

Local and Other Matter.

Supreme Court.

The following are the cases tried in the Supreme Court this term up to the time of going to press:—

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Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.

We Stand by Our Free Trade Cause.

Ma. Editor.—It is worth while for our people, who really desire the removal of the obstructions which now exist to freedom of trade between ourselves and the United States, to watch the progress of the debate on the Mills tariff which is now going on in the United States Congress.

The other day, as you may be aware while Congress was considering a clause relative to the lumber duties, an amendment, aiming at a discrimination against Canada, was moved, whereupon a Congressman moved an amendment to it, which contained the following: "When Canada secures to free entry, articles produced in the United States, similar privileges shall be granted in the case of the Canadian products."

This amendment to the amendment, was carried by a good majority, and out and out orthodox free traders supporting it. The protectionists all voting against it, among whom was not less a personage than the veritable Benjamin F. Butterworth, of Commercial Union fame, the man who recommended Commercial Union to the American people, because through its adoption the "Mills doctrine" would be an accomplished fact throughout North America, and because, to use the words of Mr. W. W. Wines, "it would not only admit to more than half the continent all American manufactures, but it would create in their favor, in one part of the British Empire, a discrimination against the manufacturers of another part of the British Empire."

And now, sir, what does the passing of this mean to us in Canada? It means a striking denial to the assumption, that owing to the restrictive tariffs of other countries, absolute free trade for Canada is impossible. It is incontrovertible that our true over time savings upon the absolute need of a tariff, is not less than the true friends of Commercial freedom for the United States and Canada, are to be found in the ranks of those who try to extend and establish the teachings of the great English economist; it means that the great need of a political strain in any direction, in order to gain for us the best possible terms of trade, is not less than the fact that if Mr. Butterworth's party in the United States secures this action of Congress, we have but to abolish our customs houses, and close up to 100 per cent of Canada's trade will be absolutely free at once; it means that if we really desire this freedom, we have but to master the courage to face a low tariff, for revenue only, or better still, put an end to our puerile and illogical arguments in favor of indirect taxation, because of our revenue necessities, and adopt a simple system of direct taxation. Thanking you very sincerely for the paper.

P. S.—Since writing the above, we find that the vote on the clause reverted to the original motion. But, as the case now stands, the adoption, by the Senate, of the Mills tariff bill, which, as a whole, has already passed through Congress in spite of the objection of the protectionists. Mr. Butterworth and his friends put upon the free list about eight millions of our exports into foreign markets free of duty. Now, how is it with our imports? We, at present, allow only 20 per cent of the goods which we require from foreign countries to pass to our consumer free of duty. We at this very hour, charge duty on all 100 per cent of the goods that reach from abroad, while foreign countries demand only 35 per cent, of what they receive from us to pay duty. In the face of these facts, is it not absurd humbugging to make the restrictions of other countries an excuse for not facing our own error. Will some one set the writer right if he is wrong? For over forty years, England has stood by her free trade policy, but, during the whole time, when did foreign countries allow 25 per cent, 45, or even 50 per cent, of her exports to reach their destinations free of duty?

Nov. 20th, 1887. Ontario.

Mr. David Armstrong continues the discussion of the "Nova Scotia coal trade" question in the Toronto Press. He gives clear and indisputable evidence that the Pennsylvania ringsters have been compelled to place a subterfuge coal in the market of Quebec at fifty-three cents per ton less than they charge to their Ontario customers, and this is owing to the competition of the Nova Scotia mines. Mr. Armstrong contends that a bounty of fifty cents per ton would enable the Nova Scotia mines to place over one million tons of bituminous coal in the Ontario market annually, and that this competition would compel the Pennsylvania ringsters to lower the rate of the subterfuge at least fifty cents in Ontario, and thus not only keep five or six millions of dollars in the country, but give the Ontario consumer a cheaper and better coal.

Mr. Armstrong, "will sanctify the plan of giving that money away to the United States and keeping Canada forever at the mercy of the coal barons of Pennsylvania." We would commend such a proposal, even at the cost of a bounty of fifty cents per ton, but we decline to the opinion that an honest guarantee of coal that amount would serve all the requirements of the case. Ten cents per ton on one million tons would give \$1,000,000 per year, which at five per cent would pay an interest on a loan of \$2,000,000, and this would construct a fleet of colliers suitable for the traffic. If a subsidy of \$100,000 per year were jointly guaranteed by the Ontario, Nova Scotia and Dominion governments to a fleet of colliers capable of supplying the Ontario market, the desired object could be successfully achieved, and Ontario would be enabled to pay for this subsidy, inasmuch as it would result in a very large saving to the Ontario consumer; the Nova Scotia treasury would receive \$70,000 in royalties on this output of coal, and the provincial government would thus be enabled to make a similar appropriation; while it is the clearly defined policy of the Dominion government to promote inter-provincial trade by means of such subsidies. Even at present suitable colliers could discharge a portion of their cargo at Montreal, and proceed through the canal to Toronto, and two years hence when the present appropriations for deepening the St. Lawrence Canal system have been applied, the colliers could make the voyage from Cape Breton, Sydney or Pictou direct to Toronto during six months of the year. The scheme is worthy of consideration.—H. Herald.

