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LONDON, FRIDAY, SEPT. 16.

ATTACKING THE MOTHER COUNTRY.

Sir James Whitney's attack upon the mother country, which is printed in full in the Standard of Empire, is mortifying to self-respecting Canadians. Here is one passage:

"We want something done, and something must be done, or the Empire will in time be but a recollection. You (the British people) have set up a golden age to be worshipped, and it is worshipped, and you forbid any one to discuss its omnipotence or its right to be worshipped. You say, 'We will worship it, and no matter if a greater god arises alongside it, we will not allow any other gods.' All I can say is that if Great Britain continues in that frame of mind the ties which bind the Dominion to her will be loosened. We want a remedy—some remedy! If preference be the remedy, then let us have it! We do not care what we have so long as we are fairly treated. Give us this, and the bonds of Empire, which are so strong now, will become even stronger."

This amazing utterance is insulting to Canada and Great Britain alike. In what respect are we not getting fair play? Great Britain throws open her market freely to Canadian products, while we obstruct British imports by a tariff ranging from 15 to 20 per cent. Great Britain puts all the power of her diplomacy, her navy, and army, behind us, free of cost. She permits us to negotiate trade treaties with other countries. Sir James Whitney himself says that we are "practically independent." But he tells the British people that we will consider ourselves unfairly treated, and will desert the Empire, unless, in addition to these privileges, they tax their bread and meat for our advantage. This is a deplorable misrepresentation of Canadian opinion. It is a libel upon the imperial sentiment of this country. It is grossly unjust to the mother country. Fortunately the British people regard Sir Wilfrid Laurier as the authoritative spokesman of the Dominion, and he has promptly repudiated Sir James Whitney's deliverance. If a premier of Ontario has done, Canada would today be an object of contempt to a large portion of the British nation.

RUBBER.

The two sensations in the industrial world during the past year have been the motor rage and the rubber boom. The former had much to do with creating the latter. There has been nothing else in years comparable to either. The motor craze has been most pronounced in America; the rubber boom in Great Britain. It is a cause for legitimate boasting in Great Britain that a new and wonderful source of wealth has been largely captured by British enterprise. Says the London Nation: "The new rubber plantations of the Malay Peninsula, entirely financed by British capital and controlled by British management, are a marvellous proof of what this country can do. Half the world's rubber is consumed by the United States. Probably three-quarters at least of the cultivated rubber is British. Here is a new and enormously profitable trade captured and monopolized within the last few years by British adventurers."

It is one more evidence of the commercial vitality of Great Britain. The business activity of the past year has been almost unprecedented. Over £200,000,000 of new capital have been subscribed in London since Jan. 1, to public issues at home, abroad, and throughout the Empire. For the seven months ending July 31 the exports of manufactured articles rose £26,895,000, compared with the same months a year ago. It has been a bad year only for the croakers, of whom Great Britain appears to have more than her share. The mother country has apparently not yet finished the course.

BIGGER AND BETTER STEAM-SHIPS.

In a recent article Sir William H. White, the eminent naval architect, draws attention to the great improvements in material and methods of shipbuilding, and in marine engineering, which the last half-century has witnessed. He thinks there is no reason for supposing that further increase cannot be made in the dimensions and speeds of ships if commercial considerations should make that course desirable, and if the necessary financial provision were made for the construction of larger ships, and for suitable

dock accommodation at terminal points.

That the limit has not yet been reached is shown by the fact that the White Star Line has two ships, the Olympic and Titanic, larger than the Lusitania and the Mauretania, far advanced in construction, while the Hamburg-American Company has recently ordered a steamer which will be larger and swifter than the Olympic and Titanic, and the Cunard Company is said to be considering designs for still larger vessels. At the annual meeting of the latter company, the chairman predicted that the future of the New York trade rested not with the 10,000-ton cargo boat, but with the 40,000 or 50,000-ton vessel, combining passenger and cargo capacity. Coming from so high and responsible an authority, Sir William White declares this expression of opinion is likely to be followed by action and the competition for possession of the biggest ship afloat is obviously not ended.

