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THE CAPTAINS OF INDUSTRY.

The annual address of the president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, Mr. Ballantyne, strikes a cheerful note. Times are good, Canadian industry is in a healthy and flourishing condition, and manufacturers are making money. Their one drawback is the scarcity of labor, but it is better for the country that they should complain of the lack of workmen, than that labor should complain of the lack of work.

Mr. Ballantyne cites a convincing array of prosperity statistics. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1906, Canada's foreign trade amounted to $552,000,000, an increase of $312,000,000 in ten years. Our exports alone increased $20,000,000 in the past year. The imports from the United States increased 8 per cent and the imports from Great Britain 13 per cent. A large proportion of the increase of our purchases from Great Britain Mr. Ballantyne attributed to the preferential tariff.

The fly in the ointment, from the manufacturers' point of view, is the large volume of Canadian purchases in the United States. Our dutiable imports from that country last year were valued at $94,200,167. A large percentage of these were manufactured goods, which Mr. Ballantyne thinks could have been made just as well in this country. Whether it would be more profitable to have them made in Canada, or purchase them in the United States, is, however, a question upon which there will be difference of opinion. There is already a Canadian tariff on these goods, which would cause them to be made in this country if the cost of production was not greatly in favor of the United States. No doubt the tariff could be raised sufficiently high to compel their manufacture in Canada, but the majority of the people of Canada are not convinced that it is good policy to pay any price for any industry.

Mr. Ballantyne was aware that his views would meet with less acceptance in the west than elsewhere, because the west is mainly interested in agriculture, and he cleverly appealed to the farmer to support a policy of all-round protection which would exclude competing farm products, and build up a home market. The home market, however, will not determine the prices of Canadian farm products which find their chief market abroad, and Canada will not soon reach the stage, which the United States is approaching, where it will cease to be an exporter of foodstuffs. Mr. Ballantyne points out that of 171,000,000 acres of arable land in the Canadian west only about 4 per cent is under cultivation, and that if only one-fourth of it is put under the plow, our granaries will contain more than four times the requirements of Great Britain. This means that for many years to come the consumption of wheat in Canada will have no influence upon the value of our vast and expanding wheat crop, the bulk of which will have to be exported to other countries. And so long as the value of agricultural products is fixed in the markets of the world, any imports of these products from other countries will not disturb home prices.

Mr. Ballantyne advocated imperial preferential trade, and undertook to explain the position of the Canadian manufacturers. He would place a virtually prohibitive tariff upon foreign, and an "equalizing" tariff upon British imports. An "equalizing" tariff he described as one which would place the Canadian manufacturers on an equal footing with the British rivals, having regard to the cheaper labor of Great Britain. Whether British and Canadian manufacturers could agree in their definition of an "equalizing" tariff, or frame a schedule of duties upon that basis, is one of the problems which beset the question of an imperial preference.

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE IN FINLAND

It may be considered an anomaly that the latest victory for women's suffrage, and the most complete, has been won within the bounds of the Russian Empire. Thus we have the seeming phenomenon of the unrestricted exercise of the franchise by women in the most radical countries on earth, Australia and New Zealand; and also under the most despotic government in Christendom. The movement has not made the headway its champions hoped for in other civilized countries. The section of the Russian Empire in which the cause has achieved a triumph is Finland, a little nation that has kept the torch of liberty burning in spite of the efforts of Muscovite tyranny to quench it.

The Baroness Gripenberg, one of the band of educated and progressive Finnish women, has sent broadcast a circular letter explaining the events leading up to what is little short of a miracle. The movement began in 1884, but political conditions were unfavorable. In 1905 the self-governing rights of Finland, which had been largely suspended by reactionary influences at St. Petersburg, were restored by an imperial manifesto, in which universal suffrage was foreshadowed. This removed the question from domestic politics, where it had been almost stalemated, and gave it a great impetus. The women's associations worked diligently, and young lady students in the university traveled about the country lecturing. Many meetings were arranged by peasant women. When the imperial proposal, signed by the Czar, conferring political equality upon married and unmarried women, came before the Finnish Diet, very little opposition was offered. Women have not only been given the ballot, but are eligible for election to Parliament. In Finland women receive the same education as men, and work side by side with them in many occupations, as do their sisters in Great Britain and America. The gift of the suffrage, and of eligibility to the Diet, gives them a more advanced position than in any other country. This will surprise people who have imagined that all social progress is a monopoly of the Anglo-Saxon race. The Baroness Gripenberg modestly concludes her letter thus: "The gratitude which we women feel is mingled with the knowledge that we are much less worthy of this great success than the women in other countries, especially in America and Great Britain, who have struggled a much longer time and with much more energy and perseverance than we."