I have been sick with liver and kidney disease which brought on night sweats and general debility for over two years, most of the time was confined to my bed. A doctor attended me, but failed to cure me. After a while I tried many patent medicines that are recommended for the above disease, but all failed also. By advice I procured and took three bottles of Dr. Norton's Dock Blood Purifier and it cured me. I now enjoy the best health I have enjoyed for twenty years.

Mr. S. D. Macomber, Avondale, Mass. Co. N. Y.

Quite correct. Extract of Wild Strawberry and found the best remedy I ever used for Dyspepsia and all Summer Complaints among children, and I know no household should be without it. Mrs. L. L. L. took four bottles and now perfectly cured, strong and hearty. Mrs. Maria Ashel, Alma, Ont.

After Long Years. "I was troubled with Liver Complaint for a number of years, finding no cure. I tried Dr. B. B. I took four bottles and now perfectly cured, strong and hearty. Mrs. Maria Ashel, Alma, Ont.

On Wednesday last, Her Majesty completed the 51st year of her reign, which now stands quite clearly as the third longest in the annals of England. Henry the third having reigned 56, and George the third 60 years.

New Advertisements.

A Bear River correspondent to the *Yarmouth Herald* writes:—

A fine new schooner, named the V. T. H., was launched from the shipyard of her owner, Messrs. Marshall & Hackett, on the 9th inst., a large number of spectators being on the ground. She is every respect a fine vessel, and is to be employed in the coasting trade. She was built under the superintendence of Mr. John Benson and will be commanded by Capt. Roland Henshaw. During the launching a severe accident happened to Mr. J. N. Kelley. Sitting on the side of an embankment of logs and earth, he was struck by the side of the vessel, and he fell head over heels into the water, and he was badly about the legs and body. He forced the child beyond the reach of the logs before they struck him, and thus saved it from injury. He will be about again in a few days.

The gap on our principal street caused by the late fire is being filled in. The new stores of Messrs. Wm. Rice and George F. Miller are rapidly nearing completion.

A Man Confronts His Own Will.—Rev. Frigden, of Athens, Ga., some weeks ago preached his own funeral sermon, and now he is about to contest his own will. When asked about it he declared that what had once been done could not be undone without sufficient cause, and as he considered himself dead since his funeral sermon he can only proceed in the legal way to have his will set aside. He sought to keep his coffin in his house, to which his wife, who is his second mate, objected, and the matter was referred to the court. The court decided in favor of the wife, and the coffin was removed to the cemetery. The man who is now in the hospital, and it will include an account of a long ride in the car, a part of Siberia, among the Kirghis and the Tartars.

The July number of *Belmont* is here, and the little folks think they could better spare the "glorious Fourth" than the visits of their cherished *Belmont*. The best thing published for the babies from one to six years old, is a sample copy to D. Lothrop Company, Boston.

To Prevent and Cure Cholera Infantum.—By the late Dr. Lactaria, a reliable disease can be prevented and cured. It is the safest food for hot weather. Babies who use it during the summer months are good-natured, fat and healthy.

C. C. Richmond & Co., 121 LaTouche, and have always used MINARD'S LINIMENT in my household, and know it to be the best remedy for emergencies of ordinary character. Please inform me how I can get some and from whom.

Table Baizes & Floor Oil Cloths, CRETONNES, IN SINGLE AND REVERSIBLE, IN SPLENDID COLORS; PILLOW COTTONS AND LINEN TABLES; LINEN NAPKINS; FANCY GERMAN TABLE COVERS AND TIDIES; EMBROIDERED CLOTH TABLE COVERS; HONEY-COMBED AND MARSEILLES QUILTS; 8-4 AND 9-4 GRAY AND WHITE SHEETINGS; ST. CROIX BED-TICKINGS; LANCASTER BLIND LINENS; COLORED BLINDS WITH ROLLERS COMPLETE; WHITE AND CREAM CLOUTIER LACE AND COLORED SCIRMS; TOWELS AND TOWELLINGS; WALL PAPERS.

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