To show the great advance in shipbuilding in the last 40 years, Sir William makes a comparison between the Great Eastern, which made her first trans-Atlantic trip of July 17, 1860, and modern steamships. The vessel that played so important a part in the laying of the first Atlantic cable had a length over all of 693 feet, while that of the Lusitania and Mauretania is 790 feet, of the Olympic and Titanic 882 feet, and of the Hamburg-American steamers 910. The gross tonnage of the four classes of ships named is 18,915, 32,000, 43,000 and 45,000 tons respectively, and the horsepower 8,000, 75,000, 40,000 and 60,000.

Sir William believes further increase in the size of steamship would undoubtedly be accompanied by economy in the cost of over-sea transport of cargoes. The benefits to be derived from enlarged size are, however, most sensible up to the point at which the dimensions of ships become great in proportion to the largest stormwaves likely to be encountered. At the same time the writer agrees with an experienced transatlantic steamship commander, who recently declared that in the largest vessels now at work the decision whether or not to "carry-on" at full speed in very bad weather had to be based on the consideration of possible damage to superstructures, navigational appliances and fittings of ships, not upon the possibility of driving them through the heaviest seas with little loss of speed. This is borne out by the remarkably uniform performances of the Lusitania and Mauretania over long periods and in all conditions of weather.

In view of what has happened in the past, it is not possible to predict what will happen in future, but it seems certain that commercial considerations will predominate. It is the ship-owners and dock proprietors, not naval architects and marine engineers, who will have to make the decision where and when increase of size and speed shall stop.

According to Sir James Whitney there are seven ties of empire, namely, five leaves and two fishes.

The crop returns show that good old Ontario has "delivered the goods" as usual.

The Canadian Manufacturers' Association is holding its annual meeting in the west, and bearding the low tariff lion in his den.

The political activities of British trade unionism have been given a setback by a judicial decision that members cannot be compelled to contribute toward political purposes. The act of congress will urge the Government to bring in a bill to reverse the decision. The rational plan would be the payment of members of parliament, as in other portions of the empire. Members would not then be the paid servants of party organizations.

Sir Tupper once declared that Canada ought to have a preference in the British market in return for her share in the South African war. Colonel Denison complained that Canadian blood in South Africa had been shed in vain because the Boers were granted self-government. Sir James Whitney says Canada will desert the empire unless she gets fiscal favors from the mother country. Heaven preserve the empire from some of the so-called imperialists!

DUTY OF CANADIANS.

While Canada is now in the making, Canadians should awaken to the scope and importance of their mission. There must be a national purpose. Nationally things do not merely happen—they come to pass. Destiny is not a thing to be waited for—it is something to be achieved. A nation's purpose determines its destiny.

ILLITERATE VOTERS IN OLD LAND.

[London Daily News.]
A Parliamentary return issued yesterday shows that of the 6,551,214 electors who voted at the general election, 41,710 were in the former division, 1,405 were in the heaviest proportion of "illiterates."

England and Wales 15,151 5,770,243
Scotland 2,944 690,442
Ireland 22,215 230,529
South Mayo and East Donegal provide the biggest proportions. Of 4,893 who voted in the former division, 1,405 were illiterate. In East Donegal the proportion was 1,532 to 5,017. A striking Scottish contrast to this is provided by Aberdeenshire. In the western division there was not one illiterate voter in the total of 9,065, while in the eastern division, where 10,562 voted, there was only one illiterate. There are no illiterates either in Orkney and Shetland or in Peebles and Selkirk.
There were no illiterates among the 11,182 voters in the southern division of

Aberdeen Burgh, and only one among the 7,555 in the northern division. The biggest proportions of illiterates in Scottish constituencies were in Inverness County and Ross and Cromarty, the figures being 333 out of 7,573 and 210 out of 5,848 respectively.

PUMPKINS VS. ORATORY.

[Hamilton Herald.]
Mr. Borden has cancelled some of his political meetings in Ontario in order to avoid interfering with fall fairs. Perhaps the Conservative leader realized that the big talks could not compete successfully with the big pumpkins.

SOMETHING WRONG.

[Hamilton Spectator.]
Recent events indicate that there is altogether too much of the "come easy, go easy" system in the management of Ontario's jails and asylums.

ADVICE OF A FRIEND.

