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HOW BRITAIN COULD FAVOR HER COLONIES.

The opponents of inter-Imperial preferential trade pretend to assume that it would mean increased taxation for the British people. As a matter of fact, it would merely mean a readjustment of taxation. It must not be supposed that the United Kingdom has no customs tariff. Last year £21,845,436, equal to over $106,300,000, was collected from customs duties. Among the articles upon which customs duties are paid are tea, coffee, chicory, cocoa, chocolate, currants, figs, plums (dried or preserved), prunes, raisins, spirits, beer, wine, tobacco and snuff. The radical difference between the British tariff and the Canadian and American tariffs is that the United Kingdom selects for customs taxation chiefly those articles which cannot be produced at home, while the aim of protectionists in Canada and the United States has always been to admit free of duty or at a very low duty all articles which cannot be produced at home. For instance, tea and coffee cannot be produced in either Canada or the British Isles. The British Government imposes heavy duties on tea and coffee, but these articles have been admitted to Canada free of duty ever since the protective tariff was adopted. The British government last year collected £4,030,259—that is nearly $20,000,000—in duties on tea. Suppose that the tax were removed from all tea produced within the British Empire. Nearly all the tea now consumed in the United Kingdom is produced in Ceylon and British India. Out of a total importation of 201,716,686 lbs. last year, all but 14,166,854 lbs. were grown in British possessions. It is probable that the removal of the tax on teas grown within the Empire would immediately cause importations of foreign teas to almost entirely cease. The duties on coffee, cocoa, chocolate and chicory amounted last year to £419,696. All of these articles could be produced entirely within the Empire, and would be if no duties were charged upon them when grown in British possessions.

Thus, by abolishing the duties on tea, coffee, chocolate, cocoa and chicory, when grown within the Empire, the British people would be relieved of £4,449,955 of taxation. Now the total value of all the wheat, barley, oats, beef, mutton, bacon, butter, cheese poultry and game, eggs, apples and potatoes imported into the United Kingdom last year was £86,486,887. If an ad valorem duty of five per cent. had been placed on all these articles when imported, whether from the colonies or from foreign countries, the total taxation would amount to only £4,324,344, less than the taxation taken off tea, coffee, chocolate, cocoa and chicory. If the products of the Empire were exempt from the tax, being thus given a preference over those of foreign countries, the total taxation paid by the people of the United Kingdom would be less than what is now paid on tea alone. There is scarcely a family in the United Kingdom that does not use tea. To take the tax off tea, coffee, chocolate and cocoa when grown within the Empire and distribute it over the food products imported from foreign countries, would not hurt the people of the United Kingdom, and it would mean great things for Canada. It would mean that almost everything produced on a Canadian farm would bring five per cent more to the farmer than if it were produced on a farm in the United States. There would be a rush of settlers to the vacant lands of Canada and every Canadian industry would be benefitted by the growth of population.

Is not that worth trying for? Why should not the two Canadian political parties unite to bring it about? This should not be made a party question. Liberals and Conservatives should unite to carry it to a successful issue. Our government should earnestly request it and ask the Australian colonies to join in pressing the matter upon the attention of the British government. And it is not likely that the request would be refused.

If the British government wished to go further and give the colonies a ten per cent. preference on all their food products; by imposing a ten per cent duty on food imported from foreign countries, they could do so by cutting down their present duties on tobacco by one half. The customs duties on tobacco imported into the United Kingdom last year amounted to £11,012,927, or nearly $55,000,000.

There are a great variety of other ways in which taxation could be readjusted in the United Kingdom, if the British government wished to increase the protection of the farmers and manufacturers of the Empire. Every man who has a gun must pay a tax under the present system; a tax must be paid on every carriage; stamps must be placed on receipts, drafts, bills of exchange, deeds and other contracts. In fact almost every business transaction in the United Kingdom is taxed to carry on the national government.

