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WHAT CHEAP FOODSTUFFS MEAN.

In discussing the tariff, the Toronto Globe contends that there should be free food in Canada. This cry appears attractive on the surface. There is no family which would not welcome a reduction in the cost of living. As a matter of fact the Canadian tariff is designed to admit either free or at a low rate of duty such foodstuffs as cannot be grown or produced in Canada.

Practically everyone pays a tax to the municipality in which he lives, to enable the business of the city or town to be carried on. A stated amount is payable in cash every year. Similarly the country needs a large revenue, more than \$350,000,000 during this fiscal year, to conduct its public affairs. The tariff provides a large proportion of this, by levying a tax on the foodstuffs, and raw and finished materials that other countries sell us.

This is called indirect taxation. It averages say 20 per cent, and being paid in small sums the country secures the money with which to conduct its business and no one feels the tax burdensome.

The Globe enumerated imports of \$54,000,000. The taxes on these, including the war tax, was \$7,000,000. This is less than \$1 per head. The principal articles included in the list were sugar, tea, coffee, oranges, lemons, bananas, raisins and the like. Articles which it is obligatory to import.

Free trade Britain, is obliged to tax its imports much more heavily than we do. Its excise tax on sugar, tea, coffee and cocoa, produces a revenue of \$173,000,000. This represents a tax of nearly \$4.00 per head of population, or four times as much as Canadians are taxed on like foodstuffs.

When the Globe looks to Britain for an example in a trade policy, it misses two salient facts: the one that Britain is the market for the surplus wheat, meat and other foodstuffs of the world, much of it produced in countries like India, Russia and the Argentine, where labor is cheap; the other that its manufacturers and their employees are, under free trade, obliged to meet world competition in their own market.

Were free trade to guarantee both cheap living and steady employment at good wages, it would be advisable to adopt it. But it does not. In pre-war days, Britain had a cheap loaf but low wages. Early in 1918, the Labor party there formulated a program which called for a minimum wage of \$7.50 per week. To Canadian eyes this appears extremely low.

A local business man, who recently spent several months in Britain, on being asked whether there were any indications of a change in its fiscal policy, replied that there are. Hereafter its leaders have sought to give the workmen cheap food and clothing in consideration of their working for low wages, which in turn enabled the manufacturers to compete, in both open and closed markets, against nations which had protective tariffs.

With its labor demanding better pay, better housing and better general living conditions, its business men foresee that a change in trade policy will be necessary. They are thus turning to protection, as the one means of giving them first call in their home market.

That the United States and Germany, for example, both protectionist countries, were, before the war, able to export manufactured goods to Great Britain goes to prove that free trade, with cheap food and low wages is not the deciding factor in world competition. Instead production is the main thing. And well trained and well paid workmen are able to give both qualitative and quantitative production.

It would be turning back the hands of the clock for Canada to admit all foodstuffs duty free, since it would be followed by a demand on the part of grain-growers for the free admission of foreign manufactured articles. In bumper crop years, food would be cheaper but for Canada to compete in her own market against the bigger manufacturing nations, would necessitate a lowering of wages and living conditions. On top of it would come direct taxation.

It was the war which caused the abnormal rise in the cost of living. Things will right themselves in a year or so. While we must presently grin and bear it, the principal duty is to preserve the Canadian market for Canadian factories, their employees and farmers. No one here desires to see a \$1.25 a-day minimum wage standard set. Yet free trade would undoubtedly reduce wages. He who had not steady work at good wages would find it very difficult to buy anything, no matter how low his cost. A cheap country is not a good country to live in.

A NEW POLITICAL PLANK.

Since the Independent Labor party has adopted as a plank in its platform the idea of having the province make a grant of \$50 for every birth and to bear the medical expense in connection therewith, the suggestion becomes a public topic.

In 1917, the last year for which official returns have been made, there were 62,666 births in Ontario. This was, by the way, a decrease of 2,398 as compared to 1916.

On the other hand the natural increase, this is of births over deaths, was 29,882, which was an increase of 9,698 more than the natural increase in the preceding year, due to a decrease in the number of deaths.

The census of 1911, showed that Canada has only 1.93 persons per square mile of territory. Ontario had 9.67, as compared to 21 in the United States. There is yet plenty of elbow room in this province.

Were this plank adopted as a social measure to increase births, for this would probably be its effect, and \$50 cover the amount paid for every visit of the stork, it would on the 1917 basis, entail a public outlay of \$3,133,300. It may safely be assumed that there would be an increase in the number of births, in which event the annual birth grant would exceed the sum named.

