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INCONSISTENT CRITICS.

There is a lack of candor or clear thinking in the discussion of the trade question.

Those who say that the farmers' demands should be met by a blank refusal are at least logical in protesting against any form of reciprocity with the United States.

This position has not been taken by a single public man or journal, so far as the Advertiser can see. No party could afford to take it.

In exchange for tariff reductions, which are generally believed to be necessary, the Ottawa Government is merely endeavoring to secure concessions in the United States market.

Why should it be considered bad policy to promote exports to the United States, and good policy to encourage imports by lowering the tariff? It is certainly not the theory of high protection, which wrongly teaches that exports are the only profitable form of trade, and that imports are a necessary evil to be kept within the narrowest limits possible.

Conservatives in the prairie provinces join with Liberals in urging a lowering of the duties. But the entire Conservative press is in cry against the proposal of a trade agreement with the United States. The volume of imports into Canada from the United States is over double the volume of exports to the United States from Canada. The advocates of the Canadian Government are willing to swell the inflating current, but they profess to see a danger in increasing the outflow of Canadian products to the American market. There is a lack of ordinary business principle in such an attitude.

THE STREAM OF BRITISH GOLD.

Mr. George Paish, editor of the London Statist, has recently been giving some interesting and significant figures in regard to the investment of British capital outside of the British Isles.

The total investment abroad is \$2,391,826,000, of which \$1,554,152,000 is invested in the British dominions and India, and \$1,627,674,000 in foreign countries. Canada, Australasia, South Africa and India share about equally in the distribution of the former sum, while of the foreign capital \$688,078,000 goes to the United States and \$269,808,000 to the Argentine Republic. Outside of Canada and the United States the total investment is \$439,415,000.

As is shown by these figures, the continent of America takes three-fourths of the entire foreign investment of British capital. Of the total, nearly nine tenths are invested in the British Empire, and the continent of America. These figures for the whole period of investment give to the United States as much as Canada and Australasia together, but if we look at only the new issues for the last three years a different story is told. We find that Canada receives \$100,000,000, Australia \$26,000,000, and the United States \$74,000,000, thus giving to Canada as much as the United States and Australasia together. The amount of British capital invested abroad in the past three years has been extraordinary, as follows:

Total at end of 1907 \$2,693,738,000
Invested in 1908 145,000,000
Invested in 1909 182,000,000
Invested in 1910 188,000,000

A notable feature of British investment abroad is the growing interest which the British investor, in common with others, is manifesting in Latin America. Of the \$1,345,000,000 invested in Argentina, \$300,000,000 is represented by the capital of British-owned railways in the republic, and \$35,000,000 by the capital of British-owned tramways. In the last three years no less than \$280,000,000 has been subscribed by Britishers for Argentina. \$82,500,000 being provided last year.

To Brazil, British capitalists have lent \$170,000,000, most of which has been used for railways and public works; to Chili, \$230,000,000; to Uruguay, \$175,000,000; to Peru, \$160,000,000, and to other Latin-American countries \$115,000,000. Much the larger part of these moneys has been employed in developing the natural resources of these countries. When we consider that these investments are mainly made in the form of merchandise, which is chiefly the product of the lending country, and the returns on the investments are very largely taken in the form of products of the borrowing country, we can account for the enormous increase in British trade with South America.

According to the latest official returns of the Argentine Government,

34.2 per cent. of the total imports of Argentina come from Great Britain, while Germany contributes only 13.9 per cent. Three-fourths of the railways of Argentina are the property of British companies, and are worked and managed by British officials, and to British capital is due a large proportion of public and other investments, both in Argentina and Brazil.

GOVERNMENT BY COMMISSION.

A committee of Duluth citizens, after a careful and prolonged investigation in many Canadian and American cities, has decided in favor of a commission government for Duluth. This committee gives six main reasons why the commission idea is superior to the aldermanic form of government. These reasons are summarized as follows:

1. Because it establishes the city on a business basis and under it the city is operated as any large commercial corporation would be, thus eliminating political interests of all kinds.

