of
American goods, which are so lavishly
advertised in American publications, be-
come household words, to the serious
loss of the British manufacturer of
sales of his various lines of goods, which
are not asked for by the reading public
of Canada, because they can only know
of similar lines of goods manufactured
in the United States." To secure re-
dress the Birmingham Chamber of Com-
merce has taken the right course in
emphasizing the loss occasioned by these
rates to British trade, and it is possible
that something may now be done.

BESIDE THE MARK.

The Vancouver World bases a long
attack on Colonel Prior on the fact
that he was unable to be present at
the conference of Provincial premiers
at Quebec. It says that some of the
remarks at that conference gave evi-
dence of a feeling of hostility on the
part of the Eastern provinces towards
the West, and that these provinces are
likely in pressing for a readjustment

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of their own matters, to resist the
claims of British Columbia for better
terms. It contends that Colonel Prior
should have been at the conference to
explain British Columbia's position,
and to secure the co-operation of the
Eastern provinces in having justice
done. All of which is very true, but
entirely beside the point. In the first
place it would have necessitated Col-
onel Prior's starting for the East within
twenty-four hours of his receiving an
invitation to be present at the confer-
ence, for him to have been able to par-
ticipate in it. It is almost needless
to remark that it is an impossibility for
the Premier of a province to arrange
for an absence from his post involving
weeks, at a few hours notice, especially
at a time like the present in British
Columbia, with bye-elections coming on,
the session drawing near, and not a
few administrative and political com-
plications demanding attention. However,
the inference drawn by the World from
Colonel Prior's absence, that the in-
terests of the province have been grievously injured, is fortunately entirely
without foundation. The Premier is
in correspondence with the President
of Quebec, who called this conference,
upon matters affecting the relations be-
tween the provinces and the Dominion,
and so far as we know a most cordial
understanding exists as to co-operation,
so far as co-operation is either possible
or desirable. This baseless and stupid
attack on Colonel Prior over a matter
in which he did the best any man
could, is a sample of the lengths to
which the personal prejudice which is
becoming markedly characteristic of the
politics of this province can go. As if
any man in the position of Premier of
British Columbia, a matter of this kind
would not do all he could in the in-
terests of his province. No one could
have done any more under the circum-
stances than Colonel Prior did, and we
are just enough to know that had he
Premier would have done any less.

BEEF IS DOWN.

We heard a great deal about the in-
fluenza beef trust some time ago. But
that trust was either not formed, or it
officially failed in the purpose for
which it was formed. The market re-
ports show that cattle which were sell-
ing at \$8.50 to \$8.75 a hundred in Aug-
ust and September in Chicago, are now
selling at \$4.75 to \$5.25. This is a re-
duction of about 40 per cent. on the
beef, and though the Eastern meat
dealers still maintain pretty stiff rates,
they are selling cheaper than they did in
the early fall. It is rather a remarkable
thing that such high changes should
occur in the price of beef. In a coun-
try only growing enough beef for its
own consumption, they would be im-
possible. But they may be explained
in the United States through the check
given to export trade by high prices.
This occurrence in the scale of prices of
beef is an illustration of what must oc-
cur with regard to every commodity in
which the United States does an export
trade. A large balance of trade means
the importation of money. That means
a rise in the level of prices. That
checks exports and leaves the exporting
country with an unsealable surplus.
Down then come prices. The process,
however, is not so simple and easy in
practice as it is on paper. Because costs
of production have been scaled up to
the high prices, and before they are
scaled down again, profits are extin-
guished, banks go crash and there is a
general crisis. On these grounds we
have always had a suspicion that a
crisis was in store for the United States
since prices began to soar to an abnor-
mal level; nor will we believe that the
danger is over until prices resume their
more normal course. It is in the price
of the staple commodities of commerce
that the problem of recurrent panics
must be studied, not in stock exchange
prices or the money market. Prices
there are results, not causes, and re-
medies applied there attack symptoms, not
the disease itself.

WOOD PULP.

The publishers of the United States
are making a strong effort to get the
duty on wood pulp removed. They ex-
pect to make a strong point of the fact
that the gradual exhaustion of the sup-
ply of suitable timber which they for-
merly had to draw upon in the lake
States has removed practically all the
protective value of the existing duty,
and, as the publishing trade is now
obliged to import heavily from Canada,
the duty has become a rather burden-
some tax on an important domestic in-
dustry. If the supplies of wood for
pulp are becoming exhausted in the
United States it is clear that Canada
must be looked upon for a supply of
the raw material for paper making over
the whole North American continent.
Why should Canada not make the paper
as well as the pulp? Within a measur-
able space of time we shall be in a
position to compel the United States to
take all the great portion of its paper
from Canadian mills, and the policy
of the country should be directed to-
wards taking advantage of this oppor-
tunity. Eventually the conditions now
existing in the United States will apply
also to Eastern Canada. Already the
eyes of the pulp and paper manufactur-
ers are being turned towards the prac-
tically inexhaustible forests of British Co-
lumbia. Sooner or later this province
will be the centre of the pulp and paper-
making industry, and our greatest asset
of more practical benefit to us than it is
at present.

