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London, Wednesday, Dec. 24.

Remove the Coal Duty.

A bill has been introduced in the United States Senate to take the duty off Canadian coal, providing Canada also admits United States coal free of duty. Anthracite coal pays no duty in Canada, but soft coal pays 53 cents a ton. The duty on coal entering the United States is nearly 60 cents per ton. The bill in the United States Senate is promoted by a stiff protectionist, Senator Lodge, and will probably carry, as the Democrats will support it as an item of their own programme. The abolition of the duty is particularly desired by the New England States, which import a great deal of Nova Scotia coal. The pinch of the fuel famine has forced the Senate to recognize the demand.

The Dominion Government should respond to such an offer. The rank protectionist must admit that reciprocity in coal would be a mutual advantage. The New England States are the natural market for Nova Scotia coal and the Northwestern and Pacific coast States are the natural market for British Columbia coal. Ontario and Quebec have to buy their soft and hard coal from the United States, as British Columbia and Nova Scotia coal is excluded by high freight rates. The tariff does not give Canadian coal the home market; it is a tax on Canadian manufacturers and consumers, and the revenue it yields could be well spared. A free American market would also greatly develop the coal mining industry in Canada and add to the wealth of the country. Reciprocity in this one article would prove so beneficial to both countries that it would be a strong argument for extending it to other products.

Kipling's Latest Jingle.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Liberal leader, denounced those who by "rasping writings and foul fibes" had tried to foment discord between Great Britain and Germany. Kipling has provoked this shot by his latest ballad, in which he voices the repugnance of the average Britisher to the Anglo-German alliance in coining Venezuela. It is a pity Kipling has his great talents to such mischievous uses. There is a deep-seated resentment in England over the attitude of the German people during the Boer war, and Britons were especially stung by the venomous attacks on Queen Victoria; but the conduct of the German Government was more than correct—it was friendly—and the Emperor has assiduously cultivated British goodwill. The Governments of both countries have been wiser than the public. German ill-feeling toward Great Britain springs from commercial rivalry, which should be a bond of friendship. Each country is the other's best customer, and their interests are common, not only in trade, but in everything that pertains to civilization and progress. The London Times has been carrying on an aggressive anti-German campaign in favor of a pro-Russian policy. This is not Kipling's first offense. Some years ago he pandered to the British Russophobes by his ballad, "Adam-Zad," likening Russia to the "bear that looked like a man." Since then, largely owing to the influence of the Times, British hostility to Russia has been greatly abated. The wonder is that Kipling's splendid genius could stoop to woo a musical muse.

The Doctors' Petition.

Fifty-four of the 65 medical practitioners of the City of London have petitioned the hospital trust to restore the previous arrangements at Victoria Hospital, affecting the Medical School. The reasons upon which the petition is based, are cogently set forth by the faculty of the school in an open letter, which should be read by every citizen of London. We think it will convince the public that the cordial co-operation of the Medical School and the hospital is necessary to the efficiency of both institutions. The school is not asking a new privilege. The faculty and students have the right of six months' attendance at the hospital, but under the present arrangement, three of the six months are in the summer, when the school is closed. All that is asked is that the six months shall run consecutively during the school term. The city council pledged the winter months to the school 20 years ago, but this right has been suddenly set aside. No institution has contributed more to make London an educational center than the Medical College. It attracts students from every portion of the province, and its graduates, who are to be found all over Canada and the United States, are an honor to their profession. The city derives a prestige from the school, and a direct financial return through the presence of the undergraduates who must spend a large sum annually for their maintenance. As stated by the faculty, the school has been also a great stimulus to medical progress in the city, one result being the creation of specialists, of whom there were none in London 25 years ago. Every medical practitioner knows that a hospital and a medical college are in many respects complementary.

mentary. Each can be of indispensable service to the other, and the city hospital is vastly more efficient because of the school. An attempt has been made to mislead the public by representing that the hospital patients are regarded by the school as so much experimental material for the students. The student neither treats, operates upon nor even dresses the wounds of a public patient, his only business in the hospital being to listen to instructions and watch the clinical demonstrations. The physicians of London are honorable men; they have set a high professional standard, and both as practitioners and citizens they have the interests of Victoria Hospital at heart. Surely their judgment as to the administration of the hospital is entitled to some respect. To whom can we look, if not to the medical profession, for guidance in such matters? The good-will of the medical men of the city is absolutely necessary to the institution, but they have been treated with contempt by the non-professional element in control, their motives have been impugned and they have been scurrilously attacked by a section of the press. A blow has been struck at the Medical School, which has entered a new career of usefulness and was making rapid headway. The educational prestige of the city, which was being steadily built up, has also received a setback by the action of the trust.

