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Editorial

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TARIFF ON FOOD.

The Opposition press is wasting much paper and ink these days telling the Canadian consumer how he is "groaning under the burden of the taxation of food," and holding out to him for relief, the "Free Food" panacea.

An examination of this particular Free Food nonsense is both interesting and illuminating.

We will take these commodities which go to make up the dinner table of the average Canadian—meats and poultry, eggs, fish, butter, and bread-stuffs—and by analyzing the amount of duty paid for their importation into Canada during the year 1912-13, see just how much the consumer "groans" under their taxation.

In 1913 the total duty collected from meats and poultry brought into Canada, totaled \$1,049,517. If you divide this amount among a population of eight million, you will find that this terrible taxation of meat under which Canadians "groan" amounted in a whole year to the enormous sum of 13 cents per head—or the price of less than a pound of beef-steak.

Now let us see about eggs. The duty collected from eggs imported during the year 1912-13 amounted to \$327,123. Divide that among eight million people and you will be startled to find that this particular "groaning" was over the payment of a fraction over four cents per head for a whole year—the price at present of less than a whole egg.

We will next take butter. The total duty collected from butter during the whole of the year 1912-13 was \$323,311. Divide that among the population of the country, and it amounts to what?—the "crushing" sum of three cents per head.

On fish, take the duty to the amount of \$361,115. Divide that among eight millions and it amounts to four cents per head.

Lastly we take breadstuffs. Duty on breadstuffs amounted to \$261,493. Divide that among eight millions and you will see that this "crushing taxation" actually amounted to a fraction more than three cents per head for a whole year.

The total duty collected from the importation of all these food-stuffs for the year, when divided among the country's population, amounted to about thirty cents per head—and this is the "terrible food tax" that the Liberal press would make us "groan" under.

In Great Britain where they have a so-called "Free Trade" tariff, the duty collected on foodstuffs last year amounted to nearly \$350,000,000, or nearly eight dollars for every man, woman and child in the United Kingdom.

Let the Canadian consumer ponder over these few facts and groan—for the Opposition press, and policy.

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF FISH.

(Toronto Mail and Empire.)

There is no constitutional obstacle in the way of applying the public ownership idea to Ontario fisheries on the great lakes. The provincial government can either operate fishing stations and plants itself, or by license regulation prevent the export of such fish it may wish to have retained for Ontario consumers. But if there is to be no loss or hardship upon the Ontario fishermen engaged in the industry, neither expedient would serve by itself. There will be loss and perhaps ruin to fishermen unless the arrangements for substitute markets, to take the place of those now provided by the trust, are adequate. The operation of government stations as a rival source of supply to the trust would let the depletion of the fisheries for the benefit of United States consumers continue, besides introducing government competition, perhaps, with Ontario fishermen employed by the trust. Merely to prevent export of certain varieties of fish would still leave the trust in control of the Ontario distribution.

It should be explained that the trust usually has contracts with the fishermen to take their whole catch. If it cannot have the whole catch it will take none. As two-thirds of the average catch is of coarse varieties saleable only in United States markets most of the fishermen surrender, independently, of whom there are a few, have a rather hard time. It would be desirable not to interfere with the sale of these coarser varieties to the trust. In the present uncer-

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ated state of the Ontario fish market only whitefish and lake trout would find a sale commercially worth government attention.

BY THE WAY.

Christmas has come and gone. The most pleasant memory left is the kind act you did to the other fellow.

A Pennsylvania preacher's life was saved when a stray bullet hit a bible he was carrying under his arm. This incident may revive an old custom.

The railways will continue to work with the cartage companies in the cities but the rates are to advance one per cent. It is said that the Dominion Railway Board has no control over cartage rates.

A report is current that the Dominion Tire Company will be employing 900 men before next Christmas and ultimately will have a pay roll of several thousands.

Hon. H. F. McLeod, provincial Secretary of New Brunswick, was the choice of a Conservative convention held in York, N. B., to nominate a successor to Mr. O. S. Crockett. He is said to be one of the best speakers in the Maritime provinces.

Save some of the Christmas radium for everyday use during the next 364 days.

There is some danger of the telegraph companies oversteering themselves in the work of removing the four poles on North Queen street.

When through old age the bodily functions become sluggish, **Na-Dru-Co Laxatives** give gentle, timely and effective aid, without discomfort or distress.

25c. a box at your Druggist's.

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Recognized.

"That man sitting in the back seat is the one who owns the automobile."

"Why, he is the only person in the party who doesn't seem to be having a good time."

"That's how I know. He's thinking about tires, gasoline and speed limit fines."—Washington Star.

But Castigation Ensued.

"Come here, Clarence," said the Boston mother. "I feel that I must chastise you. What have you to say for yourself?"

"Well, mother, it is a matter of indifference to me," replied the precocious five-year-old. "Too violent exercise, however, might prove detrimental to your health, and you and father might submit the matter to consultation."—Florida Times-Union.

An Historic Sport.