Other provinces and countries have granted gifts in case of triplets arriving. But as far as our knowledge goes, no general money grant for single births has been paid by any country.

Considerable discussion has arisen over the point whether bachelors should be taxed, as a means of increasing the number of householders and taxpayers. Were the birth bonus to be adopted, it may be suggested that they bear the burden of paying the birth recompense to mothers.

BY THE WAY.
Even though the war is practically over, those who cultivated gardens and lots as a war effort, should continue using the hoe, for profit and recreation sake.

The appointment of Mr. C. H. Doerr to a seat on the Light Commission, to fill the vacancy caused by Mr.

Detweiler's passing on, has been generally well received. Mr. Doerr is a foresighted and careful business man.

Commendation is being freely paid to the work of pupils at the Collegiate, both of the day and night classes, in clay modelling, basket weaving, sewing and similar studies.

Hon. J. Reid has intimated in parliament that legislation is expected before the end of the session to ratify the purchase of the Grand Trunk railway. The company is holding out for a higher price than was offered it.

This is a democratic town. One day last week a horse, drawing a load of fertilizer, ran away on King street. A limousine picked up the wagon, pursued and overtook the bolting horse and ended the episode.

In connection with the Chippewa Creek power canal, the mouth of the Welland river is being dredged and the river channel deepened. In doing this excavation work, three 300-ton electric shovels, the largest of the kind in the world, are being used. Each electric shovel is capable of moving 500 yards of excavation daily.

WAIT A MINUTE

WAX WORKS IN WESTMINSTER ABBEY.

After four years of hiding during the period of the war, the waxworks which used to be in Westminster Abbey have now been put on show again. These waxworks are full-sized wax effigies of certain kings and queens and other famous people, dressed in the actual garments they used to wear in real life. Queen Elizabeth, Queen Anne, Charles II., and William and Mary are among the most famous of these wax figures which are on view free of charge to all visitors to the Abbey.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH CONGRESS.

Many eminent leaders of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, both lay and clerical, have arrived in New York to take part in the thirty-fifth Episcopal Church Congress, the sessions of which will continue during the next four days. World topics, especially as applied to reconstruction, are to receive the attention of the congress, in addition to important church questions. The opening of the congress will take place tomorrow morning in Synod Hall of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. Holy communion will be administered by Rt. Rev. David H. Greer, bishop of New York, and the opening sermon will be preached by Bishop Rogers Israel of Erie, Pa.

BILLIARD CHAMPION 56 YEARS OLD.

Probably the oldest of all title holders in any branch of sport in America is Alfred De Oro, the world's three-cushion billiard champion. De Oro was born in Manzanillo, Cuba, fifty-six years ago today and has been playing professional billiards for nearly forty years. Next week he is to defend his title against Robert Cannafax of Chicago. The match will take place at the Friars' Club in this city and will be for a purse of \$1,000.

GROCERS TO WAR AGAINST PACKERS.

A concerted movement of grocers to resist the alleged inroads being made by the big packing interests of America into the grocery trade will be launched at a meeting called for Syracuse next month. The meeting has been called by the American Groceries' Society and will be participated in by manufacturers of staple groceries from all parts of the country. Plans will be laid for an extensive advertising campaign to bring before the American public the advantages of buying the necessities of life from the independent retail stores and those goods made by independent manufacturers.

ODD AND INTERESTING.

An elephant uses only one tooth on each side when eating.

At one time in Switzerland eggs were used as money, and dried cod were used for the same purpose in Newfoundland.

The Speaker of the British House of Commons is obliged by custom to give seven official dinners each season to the members of Parliament.

With the advent of the Egyptian Pharaohs much thought and care was given to the perfecting and development of the chariot, and for more than two thousand years it was the leading vehicle of the world.

Influenza is not confined to mankind, but affects many other animals, particularly man's nearest relatives—the monkey and the pig. At present the disease is reported to be rapidly wiping out the baboon population of South Africa.

Although the atmospheric envelope of the earth is probably at least a hundred miles in thickness, nearly all the water vapor is in the lower layers. It is reckoned that only one twenty-fifth is to be found above a height of 30,000 feet.

It is a well known fact amongst nerve specialists that by an examination of the thumb they can tell if the patient is affected, or likely to be affected, by paralysis or not, as the thumb will indicate this a long time before there is any trace of the disease in any other part of the system.

Two British officials who have no need to worry over the high price of clothing are the Attorney-General and the Solicitor-General. From time immemorial it has been the custom for the Clothworkers' Company to make each of these officials an annual present of a number of yards of the best broadcloth.

A SMILE OR TWO.

"I understand you are Inspector Ferret, the great sleuth-hound detective."

