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Reality and Ideal

A Sweeping reduction in the tariff is being offered to Canadians as a panacea for the high cost of living. This is the only country in which a swift and permanent lowering of prices is promised seriously from any constitutional action other than the universal remedy of work and thrift, but in Canada magicians are abroad in the land, waving oratorical wands and assuring audiences that the blessings of life for them include an easy and comfortable escape from the world-wide range of dear materials.

Take off the tariff, flood Canada with America goods, and there you are! Strange nobody ever got Canadians to do it before!

The present condition of foreign exchange in the United States offers Canada an historic chance to see things as they are. It gives impressive commendation to past generations of Canadians which, through good and ill report, kept loyalty to the ideal of a self-contained country. It confirms the judgment of Canadian history as to the proper course for this country to pursue.

Canada, in common with several European countries, has been "flooded with American goods." As a result, foreign exchange at New York has reached unprecedented depths. For the first time, the experience is novel and passing, due entirely to the peculiar situation created by the great war for Canada, the existing cheapness of her money across the border is a revelation and a warning. Our intimate association with American trade is fixed and immutable, a matter of geography; we are bound to observe most closely the present demonstration of American industrial progress as well as to examine most carefully our own peculiar relation to that phenomenon.

To do so is to dissipate the lure of low-priced American goods in short order. For it becomes plain that, should Canada ever be turned over unprotected to the full sweep of the marketing efficiency which has created the present exchange situation, the consequent depreciation of Canadian money in the United States would leave the consumer here no hope of lower prices. Prices might increase—the cost of living in the Republic is now greater than in Canada—but no way of decrease would be left open.

The protective tariff to-day stands as the friend and benefactor of the Canadian consumer. By keeping life in home industries, it permits the consumer to buy goods up to the full value of his dollar where, in purchasing American materials, he would be forced to sacrifice a large percentage of his money. In the present circumstances, also, it permits Canadians to realize vividly the disadvantageous position in which they would be placed were they to surrender to free trade fallacies.

Canada is badly served by those who are abroad today telling the people that a stroke of the pen at Ottawa can lower the high cost of living. The essential remedy is production and thrift, and every free people deserve an opportunity to concentrate upon that remedy aloof from glittering distractions. The law of the land alone can rise superior to the vast economic force of our great and friendly

neighbor nation and arrest their forces before it subordinates Canada to the level of a third-rate country. Nature moulded the Canadian character to deserve a self-sustaining homeland, and that is the ideal we should keep always before our eyes.—Montreal Star.

The Federal Government

Official announcement that Major General Mowburn, Minister of Militia has retired from the Government and that there has been some shifting of portfolios was made on the 2nd, when the changes before the departure of Sir Robert Borden for the south for a long rest were announced. Stable political conditions will be restored for some months at least and the government will remain as it is now until Sir Robert's return to the capital. The cabinet shifts announced place Hon. Martin Burrell, who, since his retirement from the post of Minister of Agriculture, in favor of Hon. T. A. Crerar when the Union Government was formed, had been Secretary of State, is placed at the head of the Customs Department, which has been without a minister since Hon. Arthur L. Sifton succeeded Hon. F. B. Carvel as Minister of Public Works. Mr. Sifton makes another change and assumes the post of Secretary of State in succession to Mr. Burrell. The acting Minister of Militia will be Hon. J. A. Calder, Minister of Immigration and Colonization, while Hon. J. D. Reid, in addition, to being Minister of Railways will assume responsibility for the Department of Public Works. The announcement disposes of the report that Mr. Sifton was about to retire from the Government. It is also definitely announced that Sir George Foster, Minister of Trade and Commerce will be acting Prime Minister during the absence from Canada of the Prime Minister. He will not, however, undertake to lead the House throughout the session of parliament and it is likely that when parliament reassembles a Unionist caucus will be held to choose a House leader. In a letter Sir Robert Borden pays a high tribute to the work done in the Militia Department by Major General Mowburn. He speaks of the minister's splendid and conspicuous service to Canada and to the Empire in different capacities. The retirement of Major General Mowburn does not occasion much surprise as it has been known for some months past that he was anxious to return to the practice of law in Hamilton.