A CANADIAN FLAG.

Referring to some remarks in these columns, our local contemporary says:

"Canada should be signified in the British ensign by some more simple figure. A white star would serve the purpose as indicating the position the Dominion holds in the great constellation of British protectorates. But perhaps some better device might be found if inventive genius would but consider it."

The idea of a more simplified Canadian emblem is a good one, and has been strongly urged in many quarters. The device which has been generally favored is a single maple leaf, standing clear and distinct in the field of the British ensign. The maple leaf is accepted by Canadians as the national emblem, and the Canadian national anthem, "The Maple Leaf Forever" has been written around it. The present Canadian emblem is an unintelligible jumble of provincial coats-of-arms. Not one in ten Canadians can unravel it. The maple leaf would not be sectional but would appeal to patriotic sentiment with equal strength in every portion of the Dominion.

Just here it may be remarked that Canada is a nation, not a protectorate.

A CALLING.

[Floh.]

"Hullo, there!"—She—"Is a telephone girl's occupation a profession or a business?"

He—Neither; it's a calling.

HOW TO GET SERVICE.

[Exchange.]

A man who travels a good deal and who recently visited San Francisco confides to the Chronicle of that city his method of obtaining the utmost service from waiters.

"Usually when I arrive at a hotel," he said, "I take a $2 bill and tear it in half. One half I give to the waiter and the other I keep.

"'Now, John,' I say, 'if everything comes along all right, the other half is yours; if not, you don't get it.'

"Usually I get the best of service and the most marked attention. The waiter always has his eye on the other half.

"I find this method to be the best I ever tried."

HALF WAY ROUND THE WORLD.

[New York Sun.]

The Canadian Pacific Railway has just given notice that it will book travelers for a trip half way round the world, to be made in 30 days, with only two changes. This means 12,000 miles under one flag and one ticket, with baggage checked right through.

This is how it figures out:

	Days.	Miles.
Liverpool to Quebec	7	2,661
Quebec to Vancouver	4	3,072
Vancouver to Hong Kong ...	19	....
Vancouver to Yokohama		4,283
Yokohama to Shanghai		1,178
Shanghai to Hong Kong		810
Totals	30	12,004

The first train left Quebec on Aug. 31, and the first return trip train will leave Vancouver Sept. 17, on arrival of the Empress of India from the Orient.

ETHEL'S NEEDS.

[Life.]

Mamma Roxtoburn—Ethel will be five years old in a week.

Papa Roxtoburn—True.

"Of course, she will have to have her own footman now, as well as her three maids."

"Of course."

"And I've been wondering"—

"Well?"

"If she oughtn't to have her own social secretary likewise, what will all the affairs she will be invited to."

NOT A FINAL SETTLEMENT.

[Minneapolis Journal.]

The person who settles a matter and settles it wrong is in the position of a man who has got rid of the skunk under his porch by driving the innocent little animal under the barn. Then every wandering boy who knows the facts comes along and works for hours with a pole trying to prod the animal. Whether he succeeds or not, the attempt is ruinous to the brand of atmosphere used in the neighborhood.

PRESSURE ON THE SON.

[Weekly Telegraph.]

While Archbishop Trench was dean of Westminster, he delegated Canon Cureton to preach at the abbey on a certain saint's day. On such days the boys of Westminster school attended service and afterward had the rest of the day as a holiday. While Mr. Cureton, on the morning of the day he was to officiate, was looking over his sermon, at the breakfast table, his son asked, in a tone vibrating with anxiety: "Father, is yours a long sermon today?"

"No, Jimmy; not very."

"But how long? Please tell me."

"Well, about twenty minutes, I should say. But why are you so anxious to know?"