[Toronto Telegram.]
Conservatives at Ottawa may not have left themselves with much of a future to lose. The future of the Borden Opposition, such as it is, cannot be prolonged or brightened by the strategy which imagines that it is smart politics to coddle Henri Bourassa, M.P.E.
The less the Conservative party has to do with Mr. Bourassa the better for that party's health, wealth and long life.

THE ASYLUMS.

[Toronto Star.]
Dr. Bruce Smith's statement that 25 to 40 per cent of the inmates of Toronto Asylum are discharged annually as cured raises a question in the minds of many as to whether there would be as many of these "cures" if there were ample asylum accommodation for all patients who require it.

AS PA SEES IT.

[Chicago News.]
Little Willie—Say, pa, what is vulgar ostentation?
Pa—Vulgar ostentation, my son, is the display made by people who have more money to make it with than we have.

A BIRD IN THE HAND.

[Harper's Bazar.]
He—Be this the Woman's Exchange?
She—Yes.
He—Be you the woman?
She—Yes.
He—H'm! Then I guess I'll keep my Sal.

THE SUPERLATIVE HABIT.

[Washington Star.]
Man when he is by woe beset
To magnify it doth endeavor.
There never was a sinner yet
That was not called "the hottest ever."

WAITING.

[The Delinquent.]
Aunt Anna asked her little nephew what he would like to give his cousin for his birthday.
"I know," he answered, "but I ain't big enough."

IF HE ONLY WOULD.

[Catholic Standard and Times.]
He "talks like a book" his Admirers all say.
What a pity he doesn't
Shut up the same way.

TWO VERSIONS.

[Life.]
Miss Neverstop (sitting herself between two married men, exclaims):
"A rose between two thorns."
"Nay, madame," retorts one irate old gentleman, "say rather a tongue sandwich."

THE UNANSWERABLE RIDDLE.

[Lippincott's.]
A plain and simple answer for
This question's what we wish:
Does fishing make a man a liar, or
Do only liars fish?

A RAIN TRAP.

[Yorkshire Daily Post.]
In a time of distressing drought a harassed amateur agriculturist stepped into a shop to buy a barometer. The shopman was giving a few stereotyped instructions about indications and pressures, when the purchaser impatiently interrupted him.
"Yes, yes," said he, "that's all right, but what I want to know is, how do you set the thing when you want it to rain?"

BOOKER WASHINGTON IN LONDON.

[London Daily News.]
Mr. Booker Washington, the American negro leader, who has come over to gain a knowledge of industrial conditions on this side of the Atlantic, had yesterday a busy day.

One item in his programme was a visit to the Thames police court, where he listened attentively to the various charges that were dealt with by the magistrate. In the afternoon he called at the Local Government Board offices for Mr. John Burns, who took him on a tour of inspection of the various model dwellings and institutions of his own constituency of Battersea.

In conversation with a member of our staff, Mr. Washington said he scarcely knew what he was most impressed by, the model dwellings or Mr. Burns.
"Mr. Burns," he said, "struck me as being a genuine workman, who has the interests of the people at heart. As to your workmen's dwellings, baths, and other institutions, they are 'real bully'—much finer than anything we have in the States. You see, our Government or municipal authorities do very little in this direction compared with what is done over here. The size and beauty of your parks, too, are a great deal more than a congested city as London."

Mr. Booker Washington will leave tonight on his visit to Mr. Andrew Carnegie at Skibo Castle, and will not return to London until early in October, when he will speak at the National Liberal Club on "The Economic Value of the Negro."

VAUGHAN ADDRESSES THE EMPIRE CLUB.

Noted Jesuit Orator in Strong Condemnation of Race Suicide.
Toronto, Sept. 15.—Father Vaughan, the noted Jesuit orator, this evening addressed the Empire Club.

His speech was a stirring appeal to the citizens of Canada to build up individual character, which he held to be the foundation of an empire's greatness, to cultivate home life and perform the duties of the married state and hold fast to religion. As an example of his ideal of men he quoted Sir Wilfrid Laurier, R. L. Borden and Sir James Whitney.