2. Because it centralizes responsibility so that it cannot be evaded.

3. Because it naturally follows that greater economy will result from a purely business administration.

4. Because it provides, or should provide, that the commissioners shall give all their time to the city's business, and that they shall be paid salaries sufficient to attract the right kind of men.

5. Because the provisions of the referendum, initiative and recall give the citizens greater responsibility, greater interest in public affairs, and greater incentive to participate in them.

6. Because it abolishes the ward system by electing city officers from the whole city, makes them responsible to all parts of the city, and compels them to take care of the needs of all parts of the city.

The commission plan is growing in favor, but it would be an expensive one for a city of London's size if the commissioners were to be required to give their whole time to city affairs. Few competent men could be persuaded to accept a salary to give up their business, or permanent situations, to become the servants of the city, with the risk of losing their positions in three or five years when they offered for re-election. Men of the desired caliber might be secured, however, by a sufficient remuneration to induce them to devote a given portion of their time to civic business. An arrangement of this kind might appeal to some of our successful citizens, who could not be enticed by any salary to give up their private affairs. The plan could be worked in conjunction with an aldermanic board, which would have merely legislative powers.

This January thaw is merely a breathing spell for Old Winter before he takes a fresh grip.

A Cleveland judge charges divorce to the high cost of living. The cost of high living has more to do with it than any other factor.

A rural debater points out that Switzerland has no navy. Neither has it a coast line. A sea of mountains needs no ships for defence.

The London Morning Post also sees danger in a reciprocity treaty between Canada and the United States. It is a curious what some of our transatlantic relatives manage to see in this country.

The London Free Press is opposed to reductions in the duties on agricultural implements. The Winnipeg Free Press, the chief Conservative organ of the prairie provinces, is shouting for reductions in the duties on agricultural implements. It is useless to try to make the question a party one.

Mr. Wallace Nesbitt's speech at Chatham on Monday was an improvement on his Hamilton address, in which he foreshadowed Canada's secession from the Empire if the British Government laid a hand on the House of Lords. The British Government is about to cut the claws of the peers; but it is not likely that Canada will desert the Empire, or that Mr. Nesbitt will desert Canada.

AN OUTSIDER'S VIEW.

The low prices for Niagara power, which are announced for London, and fixed in Stratford and Guelph, show how complicated the power question is and the necessity of having some independent tribunal control the prices, which the municipalities are permitted to charge. The power act, if we mistake not, provides that the municipalities, relying on hydro-electric energy must not sell below cost. The necessity for this provision is obvious, as otherwise some municipalities would be tempted to raise rates as a means of hoarding manufacturing industries, thus enjoying an undue advantage over competing municipalities, while the charge up of the rate in the operation of the service to the general taxpayer would also be unfair.

EXCITEMENT IN LONDON.

(Belleville Intelligencer.)
A contemporary calls attention to the fact that Sir Richard Scott, who cast his vote in the municipal elections in Ottawa was a successful candidate for mayor just 50 years ago. Probably there is not another instance on this continent of an

ex-mayor by 58 years still voting and in excellent physical and mental health. Sir Richard, in his political life, began early as a Conservative and has remained late as a Liberal. He was the father of the separate school act and the Scott local option act.

LETTING A GOOD THING PASS.

"Will you have coffee?" asked her hostess.
"No," she replied. "I think I shall have the coffee myself."

"Oh, well, what of it? You can fix your complexion up again, but it may be a long time before you shall have a chance to get another cup of coffee as good as this."

MOODS.

(St. Louis Post-Dispatch.)

"Alas!" he cried in deep despair.
"Fate ever finds my way."
"I meet with failure everywhere."
"Endeavor as I may;
The world is cold, my hopes are dead.
My effort all are vain."
"You learned all sorrows life can teach,
And never shall in triumph reach
The goal I've sought to gain."

WHAT IT WAS ALL ABOUT.

(London Standard.)