"To Do Ill Costs More Than To Do Well."

This might properly read, "It costs more to BE ill than to BE well." The source of all health is rich, strong blood. It is to the body what the mighty streams are to the earth. If the blood is pure, the body thrives; if the blood is weak or impoverished, then every pulse-beat carries weakness instead of strength.

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THE IRREPRESSIBLE TARTE.

A Paris despatch states that when President Loubet visited the foreign and colonial sections of the Exhibition, at the British colonial section there was a slight friction concerning precedence. Hon. Mr. Tarte, Canadian Minister of Public Works, refused to accept British Commissioner Jekyll's program for the reception, on the ground that it did not give Canada the importance to which the Dominion was entitled. He insisted that President Loubet visit the Canadian section as that of a country distinct from the British possessions, otherwise he would close all the doors of that section. The point was conceded, whereupon the despatch tells us the Canadian displayed evident gratification. The Canadian band played the "Marseillaise" with such enthusiasm that, according to the Temps, they forgot to keep time, while cries of "Long live Loubet!" and "Long live the Republic!" burst from all sides, filling the gardens with echoes. When Mr. Tarte bid farewell to the President he shouted "Long live France!"

A PROSPEROUS INSTITUTION.

The annual statement of the Bank of Commerce of Canada just issued is an exceedingly gratifying one. The past year has been one of the most prosperous in the bank's history, a fact which is of more than passing interest to the business men of this district, because in Chatham is located one of its most important and successful branches. The statement shows that the net profits, after making full provision for bad and doubtful debts, are $766,582.52, or $224,000 more than those of the preceding year, being 12.77 per cent. on the total capital. The Rest and Pension Funds accounts increased by $250,000 and $10,000 respectively; $100,000 written off bank premises, and donations of $5,000 and $2,500 were generously made to the National Patriotic Fund and to the Ottawa sufferers. The deposits now amount to about $30,000,000. This vast sum illustrates the confidence the business and moneyed world has in the institution. The whole statement is one the general management has every reason to be proud of. It is at once a proof of progress and stability, and an exemplification alike of the prosperity of the country and of the confidence of the public in the Bank of Commerce.

The main lesson of this war is to teach the young idea how to shoot.

Old Krug talks like a defeated candidate after an election. He won't admit he's beaten.

Kipling's "Absent-Minded Beggar" brought in the good round sum of $485,000 for the relief of the families of British soldiers.

The Mayor of Cleveland refused to receive the Boer peace envoys in his official capacity. His head is level. As the representative of the citizens at large he was right not to go out of his way to commit an official act which would have proved offensive to at least a portion of the community.

The question now arises, are the Liberals going to retain this man Bourassa as their chief whip, as as adviser and whipper-in to the Government's supporters? The sentiments expressed by Sir Wilfrid at Ottawa are loyal enough, but does he expect to continue to travel in Bourassa's company and escape all the dust that gentleman chooses to kick up?

Dr. McKeough laid down in his remarks at the school board what must strike the people as the proper principle upon which this city should regulate teachers' salaries. The city may not be able to pay its teachers the salaries they really deserve, but still by encouraging them with what little increases it can afford the board shows that at least its intentions are good, if its means are limited.

Stockbridge, Oneida Indian reservation, Minn., June 8.—Eight Indians and one child were killed here yesterday in a peculiar accident. A squaw went into the yard where several children were playing, caught a chicken and chopped off its head, leaving the hatchet on the ground. The children prepared to imitate the woman. One, selected to act the part of the chicken, was seized, its head placed on a block and hacked off. A number of men engaged on a derrick in the yard raising heavy timbers in the erection of a barn, seeing the child beheaded, became panic-stricken. The heavy timbers fell with a crash, killing eight men.—Yesterday's Banner.

The above "despatch" is also appearing in various other journals, so the Banner is not particularly responsible in the matter. The story was printed in The Planet something over 15 years ago, and we suspect it was a fake then. We are certain it is one now.