Present and Future

War clarifies progress, peace complicates it. In wartime, the fundamental human duty is heroic and spectacular; in time of peace, we grope for it and quarrel in the search. Life is an attempt to make events express human desire. The essential stimulus of interest is a feature of peace rather than war. Why was the World restless only after the great war ended? Were there not reasons for unrest while war was raging? To know the answers to these questions it is necessary only to realize that the people grasped the meaning of war duties. The human spirit found satisfaction in the noble aim of saving civilization. The energies of mankind were directed intelligently toward efforts of idealism revealed to all by the furnace flames of Mars. Man is an idealist, but he must first of all understand the idealism to which his service is called. Recruiting for the army was stimulated by publishing war facts. Compared with the burden of winning men to peace, the work of enlisting men to fight the Hun was simple. For peace is a maelstrom of conflicting interests, ambitions and needs, a moving mass of tangled impulses,

a chaos of cross purposes. Life is too short to be worth the energy devoted to it by radicalism of the terrorist type. The end of human striving is more inspiring than material advantage. "Who steals my purse steals trash," is yet to be recognized as the comment of a genius.

Canada's Prime Minister

The enforced temporary abstinence from public activities, of Sir Robert Borden, in consequence of impaired health, is utilized as an excuse for the outpouring of virulent virus, by some of his opponents. The actual condition of affairs in this connection is fairly presented in the following Ottawa correspondence of the Montreal Star: Ottawa, Jan. 2.—Sir Robert Borden is leaving Canada today hoping for the restoration of his health. He is planning a long ocean voyage on a British battleship, visiting South America, Egypt, South Africa, and possibly India. The political chaos that was threatened had Sir Robert resigned, has been at least deferred. Every one here cognizant of the situation says the thanks of the country are due to Sir Robert for recognizing the seriousness of the situation and withdrawing, or more properly speaking, withholding his resignation. Even Hon. Robert Rogers, who is visiting Ottawa on his way east, says: "Looking at it from the standpoint of the country's interests it must be admitted Sir Robert did exactly the right thing." With Sir Robert out of office a crisis would have been precipitated because no other man in the Cabinet could have held the reins. General Mowburn's withdrawal was resolved upon a year ago, because he accepted only for the period of the war, and this has long been discounted. Of course, a crisis may come within a few months, but this can only happen if the mischief makers persist in a determination to bring about a rupture. He will not, however, undertake to lead the House throughout the session of parliament and it is likely that when parliament reassembles a Unionist caucus will be held to choose a House leader. In a letter Sir Robert Borden pays a high tribute to the work done in the Militia Department by Major General Mowburn. He speaks of the minister's splendid and conspicuous service to Canada and to the Empire in different capacities. The retirement of Major General Mowburn does not occasion much surprise as it has been known for some months past that he was anxious to return to the practice of law in Hamilton.

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All the Cabinet Ministers in town many personal friends were at the station to say goodbye and wish Godspeed to the Premier. Sir George Foster acts in his absence, and will have assistance when the House meets, probably in the person of the Right Honorable Mr. Doherty.

G. M. B. A. of Canada Making Rapid Strides

Branch 464, St. Clement of Viannville, celebrated on Thursday, the 11th Dec. the tenth anniversary of its foundation. There were present the Grand President, P. J. Curran, K. O. Grand Secretary, J. E. H. Howison, Grand Trustees, Geo. S. O'Connell, Dr. A. Gormain, Grand Deputies, Jos. Beland, Geo. As. Carpenter, T. Kane, J. H. A. Lanier, J. F. Quinn, W. J. Perry and J. O. Lafontaine. The organizer, Bro. A. Lakourille, had promised to have at least twenty candidates for initiation at this meeting, and he kept his promise.

Twenty applications for initiation were read and balloted for, but for unforeseen reasons nine of these candidates could not be initiated at this meeting; they will be initiated at a special meeting called for Sunday. The Grand President made a very nice speech welcoming the new members and thanking the Organizer for the splendid work he has done. Following the Grand President, the Grand Secretary, J. E. H. Howison outlined for the membership the splendid progress made by the Association throughout Canada. Dr. Gormain made a few remarks appropriate to the occasion, and was followed by the Grand Trustee for the Province of Quebec. After the speeches the election

of officers was held, all the present officers of the Branch being re-elected. The order of the day being completed, the President of the Branch invited all present to partake of a supper prepared for the occasion. This celebration was one of the finest held in the Association for a long time, and it is hoped that with the impetus that has been given that all the Branches English speaking as well as French-Canadian, will follow the example of Branch 464 and will endeavor to have at least one initiation as large as that held during the past week in Viannville.—Montreal Herald.

