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PROTECTION AND PREFERENCE

With the apparent purpose of showing that Sir Wilfrid Laurier had declared himself against an increase in the British preference, the Standard on Saturday quoted a statement made by Sir Wilfrid in 1907. Nowhere in the passage quoted does the Liberal leader make any such declaration. He did speak of a mutual preference as a policy that would in his opinion benefit British trade, but pointed out that Canada had no desire and no intention of forcing a policy which Canadians believed in upon the British people if they were not prepared to receive it. They were not so prepared, nor are they today, but there is no sound reason against an increase by Canada of the British preference. The imports of Canada from the United States are increasing at an enormous rate, and are now valued at a million dollars per day. This happens with a government in power which boasts of its imperialist and "no truck or trade with the Yankees."

Sir Wilfrid Laurier favors a mutual British preference, but it cannot be obtained. Meantime Canada could by increasing the British preference benefit the trade of the mother country, and give some very much needed relief to the Canadian consumer. The manufacturers in Canada, and their organs, are bitterly opposed to any such policy. They are very eager to secure a preference in the mother country for Canadian products, but they will fight against any lowering of the duties on British goods. Their attitude is wholly selfish. It is revealed in another direction when they make the farmer pay the highest price for what he buys, and refuse him a larger market for what he has to sell. An increase in the British preference would benefit the farmer and the general consumer, and the manufacturer would still have ample protection. At present he adjusts prices to suit the highly protected market, and puts the profit down in his pocket.

DR. JAMES R. INCH

One cannot estimate the value of the influence of a life like that of Dr. James R. Inch. There are men and women in all parts of Canada who have been influenced by his ideal and his example. His educational work during a long life has been brought into contact with very many minds in the formative stage, and gave direction to their thoughts and ambitions. His was a long and honorable career, and he had the distinction of being associated at different periods with two great educational institutions in this province, as well as of being for another period at the head of the educational affairs of the province at large. He was a ripe scholar, a good administrator, and a man who devoted himself to the cause of education with real and success. Those who came under his teaching and the influence of his personality during all these years of active service are widely scattered, and there is not one of them but will learn with regret that for him the end has come. Dr. Inch was a Christian gentleman, a man of broad views and fine culture, and one whose labors in the cause of education in his native province have been of the highest value. He was in his own sphere one of the makers of Canada, and one who fully appreciated the prime value of character in the building of a nation.

THE TORIES HOLD IT

The Dutch have taken Holland. In other words the Tories hold the constituency of Macdonald, in Manitoba. Commenting on this election a week ago the Toronto Globe said:—

"The importance of the Macdonald election is being considerably exaggerated by both parties. Macdonald has been Conservative for several years, and the whole force of the unscrupulous Manitoba government and the Dominion government, with Bob Rogers in charge, is on the side of the Conservative candidate. The Independent Liberal candidate, Mr. R. L. Richardson, has against him also all the articles he ever published against the Liberal party in his paper."

The returns show that Mr. Richardson held his own in the farming districts, but was beaten in the Winnipeg portion of the constituency, and swamped in the French half-breed section. The whole power of the federal and Manitoba governments was thrown into the fight for the Tory candidate, and nobody expected a Liberal victory under the peculiar conditions that existed. However, the case for larger markets and an increase in the British preference has been stated clearly during the campaign, and this will have an educative value in the western provinces. The real sentiment of the western farmers was voiced in the Saskatchewan elections. As for Macdonald, the Tories simply could not afford to lose it, no matter at what price.

CHILD WELFARE

At the Canadian conference of charities and corrections in Montreal this week the function of play in the development of the child was discussed. It was pointed out how necessary it is to provide opportunities for play under proper supervision. A speaker from Winnipeg, which city is one of the most progressive in Canada in regard to playgrounds and juvenile courts and the general care of children, declared that greater use should be made of school buildings as social centres. Another speaker declared that school premises

should be utilized for every legitimate public interest. This question of the use of school buildings as social centres has lately attracted some attention in St. John, and in the interest of the citizens practical steps should be taken to have some or all of these buildings utilized during the coming winter.

With regard to the care of neglected children, Mr. J. J. Kelce, who is superintendent of the department of neglected children in Ontario, said in an interview this week that conditions in his province in this regard have very greatly improved as a result of the policy of intervention and prevention. The work is well-organized now all over the province, with sixteen agents, who give their whole time to the work in their respective districts, and committees who look after the remaining districts. When a case of neglect of children is learned of, the agent or representative of the committee goes to see the parents about it, and in many cases the trouble can be remedied without further action. But if necessary effective action is taken in the child's behalf.

Mr. Kelce states that the Children's Aid Societies always try to keep children in their own homes, and when that is not possible to place them in private homes where the conditions are satisfactory. He adds that there are many people willing to adopt children when the matter is presented to them in the proper way.

The juvenile court in Toronto is working out very well, the special commissioner being assisted by probation officers. The court is made to look as little as possible like an institution of that kind, and each case is carefully studied and an effort made to deal with it in the most rational and practical way. There is a boys' institute in Toronto, which is also a valuable institution, and has in connection with it a little farm. Every fall there is a fair, where the products grown under the care of these boys on their farm are exhibited.