A lady carrying a little dog in her arms was riding in a bus that went along Park Lane. All the way up she worried the conductor to know whether they had come to No. 1, mentioning a house nearly at the top. When they reached this number the conductor stopped the bus, thinking the lady wished to alight there. Instead of this, however, she went to the door of the bus, and holding up the dog, said: "Look, Fido, that's where your mother was born."

No Job for Him.

Mike Hennessy, a hefty young Irishman, secured his first foremanship after serving for some years as one of the gang. Promptly at 7 o'clock in the morning he began his duties by calling the gang to order.

"Ye all have to work for me!" he shouted. "Worruk I say! And I want every man of ye to understand at once that I kin lick any man in the gang!"

All swallowed the insult except one giant-built warrior, who stepped forward and said:

"But you can't lick me, Mike Hennessy!"

"Oh, I can't can't I?" yelled Mike.

"No, you can't," came back the determined answer.

"Well, then, go to the office and draw your money. I'll have no man in the gang I can't lick."—Exchange.

Why It Was a Village.

He was quite evidently from the country and he was quite evidently a Yankee, and from behind his bowed spectacles he peered inquisitively at a little Jew who occupied the other half of the seat with him. The little Jew looked at him deprecatingly. "Nice day," he began, politely.

"You're a Jew, ain't you?" queried the Yankee.

"Yes, sir, I'm a Jew," came the answer.

"Well," continued the Yankee, "I'm a Yankee, and in the little village I Maine where I came from I'm proud to say there ain't a Jew."

"Dot's wye it's a village," replied the little Jew quietly.—Milwaukee Wisconsin.

No Escape.

"I am tired of the city," he said. As far to the country he fled; "With delight I will browse In the fields of the cows, In the scent of the genuine hay." But the very first sight that he saw Was the street of the town of Paw-Paw Was the tavern made bright With electrical light.

And a sign that announced "Cabaret!"

He remarked: "I will fly to the wild. With no thought of a shave I will dwell in a cave And will gather my food from the himb."

A Splendid Pick-Me-Up
An Oxo Cube in a cupful of hot water is just that nourishing tonic which gives to once new life and vigor. Pure beef-goodness incarnate. Handy—Convenient—Ready in a minute.



But he found that the hermit close by had an auto of power quite high; And the fellow came in The next day with a grin And a long wireless message for him!

Then he went to the highest of peaks After climbing for several weeks, And he chuckled, "At last In this solitude vast I have found a desirable clime." But he shook with unspeakable dread When he saw on a crag overhead, At that Andean height, A big sign, "Eight, to-night! Our New Movie! Admission One Dime!"

When he went on a liner at seas, They'd a vaudeville performance (ah, me!) With the dialect jape He had to escape.

And a lady, in escape of songs! So he hurried back to N. Y., And was heard by the waiters to sigh, "Since it's certain I've got No escape from this rot, I will face it just where it belongs." —New York World.

THE IDEAL WINTER RESORT.

While Algonquin Park is far from being a sanatorium, its discovery as the ideal winter resort has been as much as any thing due to recent developments in medical science. Those who have found the dampness and the frequent fogs of eastern cities unpleasant at the best, but impossible in many cases, have been used to seek relief in the Southern States. It has seemed the simplest remedy both to physician and patient to seek for heat where the cold proved unendurable, but more recently there has been a keen appreciation of the dry frigidity of the north and that is where the Park steps in. Two thousand feet above the level of the sea, it is always dry and cold and usually bright. Days spent in snowshoe trips through primitive forests where every leaf and branch bears its weight of glistening crystals, in the breathless flight of toboggan and ski, and in the ring of steel against the icebound waters of some lake, together with evenings spent in social converse around the cozy warmth of a modern fire, these things slip away unnoticed but those who have once experienced them return to their vocations with renewed energies, with hardened muscles, and a grateful memory that forever blots out all thoughts of the relaxing South. Algonquin Park is 200 miles north of Toronto and 285 miles west of Montreal.

The Highland Inn offers most comfortable accommodation at reasonable rates. Write Grand Trunk Agents or resident manager of the Highland Inn for handsome descriptive booklet.

THE MAN IN THE BOX

"THE GLAD EYE."

Play Described as a Screamer.

The great London Comedy success, "The Glad Eye," is to be with us Dec. 27, Matinee and night, presented by an All-Star British Company, specially organized for the trans-continental tour, is described as a "screamer." It is the story of a "hump" and the "blue" and that terrible "all-gone" feeling, so prepare to unpack your laughter box.

It is the tale of an innocent little deception perpetrated by a couple of husbands to get away from the loneliness of the country for a spell in Paris. They are supposed to be balloonists of some pretensions, and the myrical "Zee" forms the excuse for the "hump" and the "blue" and that terrible "all-gone" feeling, so prepare to unpack your laughter box.

The play has been one of the biggest laughter-makers ever known in Europe, having run at the Globe, Apollo and Strand Theatres, London, for over fifteen months. The Company brings with it all the beautiful scenery, furniture, appointments and dresses, equipped for the big tour, and exactly as appointed in London. The play comes direct from Montreal and Toronto.