However, the country won't suffer for lack of Government. There are about twenty Cabinet members and, making allowance for the Premier's absence and the vacancies in two large departments, there is still a full House to carry on public business. Those who are assigned these functions and performing them, do not appreciate the need of a clamorous shout in some quarters for a change of personnel and everything else connected with the machinery of the Government. As indicated frequently, the intention is to go on, to construe the mandate of 1917 as applying to peace as well as to war, and to trim the sails of the ship of state, accordingly. No very pretentious legislative program will be embarked on and no unnecessary trouble courted.

When Parliament comes and an inquest is held into internal conditions, but not before, will the real situation develop. The desire to carry on to the end of the tenure of Parliament, shared by most of the Government, will have the concurrence of many, and probably the great majority of the Unionists, but certain are expected to come with the intention of "Starting something," while another group, it is suggested, may have a tendency of edging over to the cross benches, if there are such, in the new Parliament buildings. Government circles believe that a preponderant caucus will approve the tentative adjustment of a difficult and troubled domestic situation, and between now and the end of the Parliamentary term, agree to consolidate the party, vest it with a policy and organization and go out to do battle with the various types of political "beasts of Ephesus."

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The formal call for the first meeting of the League of Nations Council will be issued by Premier Clemenceau, the Supreme Council has so decided.

Official statistics made public in Berlin, December 31st, place the number of Germans killed in battle at 1,500,000. These figures do not include those who died in prison camps.

Viscount Grey, British ambassador, arrived at New York on December 31st from Washington. He remained at the home of Mrs. Whitelaw Reid until Saturday when he sailed for Liverpool on the Aquitania.

Political circles believe that the name of Premier Clemenceau will be the only one submitted to Parliament when the election for president of the French Republic takes place, according to the Echo de Paris.

The Car Ferry Steamer was busy all day Sunday keeping up communication between Borden and Tormentine carrying freight. There was a great deal of ice in the Strait and the fact that it took the steamer five hours to make a round trip will bear this out.

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Daily except Sunday, leave Charlottetown 12.40 p.m., arrive Summerside 4.35 p.m.
Daily except Sunday; leave Charlottetown 2.45 p.m., arrive Summerside 6.05 p.m., Tignish 9.45 p.m.
Daily except Sunday, leave Tignish 5.35 a.m., arrive Summerside 9.00 a.m., Charlottetown 12.40 p.m.
Daily except Sunday, leave Summerside 1.35 p.m., leave Summerside 3.20 p.m., arrive Borden 6.10 p.m., connecting at Borden with train from Borden and arriving at Charlottetown 6.35 p.m.
Daily except Sunday, leave Summerside 6.45 a.m., arrive Charlottetown 10.40 a.m. Passengers for Mainland by this train change cars at Emerald Junction, arrive at Borden 8.45 a.m.

EAST:
Daily except Sunday, leave Charlottetown 6.50 a.m., arrive Mount Stewart 8.45 a.m., Georgetown 11.30 a.m., Souris 11.25 a.m., returning leave Souris 1.15 p.m., Georgetown 1.00 p.m., Mt. Stewart 4.15 p.m., arrive Charlottetown 5.15 p.m.
Daily except Sunday, leave Elmira 5.35 a.m., Souris 6.55 a.m., Georgetown 6.45 a.m., Mt. Stewart 8.45 a.m., arrive Charlottetown 10.00 a.m., returning leave Charlottetown 3.05 p.m., arrive Mt. Stewart 4.15 p.m., Georgetown 6.00 p.m., Souris 6.05 p.m., Elmira 7.20 p.m.

SOUTH:
Daily except Saturday and Sunday, leave Murray Harbor 6.45 a.m., arrive Charlottetown 10.40 a.m.; returning leave Charlottetown 3.30 p.m., arrive Murray Harbor 7.25 p.m.
Saturday ONLY—Leave Murray Harbor 7.20 a.m., arrive Charlottetown 10.05 a.m., returning leave Charlottetown 4.00 p.m., arrive Murray Harbor 6.45 p.m.
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Department of Naval Service

Notice of Sale.

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Sept. 3, 1919.