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The Two Trade Policies.

Since its exile from office six years ago, the Conservative party has been foundering on the trade question, unable to get a footing or a vantage ground, from which to assail the Government. At first it took comfort by ascribing the wonderful access of prosperity, which has accompanied Liberal rule, to the retention of the National Policy, under which the country stagnated for eighteen years. This was the burden of its song at the last general election. It virtually endorsed the Government's tariff policy. British preference and all. Lately there has been a change of tune. The Conservative leaders are repudiating the policy which they claimed as their own offspring. They have come out unequivocally for a general increase in the tariff and the abolition of the British preference, or at least the nullifying of it by making the minimum tariff so high that it will check the flow of British imports. The Liberal party need have no fear in challenging the Opposition on these issues. The present moderate tariff has served the country well, and the country is disposed to let well enough alone. There may be some pretext for tariff tinkering in a period of depression, when industry cries for a remedy, but why disturb and unsettle conditions under which every branch of industry is flourishing? The Conservatives try to make political capital out of Mr. Tarte's advocacy of higher duties on American imports, as contrasted with Mr. Sifton's preference for a tariff even lower than the existing one. There is room for an honest difference of opinion, even in the Cabinet, but we have yet to learn that Mr. Tarte and Mr. Sifton have not loyally accepted the present arrangement as a compromise, while free to urge policy of the Government, as promulgated in Parliament, and not the individual views of Cabinet ministers, by which the Liberal party has not been guilty of the hypocrisy of posing as the champions of Imperial preferential trade, on the basis of excluding British imports—the products of this country's best customer—from the Canadian market. It is only recently that the Conservative party has dared to attack the preferential feature of the Canadian tariff. That feature has been splendidly vindicated by results and will be the nucleus of the commercial federation of the Empire. If such a system is to be brought about, on this question the Conservative party in Canada is badly situated.

Manitoba's New Problem.

When the Manitoba Government last year closed the deal by which it practically took over the Northern Pacific and Canadian Northern railway systems, Sir Wm. Van Horne declared that it would bankrupt the Province. He may have overstated the case, but the financial sequel of the deal will probably bankrupt public confidence in the Roblin Government. Roughly speaking, the Government leased all the lines of the Northern Pacific in Manitoba, and these were connected with the line of the Canadian Northern Railway Company (Macdonald and Mann) from Winnipeg to Port Arthur, the management of the whole system being handed over to the Canadian Northern. The Province assumed the indebtedness of the system, thereby incurring a liability estimated at \$142,000 a year, but retained control of the railway rates. This control of rates was the Government's trump card, in appealing to the Legislature and the public for support. The farmers were promised effective competition against the C. P. R. Premier Roblin declared that they would no longer "sweat drops of blood in order that the C. P. R. might have more lords, more dukes and more knights setting upon the banks of the River Thames." In moving the second reading of the bill, Mr. Greenway, the leader of the Opposition, strongly opposed the arrangement, and said that anyone who supported it would dig his own political grave. The Winnipeg Board of Trade also pronounced against the deal. It has now been in operation about a year and a half. Within the past few days the Province has been surprised by a new tariff on the system under Government control, which increases freight rates on many classes of merchandise, amounting in some cases to 50 per cent. Equally surprising is the fact that this new tariff has been issued simultaneously with another by the C. P. R., and that the rates exactly correspond in both cases. "The effect of these increases," says the Winnipeg Free Press, "is to add to the cost of the commodities in every store of merchants doing business at or tributary to stations on the Canadian Northern, the cost of the official language set forth on the schedule. Of all the freight which goes out of Winnipeg to points within the Province, fully 90 per cent

consists of shipments of goods by the wholesalers of Winnipeg. That is to say, this new schedule of rates fixed by the Provincial Government applies to every article in every retail store in Manitoba outside Winnipeg, which has been supplied by a wholesale house in this city. This is the manner in which Mr. Roblin, railway commissioner of Manitoba, fulfils his pledge to stand by the farmers of Manitoba against the extensions of the C. P. R. The same paper charges that the C. P. R. and the Government have worked in collusion.

The inference is that the Government has been obliged to advance the rates, in order to avert a railway deficit, which the Province would have to make good. This may be only a temporary necessity, but it will tell heavily against the Government, as the electors were fed with promises of cheaper railway rates.

Can Do Good Work.

There is a well-founded objection to the multiplying of civic bodies, causing overlapping of public business and irresponsible expenditure of public money by those which are not amenable to the control of the city council. The proposed appointment of a park commission for this city, however, is not open to the same complaint, as Ald. Campbell has wisely provided in his bylaw that the council shall govern the appropriation. The City Council of Hamilton petitioned the Legislature at the last session to abolish the local park commission, but the reason alleged was that the commission was extravagant and insisted on spending the whole proportion of the tax rate allowed it by the statute, regardless of the financial exigencies of the council. With the taxpayers safeguarded on that point, a park commission will be able to do effective service in this city. It is a duty that could be performed better outside the council by a committee of citizens with special knowledge of the work, who would be able to spend to much better advantage the money that now goes for the same purpose. What is badly needed is more system in the beautifying of the streets. There is no intelligent plan at present for the planting of shade trees, and many streets are unsightly for want of uniformity in this particular. The commission, in addition to this, might devise some scheme for keeping the boulevards tidy. The question of additional playgrounds and park spaces is also too important to be ignored much longer.