Imperialist: What happened to the Empire Club, Toronto?
Really, we should like to tell you, but at present the report is extremely conflicting. One of these is to the effect that Bishop DuMoulin called Mr. Arthur Hawkes a suffragette; another has it that the latter gentleman called Mr. J. Campbell a pro-Ber. Someone apologized to somebody, and someone else did not like it, and asked for an explanation. Just now the Empire Club flag is at half-mast.

UNBELIEVER OF A JUDGE.

(London Standard.)

The Sympathetic Pal-Wotter, Bill! You looks bad; been laid up?
Bill—Yes, sort of. 'Aven't been out doors for a month or so.
The Sympathetic Pal-Wotter was the matter why?
Bill—Nuffin'; only the judge wouldn't believe it.

JANE ADDAMS AT 50.

(Chicago Record-Herald.)

"Who are the first five citizens of Chicago?" this question was asked by one of a group of citizens who were seated together at a downtown club. It was immediately agreed among them that there could be no doubt as to the first place. The name of Jane Addams, who had just died, was the first name mentioned. If Jane Addams could run for mayor the coming year, without regard to race or creed, for Dr. McMillen's long life of service has not been restricted to any denomination, he has fully established his claim to recognition as a citizen in the broadest and highest sense of the word.

Naturally the best of his life was given to his church, which has served with both ability and devotion; but his energies have been too active and his sympathies too broad to be monopolized by any one body.

He has always kept himself intimately in touch with the life of the community, as a community, and he has never ceased to be a citizen in the broadest and highest sense of the word.

Where they belong. Gradually the Christmas fires are moving toward the dark rear recesses of the bottom drawer.

USEFUL AND ORNAMENTAL.

(Ottawa Free Press.)

"Snow, snow, the beautiful snow." It gives good roads and provides plenty of work for those who need it.

DR. McMULLEN'S BIRTHDAY.

(Woodstock Sentinel-Review.)

Many happy returns to Rev. Dr. McMullen, who today is celebrating his 80th birthday. In the cordial sentiments which the occasion calls forth the whole community will gladly concur, without regard to race or creed, for Dr. McMullen's long life of service has not been restricted to any denomination, he has fully established his claim to recognition as a citizen in the broadest and highest sense of the word.

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DUTCH MAY HOLD HOLLAND?

(Toronto World.)

It is believed that the results of Mr. Borden's visit to Toronto will be the capture of this city by the Conservatives in the next general election.

THE WANT.

(Stephen Phillips in Pall Mall Gazette.)

Wife, though the massy table gleams
With glass and silver rare,
And glows with many a far-sought bloom
Which maketh sweet the air.

A thought is knocking at my brain,
A question at my heart.
Why are we two, who seem so near,
So dearly apart?

Since never doubt, or self of faith,
Nor wavering of a thought,
Nor wrong, that rushes into words,
Has this division wrought?

No silent chiding of belief,
Nor hands that vainly crave,
Nor sight of all illusion cured,
Nor glimmer in its grave.

Estrange, a kindness yet abides,
The grief of what was given,
Yet some of what was given,
Broadly our souls between.

True, that no child to us is born,
To bind us with its eyes,
Or with its babble closer draw
Its clasp to our souls.

But oh, the want is deep within,
We shrink and we congeal
In dreadful gliding of a life
Where used is every wheel.

The slithering houses without noise
Wait us on cushioned seat
And softest cushions give to sound
Back to our moving feet.

On straw, without some stricken house,
Have we no refuge left?
So muffled all the mighty world
Passes our languid souls.

Hence, let us fly a mortal quest,
And share the common strife
Into the human welter plunge,
And lose ourselves in life!

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Worsted Socks,
Special, 17c Pair.

A MILLION CHARGED TO KEELEY MINE

Investigation of Farmers' Bank Case Opens On Friday.

Toronto, Jan. 11.—"All I can tell you is that the courts will make a full investigation into the Farmers' Bank case," said Mr. G. T. Clarkson to the press last night when asked regarding the case of the Farmers' Bank, which was the subject of a report by Mr. W. R. Travers, former manager of the Farmers' Bank, on the Keeley property.