He was scathing in his condemnation of race suicide, which he described as treason against the majesty of God, and fearfully proclaimed his belief in Catholicism as the true religion.
"If I did not believe I had the best religion I would chuck it," he said. "I believe in having the best in religion. Whatever you may think of the Catholic Church, you have to admit it is the greatest. I tell you it is here to stay. It will last forever."

STOLE FROM DAIRY.

Toronto, Sept. 15.—Percy L. Bernard pleaded guilty in the sessions this morning to the theft of \$50 from the City Dairy, with which he was em-

CHAPMAN'S SATURDAY'S BULLETIN

A Special in Ladies' New Fall Suits

For Saturday we are making a special offer of High-Grade Strictly Chapman Tailored Suits, Suits having all the appearance, all the finish, all the style, all the distinctiveness for which our Suits are noted. A matchless early-in-the-season special. Colors are brown, blue, green and black. Coats cut in the latest length, skirts have semi-pleats at the side. Sizes 34 to 40. This is the first time this season we have offered Suits at... \$14.75

Feather Boas in Black

We have just opened a box of handsome Black Ostrich Boas, in long, fluffy length, thick glossy fibre. The range of prices is \$6.00, \$8.00, \$9.00 and \$10.00

New 'Down Comforters

We think we have the nicest Down Comforters to be found anywhere at the same prices. We know they are the nicest we ever had. See them before you go home, at \$3.50 to \$10.00

For Little Boys

Bring the boys in and see the new styles.

OVERCOATS for little boys, 2 to 8 years. Made of black beaver, buttoning close up to the neck, with close-fitting velvet collar. Special at... \$2.95

SCARLET OVERCOATS, made of heavy red cheviot with black trimmings and emblem on the sleeve; sizes to fit boys 2 to 8 years, at... \$3.75

FANCY SUITS for little boys, all the way from \$1.50 to \$7.00

J. H. Chapman & Co., 126, 128, 128½ Dundas St.

NEW FALL CLOTHING

MEN'S OVERCOATS for winter wear, in the new Progress style, with convertible collar that looks neat either up or down. The coat is 50 inches long, made of all-wool diagonal cloth, in rich blended colorings, all sizes, 34 to 42. Chapman Special \$11.90

MEN'S RAW EDGE BLACK MELTON OVERCOATS—This is one of the dressiest Black Overcoats made from best quality melton, in long Chesterfield style, lapped seams and raw edges, hand-padded collars and lapels. A great amount of handwork on each coat. Sizes 34 to 44. Price \$14.90

MEN'S BLACK OVERCOATS, made of heavy black beaver or melton cloth, 48 inches long, cut full and roomy, velvet collar and raised seams, sizes 34 to 44. Special \$10.00

New Suits \$8.50 and Upwards



Kingsmills THE QUALITY STORE Kingsmills Ladies' Dressmaking and Tailoring Departments Now Open

The 'Mid Glove Sale
Great was the response to the announcement of our Glove Sale. For tomorrow we've saved an excellent lot.

Girls' Heavy English Walking Gloves, 50c
Made of extra heavy kid, in sizes 1 to 7, for children, girls and misses. Never before sold for less than 75c a pair. Tomorrow.... 50c

Ladies' Fine French Kid Gloves 79c
In pretty shades of tans, browns, mode, greys, white and black; two-buttoned style; excellent quality, very special. Tomorrow..... 79c

Ladies' Lisle Stockings 25c
In blacks and all colors; an excellent quality at this very special price. Saturday, pair 25c

\$1.25 Tweed Suitings 50c
In pretty shades of greens, blues, browns and reds; all 54 inches wide; weights for suits and dresses. Tomorrow, yard 50c

6-Inch Moire Ribbons 15c
In cream, white, sky, navy, black, red, green, etc.; a very special value, at yard..... 15c

Feather Boas, at 99c
A big purchase of \$2.25 Feather Boas, in white, black, blue, brown and mixtures. Worth \$2.25 each.

Children's Stockings, 10c
All sizes. A good-wearing Black Stocking; some slightly imperfect. Worth 20c. On sale Saturday at, pair 10c

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YOUR CHOICE OF OUR IMMENSE STOCK OF SUITINGS AND COATINGS, WE WILL CHARGE FOR THE CLOTH ONLY. ORDER EARLY.

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