Whistling as a feature of church music is becoming popular on the other side. If the object is to draw a crowd, it should be a success.

The likin, which the British Government is striving to abolish in China, is a tax on internal commerce. Chinese imports after paying duty at the port of entry are again taxed upon being carried from one province or district to another. The nearest approach to the likin system in this country is the toll road.

Germany has asserted her rights in sinking a Haytian pirate ship which the feeble government of that republic was unable to do. If these revolution-cursed countries of South America cannot protect foreign rights, foreigners must step in, whether it is agreeable to the Monroe doctrine or not.

Major Maude, the English official who prescribes etiquette for the blooming colonials at Ottawa, ruled several aldermen out of a public function at the capital on the ground that they were not dignitaries. What do Ald. Cooper, Ald. Dreaney and Ald. Douglass think of that? The Ottawa civic colons must be a poor-spirited lot to put up with such an affront.

Mr. Joseph Gould, of Boston, a large cattle buyer, writes the Toronto World that Chicago cattle are superior to Canadian cattle, not because of breeding, but because the United States farmer has an advantage over the Canadian in an abundance of cheap corn. Mr. Gould is a Canadian, who spent most of his life in this country, and he should know what he is talking about. The remission of the duty on corn has been the salvation of the Canadian live stock business in the past few years.

The metric system of weights and measures, which has been recommended by the Imperial Conference for adoption throughout the Empire, is not generally understood in this country. The meter is the standard measure of length; it is usually divided into 100 centimeters, of 1,000 millimeters—(one meter equals 39 1/4 inches). The meter can be squared for measures of surface, or cubed for measures of bulk or volume, just as yards or feet can be squared or cubed. Water has been happily chosen as the material that determines the weight. One cubic meter of cold water weighs 1,000 kilos, or one ton. The liter is the standard measure of fluids, grain, etc.; it can be divided into ten deciliters, or 100 centiliters (one liter equals 1 1/4 pints). One liter of cold water weighs one kilo. The kilo is the standard measure of weight; it is usually divided into 1,000 grams—(half a kilo equals 1.1 or 1 1/4 pounds).

The Ottawa Free Press has a most appreciative review of the sketch of Dr. Ryerson, just published by Dr. J. George Hodgins, ex-Deputy Minister of Education, and now librarian of the Provincial Department of Education. The Province, it says, owes Dr. Hodgins a debt of gratitude. He seems to have had before him in the preparation of the booklet a passage from Dr. Ryerson's letter accepting office and written nearly sixty years ago: "It is my earnest desire . . . to provide

Poems the World Has Read.

Strangers Yet.

[Lord Houghton.]

Strangers yet!
After years of life together,
After fair and stormy weather,
After travel in far lands,
After touch of wedded hands—
Why thus joined? Why ever met,
If they must be strangers yet!

Strangers yet!
After strife for common ends,
After title of "old friends,"

After passions fierce and tender,
After cheerful self-surrender,
Hearts may beat and eyes be met
And the souls be strangers yet.

Strangers yet!
Ogle the bitter-though to scan
All the loneliness of man—
Nature by magnetic laws
Circle into circle draws,
But they only touch when met,
Never mingle—strangers yet.

Hardships of Genius.

[Exchange.]

Milton sold his copyright of "Paradise Lost" for \$72 in three payments, and finished his life in obscurity. Homer was a beggar. Spencer died in want. Dryden lived in poverty and distress.

Terrance, the dramatist, was a slave. Butler lived a life of penury and died poor. Plautus, the Roman comic poet, turned a mill.

Paul Gorgese had fourteen grades, yet starved with cold. Tasso, the Italian poet, was often distressed for a dollar. Otway, the English dramatist, died prematurely and through hunger.

Bacon lived a life of meanness and distress. Steele, the humorist, lived a life of perfect warfare with bailiffs. Sir Walter Raleigh died on the scaffold.

Bentivoglio was refused admission to a hospital he had erected himself. The death of Collins was through neglect, first causing mental derangement.

Chatterton, the child of genius and misfortune, destroyed himself at 18. Savage died in a prison at Bristol, and is going to St. Evariste de Forsyth to see the father of Beauden, one of the three miners who were murdered and robbed in the Yukon, and take him back in order to identify the clothes which his son wore and had in his trunk. Mr. Gagne brings home with him some \$30,000.

Goldsmith's "Vicar of Wakefield" was sold for a trifle to save him from the grip of the law. Flung lies in the burying ground of the English factory at Lisbon, without a stone to mark the spot.

Keeps Its Old Name.

Montreal, Sept. 9.—The general synod of the Church of England rejected the proposal to change the church's name, but voted in favor of a revised edition of the prayer-book.

Snow on Lake Superior.

Duluth, Minn., Sept. 9.—Masters of incoming vessels at this port reported flurries of snow on Lake Superior yesterday, the first of the season.

Winnipeg, Sept. 9.—The weather this morning is generally clear and cool.

A River of Fire.

Kingston, St. Vincent, Sept. 8.—The phenomena resulting from the eruption of the Soufriere volcano Sept. 3 are very interesting. The Rabacca River is even now a stream of fire a quarter of a mile or more wide. The greater part of the Rabacca estate is wrapped in vapor, and there are mimic eruptions everywhere. The river bed is continuously throwing up columns and dense clouds of steam, mud and pebbles.

Anarchists in Spain celebrated the anniversary of the assassination of President McKinley.

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