When a comparison is made between St. John and other cities in regard to this matter of child welfare the result is not gratifying to local pride. There is enough energy going to waste here every winter to conduct many institutions for the good of those who are left to attend the schools of crime in the streets and alleys, but who ought to be cared for so that they would grow into useful citizenship. The use of school buildings as social centres "will" as already stated be of great benefit to the young people, and there is no sound reason for keeping them shut up every night in the year. The people who pay for and support them should get from them all possible benefit.

While his people have been prepared for the departure of Bishop Casey from this province the announcement yesterday renewed the feeling of general regret.

The Standard says the last nail has been driven in the coffin of reciprocity. Meanwhile potatoes are selling at sixty cents per bushel in Carleton county, and Maine growers get a dollar or more.

Parliament may assemble on Nov. 14, and it is said the naval policy of the government will be introduced and as soon as the speech from the throne has been disposed of, we shall soon know, therefore, whether the imperialist or the nationalist group in the cabinet controls Mr. Borden.

One of the chief plank in the Tory platform in Macdonald was an appeal to prejudice against the United States. Sir Rodmond Roblin was the leader in this kind of fighting. It seems to have been effective among the recent arrivals from the mother country, styled the British Born. But how utterly contemptible it was.

The New Brunswick Automobile Association had a bad day on Saturday for road repairing, but they at least saw the roads in very bad condition, and they got together and declared that a change must be made. One result will probably be an organization which will convince the authorities that the people of the province are prepared to stand behind a progressive good roads policy.

The indications now are that a general war in the Balkans will be in progress before the week ends. All reports tend to confirm this view. Such a result would effect the prices of some commodities, even in Canada, and already railway construction in New Brunswick has received a check by the departure of navies who would rather be killing Turks than handling a spade.

PRICE WEBBER AT OPERA HOUSE

St. John favorites, Price Webber and Edwin Gray, appeared before a local audience for the first time in ten years on Saturday night in the Opera House. They were given an enthusiastic reception by a large audience, in spite of the wet weather and the entertainment offered evidently gave thorough satisfaction to everyone in the house.

With the support of a company of eight members Mr. Webber presented "The Female Detective" with Edwin Gray (Mrs. Webber) in the title role. The part was a heavy one calling for the delineation of five characters and the leading lady received great applause for her efforts. Mr. Webber had a characteristic role as a German comedian and his performance and especially his local hits were enthusiastically received.

In a certain speech Mr. Webber referred to the fact that he had made his start in St. John and had been before the public for thirty-seven years, during all of which time his proudest boast was that he was a St. John man.

LIGHTER VEIN

NONSENSE RHYMES.

The Observer is turning a series of "Foundling Rhymes," take this one for example:

I was playing golf one day
When the Germans landed;
All our troops had run away,
All our ships were stranded;
And the thought of England's shame
Almost put me off my game.

And this, contributed by Walter Jerrold:
Willy on the way to Harwich
Tumbled out of the railway carriage.
Father and mother sorrow tasted
Seeing Willy's ticket wasted.

"Willy," indeed, is a favorite subject, and here is another in his honor—
Little Willy from the mirror
One day looked the mercury off,
Thinking in his little head
It would cure his whooping cough.
The funeral Willy's mother
Smarily said back to the manager:
"It was a chilly day for Willy
When the mercury went down!"

KNOTTY SCHEDULE K.
A wool expert of Boston smiled at an argument over "Schedule K."
"The trouble is," he said, "that these disputants don't understand the American sheep industry. They remind me of Smithson's.
Smithson's that isn't their right name—are a Boston bank, and last year they financed a sheep ranch in the west.
"The manager of the ranch was compelled to wire Smithson's in the spring.
"Lambing begins next month. If drought continues will result in total loss."
Smithson's wired back to the manager:
"Postpone lambing till further orders."

GOOD ADVICE.
Not long ago Lord Kinnaird, who is always actively interested in religious work, paid a surprise visit to a mission school in the East-end of London and told a class of boys the story of Samson. In concluding his narrative His Lordship added:
"He was strong, became weak and then regained his strength, enabling him to destroy his enemies. Now, boys, if I had an enemy, what would you advise me to do?"
A little boy, after meditating on the secret of that great man's strength, shot up his hand and exclaimed: "Get a bottle of air restorer!"

SENT TO THE MAT.
A great lover of animals, Professor Dryadust was much given to having his pet dog sitting beside him at meal times, and eating tit-bits from his own little plate.

The other evening he was at a dinner party, and his partner was a very great lady, who was proud of her title. But the professor paid absolutely no attention to her. His mind had switched off on to some abstract point, and he was lost to the world over the problem.
The duchess did not approve of this, and presently, to attract his attention, she pulled him gently by the sleeve.
Then the professor woke up. Grabbing a half-picked chicken-bone from his plate, he thrust it under her startled nose.
"Don't look just now, Fido," he said curtly. "Here, take this and go and eat on the mat, like a good doggie!"—Answers.

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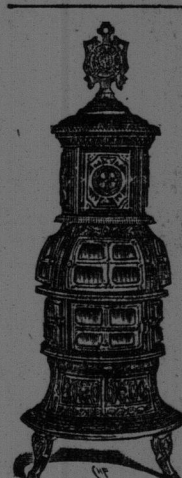
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