"Because, father, the boys say they will thrash me awfully if you are more than half an hour."

NEW USE FOR TROLLEY CARS.

[New London Telegraph.]

Southington sets the style for a new method in funeral processions. A trolley car was used there the other day for a hearse, the casket occupying the front seat and the mourners the rest of the car.

THE KING.

[Boston Transcript.]

Perhaps it is a statement not likely to be challenged by those who have closely and impartially watched the career of Edward VII., since he ascended the throne, that he is one of the best kings that England has had since the days of Alfred. He is a monarch who achieves and achieves wisely. There is nothing spectacular about his methods, hence he is not identified with mouth-filling deeds, but we doubt whether another ruler in all Europe has been so instrumental as he in preserving its peace and promoting its highest welfare.

CANNED MUSIC.

[Berton Braley, in Butte Inter-Mountain.]

There's a gramophone next door,
'Cross the street are seven more,
And about the block I live in there must be at least a score
(I have counted twenty-four),
And they warble and they sing,
And they do most everything,
Ragtime, jagtime, band tunes, grand tunes,
Banjo tunes and Highland fling;
And they cackle and they hoot,
And they whistle and they toot
"Cavalleria Rusticana,"
"Miserere," "Carmen," "Hannah,"
Everything that you can think of played in every sort of "mannah"
Sleep's entirely out of question,
It has spoiled my good digestion;
Edison be cursed forever! How can anybody praise
One who made that screechy business with its sleep-disturbing ways?

We are living in a flat—
There is nothing strange in that—
But whenever we endeavor to engage in friendly chat
There's a gramophonic din
Which comes floating loudly in
From below us and above us,
Drowning out the voices of us—
Stuff from "Johnny Jones" or "Woodland," arias from "Lohengrin,"
Shreds and patches of a tune
Operatic, love or coon,
Slow or fast time—what a pastime,
Underneath the silver moon!
George M. Cohan's "Yankee Doodle,"
Mixed with "Traumerei" and such,
Till your poor bewildered noodle
Whirls and spins to beat the Dutch.
I would move, but that is useless; it is hopeless to escape,
For wherever I might wander I should meet that fearful shape—
Yes, and hear the strident tone
Of that measly gramophone!

There is just one cure I see,
And it don't appeal to me,
But I think I'll have to take it, however harsh it be—
It is this: I'll take my pelf
From the jar upon the shelf
And—oh, fearful vengeance!—buy a gramophone myself!

A REVISION.

[Washington Star.]

"After all," said the dyspeptic philosopher, "what a man is depends largely on what a man eats and how he digests it. The cook is the most responsible factor in our civilization."

"Quite true," answered Miss Cayenne. "The old song should be changed from 'Hail to the Chief' to 'Hail to the Chef.'"

BY THE RIVER'S BRIM.

[Washington Star.]

"I saw a cowslip by the river's brim," murmured the long-haired boarder, who had just returned from a stroll.

"I hope 'twan't one of my cows," said the practical farmer. "Did she slip clear in?"

"She would have, but I saw the bullrush to her assistance."

UNCERTAIN, COY, AND HARD TO PLEASE.

[Atchison Globe.]

When a mother scolds her son and the father agrees with her, this makes her so mad that she forgets the boy and goes after the father.

MR. HOWELL'S TYPES.

[Chicago Inter-Ocean.]

"Typographical errors," said William Dean Howells, the famous novelist, "are always amusing. When I was a boy in my father's printing office, in Martin's Ferry, I once made a good typographical error. My father had written:

"'The showers last week, though copious, were not sufficient for the millmen.'

"I set it up 'milkmen.'"

PRAISING THE DEAD.

[Washington Star.]

"Why is a great man more appreciated after he is dead?"

"He is not more appreciated," answered Senator Sorghum.

"He is more freely complimented because he is less feared by envious rivals."

MISAPPREHENSION ABOUT MR. HOLLOWAY.

[Oskaloosa (Iowa) Globe.]

The reason Mr. Holloway decided to purchase a second auto was probably because some of his friends complained that he had been using a new brand of gasoline in his other machine, but on investigation it was learned that he had accidentally run over a skunk.

