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## A BOOMERANG ARGUMENT.

Congressman Eugene Foss, Democratic candidate for Governor of Massachusetts, is devoting considerable time in his campaign to advocating reciprocity with Canada. Canada, he tells his hearers, has limitless resources; Canada will progress faster in the quarter century ahead than will the United States. And finally he warns the people of that rich manufacturing state that if reciprocity is not accomplished, if some arrangements are not made whereby American goods can be sold freely in this ever growing market of Canada, then Americans will have to spend three hundred million dollars in building factories in Canada to capture their share of this trade, which with reciprocity could be shared from the United States.

From the point of view of the people of the United States, says the Ottawa Journal, the argument of Mr. Foss is excellent and convincing. If they can capture a large share of the commerce of Canada by means of a trade agreement, and without digging up a whole lot of capital to send to Canada, then they certainly would be foolish not to try. But what about the Canadian side of it? Is not the argument of Mr. Foss about the most convincing that could be offered to Canadians against a reciprocity agreement with the United States? "Here," he says in effect, "if we cannot get Canada to let our goods in free or almost free, we will have to go to Canada with our hundreds of millions, we will have to develop water powers for our factories, erect vast works, employ thousands of Canadians and pay an enormous weekly salary list to the workmen of that country. But by a simple agreement we can keep this money in the United States, keep the factories here, pay the wages to Americans, and simply send the manufactured goods to Canada, and have the Canadians send us back the money for them."

That the argument offered by Mr. Foss is a practical one, is shown by the fact that the process of factory building in Canada has already begun. Many of the largest American producers have built factories in Canada for the Canadian trade. Just a week ago another big Canadian factory to manufacture an American product was announced. And in this connection it is reasonable to suppose that once reciprocity really was a fact many of these factories, if not all of them, would close down permanently with all the loss in wages, etc., that such would involve for Canada. It is a principle of trade that as a rule it pays to concentrate the manufacture of an article in the one plant. That is, manufacturers prefer one big plant from which shipments can be made to the entire world, rather than smaller and more widely scattered manufactures. In smaller plants there is waste, and also there is the expense of administration. Canada, in case reciprocity becomes a fact, may fairly expect the majority of plants engaged in the manufacture of some American utility, to close their doors and withdraw their business to the United States.

The arguments of Mr. Foss, convincing as they are to American ears, are a boomerang which takes an entirely different direction when applied on the Canadian side of the line. Mr. Foss himself states the Canadian argument against agreeing to a reciprocity treaty as well as any Canadian could.

## HISTORY IN MARBLE

A little volume just issued by the London County Council on the outdoor memorials in the metropolis shows what a varied collection of monuments the citizens possess, and how great a proportion of national history is written in marble and stone in the London streets. The book is strictly limited to objects which are of a "memorial" character. True statues such as those of Physical Energy, in Kensington Gardens; Diana, in Hyde Park; the Heracles-Wrestlers, in Victoria Embankment Gardens; and tablets such as that of the Boy and Panyer in Panyer Alley, marking what is alleged to be the highest ground in the city, and that of the sun-dial in Waterloo Park, recording the fact that it is level with the top of the dome of St. Paul's, are not included. According to this little volume, the memorials of Queen Victoria number 24. Among them are five statues. There are 11 drinking fountains in London commemorating Queen Victoria, as well as two clock towers and three cattle troughs.

At the present moment the finishing touches are being put to the Paul's Cross in St. Paul's Churchyard. This is described in the book as a memorial of the old preaching cross, near the same site. It consists of a tall Doric column, the base of which is on a raised and enclosed platform, and the top of which supports a short pedestal surmounted by the statue of St. Paul. The memorial is almost entirely of Portland stone, the statue being of bronze. It is being provided out of funds left by the late Mr. H. C. Richards, K. C.

It is curious that the only memorial of John Bright is to be found in Victoria Park. It consists of a drinking fountain of polished grey granite. Free water thus commemorates cheap bread! On the other hand, Bright's comrade in arms—Richard Cobden—has a statue of Sicilian marble in High Street, Camden Town; while a tablet of encaustic ware at No. 23 Suffolk Street, Pall-mall, commemorates the place of his death. Many and various are the memorials mentioned in the book. One consists of a stone slab on Mile-End Waste, with inscription in lead letters: "Here William Booth commenced the work of the Salvation Army, July, 1865, Laid 9th July, 1910."