The Advertiser wishes its thousands of readers a merry Christmas.

Woman's ways are past finding out. A Canadian girl has married the 80-year-old owner of a title, and the Crown Princess of Saxony has run away from a throne.

Stratford is enjoying an industrial boom, having secured several new establishments by guaranteeing their bonds. It is to be hoped the city's business acumen proves equal to its faith in itself.

An English letter has reached this office addressed to the Editor of The Advertiser, London, Nova Scotia, Canada. The writer, like too many Englishmen, has hazy notions of Canadian geography, but he had heard of The Advertiser all right.

If our Conservative friends are going into municipal politics again they should bring out a better adermanic ticket. Plain-minded Conservatives would not stoop to the narrow partyism which has prevailed in this year's council.

Mr. Thomas Coffey's candidature for the Senate has been received with great approbation by the press of the country, without distinction of party. It has the cordial, we might say the unanimous, approval of the Liberals of London and Western Ontario, a fact which should weigh strongly in Mr. Coffey's favor. It is a recognition of his pre-eminent qualifications that no other western name has been even mentioned. His appointment would be a highly popular, as well as a meritorious one. No one, with equal claims, has been proposed for the position. We think it should go to a Western man.

A Toronto World cartoon represents Mr. Fielding as Santa Claus carrying a bag of Christmas gifts labeled "Tariff." In the background is a forest of chimneys, each placarded "kindly call." Mr. Fielding is made to say: "It looks as though they expected me down nearly every tall chimney in the land this Christmas." In one particular the cartoon describes the situation. Every tall chimney is smoking!

The consumption of refined oil in the United States is about 600,000,000 gallons per year. The increase of 2 cents per gallon will net the Standard Oil Company \$12,000,000 a year. The Boston Herald says:

"Last year the company paid dividends of 45 per cent on its capital, which is largely water, representing no investment at all, being simply capitalized great artfully employed in obtaining from the American people all that can be extorted without exciting them to violent revolution. It is a case of a very large proportion of the stock being held by a few individuals, the company intends Winnipeg to be the connecting point between the eastern and western sections of the road."

TO BRIDGE DETROIT RIVER. Detroit, Mich., Dec. 24.—Nelson A. B. Atwater, assistant to President Hays, of the G. T. R., nor the officials of the Michigan Central will give any further information regarding the plans for the international bridge. One gentleman, who is in close touch with the situation, says, however, that the matter was further discussed by Mr. Hays after his conference with President Ledyard, and that it is more probable that the question of the location of the bridge will be amicably decided among the railways interested within the next 60 days. Both the M. C. R. and the G. T. R. is declared are very anxious to have the question settled and the bridge built as soon as possible.

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The Cynic Christmas.

[J. D. Symon, in The Sketch.]
Though faith is flagging year by year,
We keep one old tradition green,
And sing the praise of "Festive cheer,"
"Wassail," and "bright domestic scene,"
Which may or may not have been
In those brave days of vanished pride,
Yet worship we with ardent keen
The legendary Christmas tide.

The Yule log flames upon the hearth,
In Christmas card and story-book,
And at this season back to earth
Come time-worn ghosts of modern spook.
The grandiose tells the tale that shook
His youth, and will not be denied;
His must maintain, by hook or creek,
His legendary Christmas tide.

L'Envoi.
O, fabled season, let us laud
Your kindly virtues far and wide,
And hug you close, you ancient fraud,
Dear legendary Christmas tide.

Certified Check.

[Montreal Star.]
Sir Hiram Maxim tells a story of Lady Maxim's ingenuity. Sir Hiram and Lady Maxim were staying at a southern watering place. When the time came to pay the bill on leaving the landlady of the hotel looked askance at the proffered check. He knew the name, but had no evidence that the signer was the owner of it. Sir Hiram had not enough cash in his pocket to meet the case. Then Lady Maxim invited the proprietor to go down to the pier, put a penny in a certain slot, and took. He did so, and he saw a "living picture" of Sir Hiram firing a Maxim gun in the presence of the Shah of Persia. That was conclusive, and the check was accepted.

Medicine for Him.

[Philadelphia Press.]
"His wife has treasured all the letters he wrote to her when he was courting her; keeps them by her all the time."
"Gracious! She doesn't read them over, does she?"
"No, but she threatens to read them to him whenever he gets obstreperous."

The Price of Coal.

[Toronto Globe.]