The dramatization of Gene Stratton-Porter's "Freckles," has proved that there is no end of success to good, clean, moral plays. It is to the credit of A. G. Delamater, he of the "Beverly of Graustark," and other successful plays, who first saw the possibilities of Mrs. Porter's work, and now it stands as one of the substantial successes of the past decade of theatrical history. This is not a surprise, a flimsy prognostication, or the exaggeration of the press agent, but an absolute certainty. It has been tried and a dramatic writer of world-wide reputation has said, like a majority of the critics, "It is fair to prophesy that 'Freckles' the play will attain a popularity equal to that of the novel," and it will not be out of place to state that the novel has had over a million readers. It has proved the best seller of all the best sellers of the past ten years.

A SPLENDID CHRISTMAS BILL AT THE NEW GRAND.

Both afternoon and evening yesterday, saw the Grand Opera House, filled to capacity, safe to say everyone present went away delighted with the entertainment provided for them; it goes without saying that it is the best program in weeks. The photo plays were exceptionally good, some humorous and others tragical, but enough variety to suit every taste. The vaudeville exceeded expectations, the feature set "The Carpenters" Aerialists, being perhaps the best troupe of aerial artists seen in these parts. Their feats are daring to a degree. This performance held the audience spellbound as each trick was succeeded by a cleverer one. Florence Forst & Co. The Original Kids in their remarkable sketch "Fun in the Woods" were a host in themselves. This act alone, carries over a ton of special scenery and effects.

The Croft Sisters, are neat Singers and Dancers. They pleased the big audience immensely and received well earned encores. Jim Otto, Character Comedian, pulled off some new stunts and jokes, he is a talented comedian and acquitted himself very creditably. As we said before, it is a good bill and deserving of bumping business to-day and to-morrow.

OPENING OF THE ROMA THEATRE.

The new Roma Theatre opened its doors last evening and was filled to capacity. The unanimous opinion of everyone is that this new play house is the finest of its size to be found anywhere in the City. The hearing qualities are excellent, and above all, every seat is a full view one. Mgr. Beckerich had an excellent selection of pictures, which in this Theatre produces a larger view. Reel and Cook, two comedians suited the audience fine. A happy evening with happy volgar. The opening day was an auspicious one and assures a very successful career for the ROMA.

MARKET REPORTS

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Snow west and southwest, giving needed protection to the winter crop, acted as a check today on bullish sentiment regarding wheat. The market closed weak 1-3/4 to 1-1/2 under last night. Corn showed a loss of 1-1/2c, oats finished 1-1/2c off but there was some support in the form of resting orders that commission houses play into play on the declines. In addition to the snow-fall, news regarding the Canadian wheat tariff made caution seem necessary to the advance, and provisions from 10c decline to a gain of 1/2c.

TORONTO GAIN MARKET.

Wheat, fall, bushel, 1.50 to 1.52
Barley, bushel, 1.00 to 1.02
Oats, bushel, 1.00 to 1.02
Rye, bushel, 1.00 to 1.02
Clover, 1.00 to 1.02

TORONTO DAIRY MARKET.

Butter, creamery, lb. rolls, 21c to 22c
Butter, separator, dairy, 21c to 22c
Butter, creamery, solids, 21c to 22c
Butter, store lots, 21c to 22c
Cheese, old, lb., 15c to 16c
Eggs, new-laid, 15c to 16c
Eggs, cold storage, 15c to 16c
Honey, extracted, lb., 10c to 11c

WINNIPEG GRAIN MARKET.

Wheat—No. 1 northern, 23 1/2c; No. 2, 23c; No. 3, 22 1/2c; No. 4, 22c; No. 5, 21 1/2c; No. 6, 21c; No. 7, 20 1/2c; No. 8, 20c; No. 9, 19 1/2c; No. 10, 19c; No. 11, 18 1/2c; No. 12, 18c; No. 13, 17 1/2c; No. 14, 17c; No. 15, 16 1/2c; No. 16, 16c; No. 17, 15 1/2c; No. 18, 15c; No. 19, 14 1/2c; No. 20, 14c; No. 21, 13 1/2c; No. 22, 13c; No. 23, 12 1/2c; No. 24, 12c; No. 25, 11 1/2c; No. 26, 11c; No. 27, 10 1/2c; No. 28, 10c; No. 29, 9 1/2c; No. 30, 9c; No. 31, 8 1/2c; No. 32, 8c; No. 33, 7 1/2c; No. 34, 7c; No. 35, 6 1/2c; No. 36, 6c; No. 37, 5 1/2c; No. 38, 5c; No. 39, 4 1/2c; No. 40, 4c; No. 41, 3 1/2c; No. 42, 3c; No. 43, 2 1/2c; No. 44, 2c; No. 45, 1 1/2c; No. 46, 1c; No. 47, 1/2c; No. 48, 1/4c; No. 49, 1/8c; No. 50, 1/16c.

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