In Trinity Square, Southwark, is a stone statue, the origin of which is stated to be quite unknown. It is usually said to represent Alfred the Great. At

Queen Anne's Gate there is a stone statue of Queen Anne. It is believed to have been erected in the 18th century through the loyalty of William Patterson, the founder of the Bank of England. When taken charge of by the Office of Works it was in a very dilapidated condition. The children of the locality were accustomed in their play to call the statue by the name of "Bloody Queen Mary" and to assault it with missiles.

## THE INDIAN SWINDLE AGAIN.

The Laurier government has a confidential agent in Manitoba probing the scandal attaching to the sale of the St. Peter's reserve lands to favorites of the Ottawa administration. Because of the nasty revelations bearing on that transaction and because of the unsettled status of titles Ottawa has seen fit to look into charges reflecting upon the integrity of the government and the honesty of the men concerned in what is generally accepted as a bald swindle of the wards of the Dominion.

Commenting on the fact that the confidential probe of the inquiry is to meet the victims of this swindle at a gathering at St. Peter's, the Winnipeg Telegram points out that if the government agent is really bent upon getting at the bottom of the transaction he will find victims of his land-grabbing operation in plenty ready to testify.

But it will not escape public comment that this investigation will merely substantiate charges brought before the attention of parliament at the last session by Hon. George H. Bradbury. That gentleman presented to parliament the evidence of the victims of this atrocious bunko game. The voluminous and convincing testimony read in parliament had no other reception than that of contemptuous refusal by the government majority to consider charge and proof.

Now, after a lapse of months, the Laurier government decides that the matter is one for investigation. And so it is. Mr. Bradbury's presentation of the case at the last session was enough to convince any fair-minded man that government favorites were guilty of a plain robbery of the St. Peter's reserve Indians. It is a concession to the force of public opinion that at this late day an inquiry is set afoot. If Mr. Bradbury's charges are without basis that fact can be easily determined by careful inquiry. If they are founded on fact then it were time that somebody be punished for this exploitation of the Indians.

## WOMAN'S CHANCE.

Advocates of woman suffrage will derive little comfort from the news that in Chicago, where women will have a chance at the next election to vote for trustees of the University of Illinois, only 490 women esteemed this glorious privilege sufficiently to register. Equal suffrage champions had been urging upon their sisters the importance of taking part in politics, and this educational campaign brought out exactly 490 women. As there must be about 250,000 women in Chicago who were eligible to register and vote in this election, the participation of fully 490 shows a most remarkable interest.

This is even worse than the showing made in Massachusetts 15 years ago. Then a referendum upon the question of municipal suffrage for women was submitted to the women of that state. About 575,000 women were eligible to vote—and it should be remembered that the question they were to decide was whether woman should have the ballot in municipal elections. Out of 575,000 only 22,204 took the trouble to go to the ballot box to register their desire for the ballot.

The Pittsburg Times declares that in the face of such facts it is any wonder that many conservative thinkers hesitate to force the ballot upon woman? A small percentage of women is loudly clamoring for it. A far greater percentage of women is totally indifferent to it, as shown by such experiences as that in Chicago. The apathy of the male voter is appalling; that of the female voter is almost incomprehensible. So far she has certainly shown no overwhelming desire to take up the burden of politics, and there appears no very potent reason why she should be made to do so because 490 out of 250,000 yearn to vote.

## Current Comment

### (Toronto News.)

There can be no reason for Canada to go to the assistance of the distracted Republican party in the United States. It is plain that Mr. Taft and his advisers seek a trade negotiation with the Ottawa government in order to direct attention from the Payne tariff. If Washington desires better trade relations with the Dominion it is only necessary to reduce American duties to the Canadian level. This is the proposal that the Canadian ministers should make to Washington, and until this is accomplished there can be no fair basis for reciprocal negotiations.