It is reported that the sum paid over for that property was \$500,000, and that Mr. Kealey, who is now in jail, has been charged with the loss of \$1,000,000.

Mr. Kealey and his two associates, it is learned, received one hundred thousand dollars each for their shares in the property.

Working the Mine. Definite information was not obtainable in the city last night on the present condition of the Keeley mine. Mr. E. Travers, son of Mr. W. R. Travers, and manager of this property, is now at the mine operating it for the curator.

It is understood that about twenty-five men are at work, and that two shafts are down to the foot.

The Waterloo mine, which is adjacent to the Keeley, has proved a good proposition. It shipped \$50,000 worth of ore in its development, and is now being worked. It is said to be a good proposition.

Mr. W. R. Travers said that he had been visited by his solicitor not to speak when asked about the above reports, and about the stolen current of his having invested in Georgian and in British Columbia mining properties.

Mr. Hartley H. Dewar, solicitor for Mr. Travers, could not make any statement beyond saying that the defence would make everything clear when the case came up in the police court on Friday.

WANTS BILL WITHDRAWN. Toronto, Jan. 10.—William Gloeking,

president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, has gone to Ottawa on behalf of the labor unions to request the withdrawal of the bill introduced by Mr. Alphonse Verville, the French-Canadian labor member, designed to regulate the hours of labor on public works.

The unions object to the bill because it provides only for building trades, and takes no account of tailors, printers, papermakers, makers of arms, and other workmen employed by the Government.

LOST IN THE STORM

Thirteen-Year-Old Boy Perishes in Western Blizzard.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 11.—Today's mail brings the story of the death of the 13-year-old adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Weir, near Estevan, Sask. He and his mother left home to bring in some cattle which strayed away, but in the storm they were separated. Mrs. Weir, reaching a neighbor's house in an exhausted condition, while the body of the boy was found later.

SHOOT A PATROLMAN AND CALL FOR AID

Minneapolis Burglars Bring Assistance to Man They Wound.

Minneapolis, Jan. 10.—After shooting and wounding Mounted Patrolman J. J. McGuire early today, three burglars fired their revolvers in the air until assistance arrived and then they escaped.

McGuire came upon the men while they were working at the rear door of a grocery store. They flashed their light on the officer and fired a bullet, breaking the bones in his right arm and thigh. McGuire dropped his pistol and though suffering great pain, picked it up and fired wildly at the assailants. The pain then caused him to fall in a heap in the snow.

The robbers gathered around him and inquired of him if he was seriously hurt. "Not badly," replied McGuire.

The men then fired their revolvers in the air, and when they saw two men running toward them they fled.

OPPOSE RECIPROCITY. Victoria, B.C., Jan. 10.—The Central Farmers' Institute in annual convention here today, with 40 delegates from all parts of British Columbia, unanimously

NERVOUS DEBILITY

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THREATENED WITH PARALYSIS

Peter E. Summers relates his experience. "I was troubled with Nervous Debility for many years. I lay in bed to induration and excruciating pain. I became very despondent and didn't care whether I worked or not. I imagined everybody who looked at me guessed my secret. Imaginative dreams at night weakened me—my back ached, had pains in the back of my head, hands and feet were cold, tired in the morning, poor appetite, fingers were shaky, eyes blurred, hair loose, memory poor, etc. Numbers in the fingers set in and the doctor told me I feared paralysis. I took all kinds of medicines and tried many first-class physicians, wore an electric belt for three months, but received little benefit. I was induced to consult Dr. Kennedy & Kennedy. I had lost all faith in doctors. Like a drowning man I clunged the New Nervous Treatment and it saved my life. The improvement was like magic—I could feel the vigor going through the nerves. I was cured mentally and physically. I have sent them many patients and continue to do so."

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STEAMERS ARRIVED. New York, Jan. 10.—Alice, Bluebe, Niagara, Gothland. St. John—Montezuma. Queenstown—Campania. Liverpool—Uticula. Plymouth—George Washington.