The Chicago people are very anxious about the fate of the Irish-Americans who went out as an ambulance corps and then took up arms for the Boers. Several are reported to have been killed. This great family journal is not sanguinarily inclined as a rule, but for once it sincerely trusts that Roberts will find some clause of the army regulations which will permit him to hang all those who have so far unfortunately escaped shooting. Men who grossly violated their oaths and thereby treacherously deceived both the American and British authorities into permitting them to go to South Africa deserve no sympathy.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S IRISH.

Irish Tourist.

The Queen is of the old Irish royal strain. She is not only a Guelph and a Stuart, she is one of the royal O'Connors. The last Irish sovereign of the whole island was Roderick O'Connor. His sons were slain. His daughter married Hugo de Lacy. Their daughter married a de Burgh, Earl of Ulster; from them descended Ellen, wife of Robert Bruce, King of Scotland. The grand-daughter of Robert Bruce, the Princess Margery, married the Lord High Steward of Scotland, and through her the Stuarts claimed the Scottish crown. Thence it is easy to trace how the royal blood of Ireland, Scotland and England meets in the person of the reigning Queen Victoria.

ARE NOW RAILWAY PROMOTERS.

The Mail.

Mr. James McMullen, Mr. Archie Campebll, Mr. A. T. Wood, and Dr. Macdonald, of Huron have gone into a new business. Formerly they were unselfish Liberal politicians, working for the people; now they are railway promoters. Down upon the Collingwood-Toronto project they swept and organized the capture of the charter, in co-operation with a syndicate of Americans. The party in parliament has endowed them with the franchise, and having voted themselves this consideration, the next thing to do will be to vote themselves a good fat subsidy. It was thought that if they built the line the government should have the right to acquire it for a fair sum, less the bonuses. But the idea of not sticking to the bonuses staggered Mr. McMullen—the late guardian of the public chest—and so the proposal to permit the government to take over the road fell through. Where is Sir Richard? Is this one of the affairs of which the old knight spoke when he said he had to tolerate a good many things now which in former days would have aroused his virtuous indignation?

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Detroit Tribune.

The telegraph despatches announce that a Georgia negro, into whom a mob pumped 500 bullets, will probably die. It's always the unexpected that happens.

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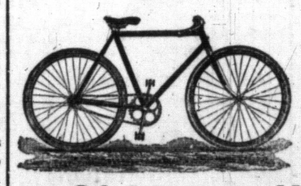

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CAUGHT IN A MINE.

Glouster, O., June 8.—A gas explosion occurred this morning at mine No. 2, near this city. Between 15 and 25 men are reported imprisoned in the mine.

STREET INCIDENT.

"My Dear Sir," exclaimed Lawyer Bartholomew Livingston, meeting the Rev. Dr. Archibald Windham on the village street, "What does this mean? I thought you were laid up with all sorts of bad diseases?"

"And so I was," replied the reverend gentleman, "I had an attack of indigestion and from that time on my whole system has been in a disordered condition until I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, which has put me on my feet and cured all my stomach troubles."

"I don't doubt it," said the lawyer. "This same medicine cured my wife of rheumatism and my little girl of scrofula. When they say it's the best medicine money can buy, they only tell the truth."

"Yes, yes, so they do," replied the minister, and the two passed on.

Notice to Contractors.

Sealed separate and bulk tenders addressed to the undersigned, will be received by mail, up to noon of Friday, 15th June, for the different trades required in the erection of a house on Wellington St. Plans may be seen at the office of T. J. Rutley, architect. The lowest nor any tender not necessarily accepted.

W. R. PHILMORE.

TENDERS.

Separate and bulk tenders will be received at the office of the undersigned architects, up to 7 p. m., Monday, June 11, addressed to James and Edward Chinnick, Chatham township, for all trades, with or without materials required in the erection of a two-storey brick veneered residence. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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