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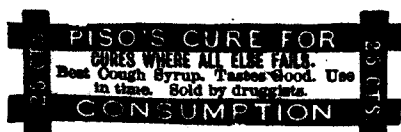
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PUBLIC OPINION.

Ottawa Free Press: Mr. McCarthy has as good a right to plead that he voted for protection "in a moment of weakness," as Mr. Foster has for making such an excuse for betraying the prohibition cause. As leaders, according to Mr. Foster, cannot be made of men who change their opinions and repudiate their own teachings, it is clear that Mr. Foster can never be a leader. Indeed his attempt to lead the House of Commons last session nearly wrecked the Government.

Hamilton Herald: It is probably too much to expect all the retail stores to close every Saturday through the dog days, but there is no good reason why they should not lock their doors once a week, on some other afternoon, and thus give their clerks a chance to recuperate. The rule that all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy, holds quite as good in regard to the employees, as it does to the employers themselves. People who expect faithful, energetic service from their clerks, should make it possible for them to get some of the sunshine of life as they go along the way.

Halifax Chronicle: We believe it would be quite possible to so arrange the matter of legislation, that all Provincial requirements would be fully met by biennial sessions of the legislature. In the matter of appropriations for the public service, they can be voted for two years as easily as one, while the reports of the various departments of the Provincial administration could be given out annually as usual to the members of the legislature, the press, the municipal councils, and the general public. Here is a practical question demanding the consideration of our Provincial legislators and their constituents.

St. John Telegraph: It is quite clear that the National Policy has loaded the labour industry, with such burdens as greatly increase the cost of producing lumber ready for the market. Experienced lumbermen, in and out of Parliament, have shown that the cost of lumbermen's supplies, the axe with which the tree is cut down, the chains used to bind the log to the sled, the pork and flour which feed the men in the lumber camps, the blankets under which they sleep, and the clothing they wear, have been increased by the high taxation which the tariff imposes. The same is true of the simple implements used by the men in driving the logs along the streams, the machinery and equipment of our lumber mills, and the food and clothing of the men therein employed. Thus the present Government has increased the cost of producing lumber, according to the estimates of Conservative lumbermen, from 60 cents to \$1 per thousand feet.

Manitoba Liberal: Everyone sees, and readily admits, that Manitoba ought to take a prominent place at this convention. This demand for better international trade relations, originated on the other side of the boundary, and shows that at least those States adjoining our Province and the Northwest, are favourable to wider trade reciprocity. Then there are the questions of grain export, freight rates, storage at lake ports, and other matters of equal importance to the people of the Northwest, both Canadian and American. These questions must be discussed, and seen from the standpoint of all interested, before any course of action can be decided upon. Whatever may be the outcome of the convention, it is likely to be favourable to Manitoba, provided that we have representatives there who will see that the convention clearly understands what the requirements of our Province are.

Montreal Herald: Canadian journalism could not have been more creditably represented at the editorial conference at Chicago, last week, than by A. F. Pirie, president of the Canadian Press Association,

and editor of The Dundas Banner. Mr. Pirie has long been noted as an after-dinner speaker of a most entertaining sort, but in the speech which he made to the editors of the continent, just before the closing of their conference, he gave his auditors much of the wholesome meat of common sense. He sounded the praises of Britain. . . . He rebuked the American editors for their hostility to Great Britain, and reminded them that there was no land from which the United States would have preferred to spring could they have had their choice; that the American constitution had been built upon the British; that American liberties, laws, and institutions, have been modelled upon those of the Mother Land. Speaking for that portion of the Empire which he was present more directly to represent, Mr. Pirie gave his hearers some sound advice. He held out to them little hope that Canada would ever join the Union, and told them that, in any case, coercion by the States would not enter into the decision of the future of the Dominion. Such words from a representative Canadian journalist, and one who has rendered notable service to his country, in opposition to the existing Government, should apprise the American editors of the fact that there is a Canadian national sentiment, and that it is not all confined to one political party.

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