A RECORD CROWD AT STRATHROY FAIR

Over Seven Thousand People on Grounds Yesterday.

ENTRIES NUMBERED OVER 3,000

Establishing a Record Also in This Respect—Nearly Every Department Crowded.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Strathroy, Sept. 18.—The Strathroy Fair of this year will undoubtedly prove to be the most successful in the history of the association, not only in the matter of entries, but in attendance as well.

Yesterday was devoted largely to the preparation of the exhibits, but today found everything in shape at an early hour and ready for the inspection of thousands of visitors from all parts of the western country. A year ago today there were fully 7,000 people on the ground, possibly establishing a record, but today this number was at least equaled, and many are of the opinion that it was surpassed very considerably. Everything was favorable to the success of the fair. The weather was the very best that could have been desired, and this enabled the farmers to come to the fair from points 20 and 30 miles distant. During the early part of the day every road leading to Strathroy saw a continuous stream of vehicles bound homewards, and before noon the hotels and stables were jammed to their utmost capacity.

While the fair this year will prove the most successful financially, it establishes a record for entries, the total number exceeding 3,000. There was scarcely a department that was not full. Many were overtaxed.

The horses were a splendid lot, and, what is more, they were mostly the property of the farmers of West Middlesex. In the sheep, there was a record number of entries, while in ladies' work and the fine arts, there was a bigger display than usual. Fruit was extra good. Of the Strathroy fair it can invariably be said that it has the finest exhibition of ladies' work to be found at any exhibition outside of Toronto. The ladies of the western section of the county appear to take a special pride in fancywork, and some of the articles that are to be seen at Strathroy year by year are decidedly creditable to them.

For some reason unknown, the number of entries in the poultry department this year showed a slight falling off from a year ago, but the quality was up to the usual mark.

Teh dairy exhibit was one of the features o fthe fair this year. The judge was Mr. George Barr, secretary of the Western Ontario Dairymen's Association, London, and he took occasion to compliment the directors on the extent and quality of the display. The principal winners in the butter sections were J. O. Cutler, of Poplar Hill; C. A. Gregory, of Lobo, and F. W. Crealy, of Caradoc, each of whom showed over 100 pounds. A lady demonstrator gave exhibitions of butter-making during the day.

Mrs. James Bogue captured the first prize in a rather novel contest—that of the best gentleman's cold dinner.

A feature of the afternoon was the fancy driving contest for ladies and the contest for the best gentleman's turnout. There were upwards of a dozen entries in the former, Mrs. E. Degex, of Kerwood, winning first, and Miss Anna Whiting, of Strathroy, second. Other prize-winners were Mrs. E. Zavitz and Mrs. A. Zavitz.

A number of speed events were held during the afternoon, some good racing being provided. The following were the summaries:

2:50 class:

Minnie H., S. G. Hodgins.....	1	1	1
The Liar, R. Mather	2	4	2
Bon Ton, R. A. Skinner.....	3	3	3
Dr. Brown, E. Upton.....	4	4	3
Queen Diamond, J. Hutton.....	5	ds	

Time—2.21¼, 2:21¼, 2:22¼.

2:18 class:

Davy K., R. Kettle.....	1	1	1
Miss Aloy, C. Barrett.....	2	2	3
Miss Ingie, P. H. Lawson.....	3	3	2

Time—2:19¼, 2:21¼, 2:21¼.

Half-mile running:

Red Top, H. Rason	1	1
Downey Bird, E. Kilbourne.....	3	2
Burly Bob, F. Haney.....	2	ds

Time—:33, :33¾.

Judges—James Lawson, Sarnia; Dr. McGillicuddy, Watford; Mr. P. McKellar, Glencoe.

In the evening a concert was held in the open air, the programme being provided by the band of the Twenty-sixth Regiment, of London; the Imperial Male Quartet, of London, and the Highland Pipers, of Toronto.

Tomorrow the attendance is expected to be fully as large as that of today, and if it approaches it at all the exhibition of 1906 will go down in history as the biggest of them all. No small share of the success is due to the efforts of the president, Mr. D. J. Donaldson, of Caradoc, and Mr. David Evans, of Strathroy, the energetic secretary.

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