In considering the coal situation it is well to remember that the anthracite coal mines of Pennsylvania have always been able to produce in less than 200 days all the anthracite coal consumed in America in a year. During the year 1901, which saw the largest production, the men were employed only 194 days, and the previous year only 171 days. It is almost impossible that on every full working day a third more anthracite coal can be produced than the continent consumes for that day. That was the case, however, in 1901, had not the present strong incentive to economy in using the precious mineral. With coal at \$8 to \$12 a ton we can be sure that there is not a mine burned as when it was from \$5 to \$6 a ton. It is altogether likely, therefore, that when the mines are in full operation the production could be made double the present consumption. If all those concerned in the mining and marketing of coal would play fair it should neither be very scarce nor very dear. It costs no more to mine a ton of coal and haul it to Toronto today than it did last winter, and when people are charged \$8 to \$12 a ton for it someone is making undue profits.

THE RAILWAYS ARE BUSY

Have Been Doing Biggest December Business on Record.

The U. T. R. and M. C. R. Wait a Bridge Across Detroit River.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—The passenger and freight department of the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Railways agree that the present month surpasses all previous ones in the volume of business handled. The increase in freight is simply enormous, while the overdue heavily-loaded trains and specials arriving almost daily testify to the growth of the passenger business.

THE TRANSCONTINENTAL.
Hon. Clifford Sifton, in an interview here, said that whatever assistance may be given to the Grand Trunk Pacific transcontinental line, it will not take the form of a land grant.

INSPECTING THE LINES.
F. W. Morse, third vice-president of the G. T. R., and William Wainwright, controller, Montreal, were at the Union station for a few minutes today on their return from their trip in Western Canada, in the proposed Grand Trunk Pacific line.

They visited Winnipeg and other points in the West, and will report to Charles H. Hays, general manager, of their tour of inspection. One of the most important parts of their work was the inspection of Winnipeg for terminal facilities for the new line. It is understood that the company intends Winnipeg to be the connecting point between the eastern and western sections of the road.

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THE BALANCE OF HEALTH



Is often very much against the wife. Her strength is undermined, she loses flesh and her energy and courage slowly leak away from her. Gradually the comradeship of husband and wife is broken up. At first he takes his solitary pleasures reluctantly, but later he hardly seems to remember the old days over which his wife in her weakness mourns daily.

Women who find their health failing, and womanly ailments fastening on them, should promptly begin the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It corrects irregularities, drives out the cause of weakness, heals inflammation and ulceration, and cures female weakness. It makes weak women strong, sick women well. Sick women are invited to consult Dr. Pierce, by letter, free. All correspondence held strictly private and sacredly confidential. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

"I had been a great sufferer from female weakness for about two years," writes Mrs. Emma Richardson, of Gosh, Wayne Co., Ky. "I could not do any work part of the time. I took four bottles of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and feel as well as I ever did. I have also used Dr. Pierce's Gonorrhea Medical Discovery for ulceration of the throat with good results and half of one bottle cured my throat, which I could scarcely swallow."

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SAVED HER LIFE

Dame Louis Brovost Tells a Tale of Suffering and How She Was Relieved.

St. Magloire, Que., Dec. 22.—Too feeble to work, tortured with the pains of Rheumatism, suffering from Bright's Disease and Heart Trouble, it was little wonder that Dame Louis Brovost had almost decided to give up the struggle, but today she is a strong, hearty, happy woman, and she always says, "Dodd's Kidney Pills saved my life."

"I tried all medicines in the world and grew worse and worse," says Dame Brovost. "There were three months I could not get out of bed, and I made up my mind to let myself die. Then I was led to try Dodd's Kidney Pills. The good the first box did me surprised me, and I have never been the same since. I am well again, I am in perfect health and I am very joyful. Dodd's Kidney Pills saved my life."

The first volume of the census of 1901 has just been issued and will shortly be distributed.

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Arrangement are being made to erect a Shakespeare memorial in Germany. A whale of 50 tons exerts 145 horsepower in swimming 12 miles an hour. The Downs (Kent) and the Broom, fearful lest any of its school-mates should set a bad example to the pupils, embodies this provision in its contracts with teachers: "No teacher shall engage in dancing or card playing during the continuance of this contract, nor attend any formal parties during the school week."

Shirts and hats that are never in need of ironing are worn by the Indians of the interior of Bolivia. They are made of the bark of a tree, which is soaked in water until the fiber is softened, and then beaten with stones to make it pliable.

A new agricultural school for Jewish boys is being established near Grodno, in the Government of Minsk, Russia. This is in the line of improving the physical welfare of the race, which is in danger of deterioration, not being able to understand the influence of overworked ghettos.

Cairo has the only medical school in Egypt.

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