### (Montreal Gazette.)

Certain bricklayers at St. John, N. B., have gone on strike because two expert cement workers, who were engaged on the same job, worked overtime for the purpose of hurrying through the contract. This seems to be the year for bricklayers showing that they can be as foolish as any of their fellows. At Winnipeg, at Montreal, and now at St. John, they acted as if they owed nothing to anybody but themselves and as if when they wanted a thing everybody else's convenience must wait.

### (Toronto Globe.)

The Y. M. C. A. movement owes much to the enthusiasm and the idealism of youth:—  
Hope is high at one and twenty,  
Faith is strong and courage true;  
All the world around is beautiful,  
All the sky above is blue.  
A great Frenchman said the watchword of success was "audacity—always audacity." The Y. M. C. A. watchword is enthusiasm—always enthusiasm. And it succeeds.

### (Winnipeg Telegram.)

Indirectly, we have done something for Britain. The Niobe was destined for the British naval scrap heap, when our government jumped in and saved her from destruction, at a figure of something around a million dollars. That was something of a contribution to Britain. Rest assured the balance of the navy will be quite as up-to-date as the Niobe.

### (Woodstock Sentinel-Review.)

Even when we go out to take the air we do so in an automobile, a motor boat or a rubber-tired rig. Walking is actually becoming a lost art, more's the pity. We talk a good deal about getting back to nature, but most of us are content to lie in a hammock and read about it.

### (Neepawa Reporter.)

Goldwin Smith's claim to fame may rest on his literary work, but to us it is more noteworthy that, according to the terms of his will, he had kept the same housemaid for thirteen years.

## COUPLE WED AFTER LONG SEPARATION

Sweethearts at School, but Filial Duty and Other Obstacles Prevented Early Marriage—Making Up for it

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 29.—A thirty-five-year romance was ended when Georgia A. Noe, of Marengo, Ohio, and Winifred Brown, of Moreland, Kan., were married here at the home of the bride's nephew, F. E. Short.

Sweethearts in youth, the two had been separated by the sense of duty that kept Miss Noe by her parents' side and later by the marriage of her sweetheart to another girl. When freedom came to each the interrupted courtship was resumed and culminated in their marriage. The bride is fifty-three and her husband fifty-six.

Miss Noe was a leader of the young people of College Springs, Iowa, when the romance began. Mr. Brown attended school with her and they "kept company" for several years. At last he proposed, but was refused because the parents of Miss Noe were aged and she was needed to care for them. Brown married another girl of the same town. The young man, the Kansas. He prospered and owns a farm of more than a thousand acres. Four children were born and all are now married and women. Miss Noe remained in College Springs until her parents died, five years ago, and then went to Ohio to live with her brother.

Three years ago the first wife of Mr. Brown died and a year later he wrote a letter to his youthful sweetheart and correspondence followed. The couple met at the Short home for the first time in twenty-four years.

## MASONIC—A. & A. RITE

The supreme council at its annual session in Montreal chose its office bearers for the next three years as follows:

Hon. J. M. Gibson, Ontario, Sov. Gd. Com.  
W. H. Thorne, New Brunswick, Lt. Gd. Com.

W. H. Ballard, Ontario, Ill. Sec. General.  
H. A. Mackay, Ontario, Ill. Treas. General.

Benj. Allen, Ontario, Gd. Chancellor.  
E. B. Buttsworth, Ontario, G. M. C.

Chas. W. Hagar, Quebec, Gd. Marshal.  
D. F. MacWatt, Ontario, Gd. Std. Bearer.

W. G. Eakins, Ontario, Capt. of Guards.  
Messrs. Gibson and Thorne begin a third term.

The provincial deputies of the supreme council are: Hon. Wm. Gibson, Ontario; C. W. Hagar, Quebec; John D. Chipman, New Brunswick; Alex. Stephen, Nova Scotia; Dr. Darrah, P. E. Island; J. E. Edgar, British Columbia. A special deputy has been appointed for Alberta, C. A. Brathwaite, S. P. R. S.

The officers were installed by Hon. James D. Richardson, the Sov. G. Com. of the southern jurisdiction of the United States.

The supreme council resolved to hold its annual session next year at Winnipeg.