Alderman McCandless has made the
remark that he approved of Alderman
Barnard's sewer scheme, that that
scheme in fact was similar in idea to
one which originated in his own head.
Very likely. But it is one thing to out-
line a scheme and quite another thing
to put one's shoulder to the wheel and
push a scheme through. The credit for
that belongs to Alderman Barnard and
to him alone.

THE POINT ELLICE BRIDGE.

We hope that this is the last time this
ill-omened and ill-fated heading appears
above an article in these columns. Some
time ago tenders were called for, and a
contract practically given for the erec-
tion of a steel pin structure. At the
same time it was pointed out that the
labor of the city would benefit very con-

siderably by the construction of a rivet-
ed bridge instead of a pin bridge.
The question of the bridge has been re-
considered, and it is now proposed to
build a rivetted bridge. The Mayor was
satisfied he had found a solution by
which a rivetted bridge could be built
without very much delay. By the way,
it did not seem as though a successful solu-
tion could be found from the apparently in-
extricable tangle of the Mayor's
matter was again drifting. This gave
great occasion for rejoicing to Mayor
Hayward's enemies. But they proved
too soon. The Mayor stuck to his guns.
He was determined that if possible the
working men of Victoria should have the
benefit of a rivetted bridge would confer upon
them. He was equally determined that
there should be no delay in going on
with the bridge. He has succeeded in
solving the puzzle, and the city owes him
a debt of gratitude, whether it dischar-
ges it by electing him mayor or not.
As the matter at present stands, the
contract will be signed immediately, the
council having approved of it, and the
tendering firm accepted it. If a rivet-
ed bridge can be built, it will be built,
the engineers of the city, because it has
reserved the right to insist upon altera-
tions in the present plans if altera-
tions be considered by a majority of
skill to be necessary. On the other
hand the contractors have agreed to ac-
cept any alteration that may be made
if necessary and essential. In any case,
if this attempt to procure a rivetted
bridge breaks down, it is extremely un-
likely that it will, the bridge will
be proceeded with under the old plan,
and the city will be in a more advan-
taged position, and it is entirely due
to the skill, assiduity and energy of
Mayor Hayward that it does occupy it. If
there were no contested election on, he would
receive praise from the whole com-
munity. As it is, he will receive praise
from a large majority who will have an
opportunity to express their opinion on
the evidence of their appreciation.

THE LEAD INDUSTRY.

Those owning and interested in the
silver mines in British Columbia have
at last united upon a sound, co-
herent line of policy, and an influential
organization has been formed to ex-
plain the Western conviction that pro-
tection is the only remedy for the de-
pression of the silver mine industry.
It is to be hoped that this remedy will
be adopted. It may be well to review the
history of the agitation for protection
in the United States. The silver in-
dustry, by acquiring control of smelters and
refineries, was able to dictate the price
of silver. As a result, the price of silver
in the United States, it was obliged to co-
operate with the mine owners, and re-
sulted in a combination of the mine
owners could go into the business
and control the price of silver. The
trust of course it was not to the in-
terest of the mine owners to do this,
but the mine owners had no other
break prices as well. But with regard
to lead produced in Canada, it was un-
der no obligation to consider the mine
owners, because they had no means of
entering the United States market. If
an outlet were found for Canadian lead
in the United States, the mine owners
would not directly interfere with the
business of the trust. So far as
Canadian mine owners are concerned,
the only means available of rescuing the
mine was to start refineries in Canada.
But this could not be done, because
the price of purchase from the Cana-
dian producer, and its price of sale to
the Canadian refiner, would not be
hypothetical theory of what might not
happen under certain circumstances; it
was an accurate description of what
happened, in the case of the silver in-
dustry. The practical outcome of the
question then arose of how this state
of affairs was to be altered. The
Conservative press of the province
claimed protection as the only real
remedy. It pointed out that the
results were more striking,
the result of free trade, or practical free
trade, was the loss of the mine owners
from the results of free trade in any
other commodity Canada was capable
of supplying with her own resources.
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