## DROWNING AT HOPEWELL CAPE.

A sad accident happened Friday evening at Hopewell Cape, Albert county, resulting in the death by drowning of Capt. Warren Dixon, the well known pilot and former ship builder. Capt. Dixon was launching his boat at the government pier and in some manner fell into the water. He was alone at the time, but his cries for help were heard by those on the schooner Wilfrid C., who hastened to his rescue. Unfortunately they were not able to reach him in time to save his life. He was carried half a mile down the river, where he was found when the body was recovered. Capt. Dixon was about 60 years of age, and was a prominent figure in the district. His sudden death occasioned much regret. He is survived by his wife, a sister of Daniel W. Stewart, and six children. Capt. A. E. Dixon, of the Wilfrid C., is a brother.

## FOUND DEAD IN THE WOODS.

Fredericton, N. B., Oct. 29.—John McNaughton, of Tay Mills, four miles from Stanley, was found in the woods not far from home yesterday afternoon, with the top of his head blown off, and his rifle lying on the ground nearby. The discovery was made by his eldest son, a boy about fourteen years of age, who was one of a searching party who were out looking for the man. How he met death is a complete mystery, as he was found quite alone in the woods. Early on Friday morning Mr. McNaughton left his home, saying he was going out to shoot a deer. He told his wife that if he did not return at noon to send out his lunch. His wife sent out the lunch as directed, but the child was unable to find him.

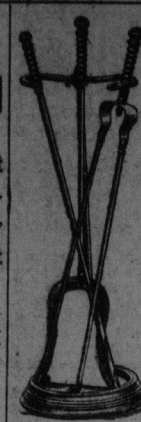
Dr. B. M. Mullin, of St. Mary's, was notified, and will conduct an investigation. The late Mr. McNaughton was about forty years old, and, besides his wife, formerly Miss McKinnon, of Tay Creek, he is survived by four children. Robert McNaughton, St. Mary's father of deceased, and one brother, Robert McNaughton, Jr., of Royal Road, also survive.

## AMERICAN PLANTATION BURNED BY TRIBESMEN

Serious outbreak on Mindanao Island in the Philippines.

Manila, Oct. 29.—Two hundred rebellious tribesmen today raided the plantation of Capt. Eugene Barton, in the sub-province of Bukidnon, province of Abusan, on the northern coast of Mindanao Island. They burned the buildings with their contents and killed the stock. Capt. Barton was absent from home. His wife and son were rescued from the raiders by friendly natives. Tribesmen have started in pursuit of the outlaws. The raid follows the outbreak of lawlessness among the Manocnos in Davao, the sub-province of Mindanao Island.

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New York, Oct. 29.—The market showed further weakness today on a continuation of bear manipulation and a fair volume of liquidation. There was no further influential news but the speculative community appeared to be more convinced that the large banking interests were holding the market in check, if they were not even inclined to discount possible unfavorable surprises at the forthcoming election. There were stories current to the effect that the prolonged advance had been traced to two or three large speculators and these had sold out and were now working for lower prices upon which to recover their stocks. This received no really serious credence but it instilled the extremes to which the rumor mongers have been reduced. As a matter of fact there seems nothing in the present situation to warrant any wide movement of prices in either direction. The reaction has been normal and wholesome and might extend some further without doing serious harm. On the other hand the business prospect is not particularly inspiring and while a favorable issue of the elections could quickly change the outlook, the conservative interests are inclined to discourage active speculation for the rise until some of these uncertainties have been dispelled.

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## ST. JOHN WOMAN GRANTED A DIVORCE

Mrs. George H. Fitzgerald Given Custody of Her Children.

Bangor, Me., Oct. 20.—Among the noteworthy divorces granted at the present term of the divorce court here was that of George H. Fitzgerald of Oldtown Me., and Marjorie Fitzgerald of St. John, N. B. Desertion was the plea of Mrs. Fitzgerald, and the care of the minor sons was given to her.

## Shoe Tip

Before putting on patent leather shoes always rub the surface of the vamp briskly with the warm palm of the hand, thus softening the shoe and rendering it less liable to crack. Many patent leather boots "crack" all over the first time they are worn when this precaution might prevent the accident. Another method is the gradual warming of the shoe, and it must always be remembered that shiny shoes are never kept in cold places.

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