"I am."

"Well, I'll pay very handsomely for the slightest clue to anyone in this neighborhood who is about to move."

The Literary Shop.

Managing Editor: This is a splendid story, but I never heard of the author before did you?

Assistant: Never. Shall I send it back?

Editor: No, put it away until he becomes famous.

The Old Lady Again.

"Yes," said Mrs. Blunderby, "my nephew is home again, and you should just see his collection of mementoes of the war."

In A Manner Of Speaking.

"The judge seems quite sweet on the young widow."

"What you might call legal tender, eh?"

Had Him There.

"Deacon Simms 'low he doan' approve o' churches advertisin'," remarked Shinbone, "but when Ah ast him, in dat case, wuffo' he ring the church bell fo' service, he jes' had nuffin' to say."

Unanswerable.

"Hubby, if I were to die, would you marry again?"

"That question is hardly fair, my dear."

"Why not?"

"If I were to say yes, you would not like it, and to say never again wouldn't sound nice."

Says She Feels Different Now

Mrs. Dean Declares She Will Never Cease Praising Tanlac

"I'll never stop praising Tanlac for it has built me up till I feel better than I have in a good many years," said Mrs. Jean Dean, of 93 Fuller Avenue, Parkdale, Toronto, Ontario.

"I was in a dreadfully rundown condition for several years," she continued, "and was getting worse all the time. My nerves were in a wretched state and was so restless I could hardly sleep and would get up in the mornings with a raging headache. I was worried me all day. The least little thing would upset me and any exertion at all would exhaust my strength so I would be unable to do my housework."

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AT THE CHURCHES

Fervent Appeal For Peace Readjustment

To Employers and Employees In Patriotic Address by Noted Irish Orator.

A distinguished minister who is in the city and who addressed congregations here on Sunday is Rev. W. T. Boal, the noted Irish orator, who is here in the interests of the Navy League.

At a mass meeting held in the Trinity Methodist Church at 8.15 o'clock last evening the noted visitor among other things eloquently reviewed the glorious achievements of the British army and navy including the merchant marine, to whose work the allied victory was due. He reminded his audience of the millions and millions of soldiers that the navy had transported to the various fields of action, the millions of tons of foodstuffs that were carried to the men overseas who were thereby given the necessary sustenance and to the unprecedented shipments of munitions that were carried across the water. All this was made possible through the gallantry of the men in the navy and those with the merchant marine.

In urging upon the hearers the value of British liberty and British traditions he said every man who has been making his living in this country regardless of nationality should appreciate these. And if he could not he should get out and leave the country.

In conclusion Rev. Mr. Boal turned to the future. He urged for those united efforts in peace time which characterized Canada's war efforts. He urged that all Bolshevik influences be weeded out just as the junkers were weeded out, so that now that the war is won everything that has been held in high regard by civilization will be maintained. He urged employers of labor to cooperate, as also the employees. To the returned soldier he also appealed with the wish that they maintain those ideals and principles of practice which they showed overseas, thereby guaranteeing the preservation of the high standard of citizenship.

The speaker reminded his audience that a collection in aid of the Navy League would be received. As the result of his appeal quite a sum was received. He further invited the public to the Navy League meeting to be held this evening.

During the course of his address Rev. Mr. Boal spoke with that Irish eloquence and fervor, characteristic of his race. He spoke as a father who has experienced the sacrifice of his own son who went to do his bit at the Dardanelles. He passionately delivered a patriotic message he believed to be a duty assigned him by God. His remarks were interspersed with characteristic wit and humor.

In the morning Rev. Mr. Boal spoke at King Street Baptist Church.

FEEBLE AGED WOMAN

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greeted the speakers at Zion Church yesterday, both morning and evening. The morning service was in charge of the Associate pastor, in the absence of the pastor, who spoke in the Emanuel Church, Waterloo.

Rev. L. H. Wagner, P. E. and Superintendent of our Mission work in the North West, spoke at the morning service, upon the high-priestly work of Jesus Christ, pointing out that He is our constant advocate at the throne of Grace.

The evening service was conducted by Rev. L. H. Platch, of Rockingham Mission, who ably outlined the Christian's growth in grace and usefulness in service.

These addresses were highly appreciated by the congregations and will be taken as an index for the New Year of our Conference efforts.

The Bible School was largely attended, and was addressed by the Brethren Wagner, Litt and Fletcher.

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AT THE FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN.

A visiting pastor in the city yesterday was Rev. W. M. Weber of Halifax, N.S., who conducted the evening service at the First English Lutheran Church. He delivered an appropriate and seasonable message. In the morning the pastor, Rev. J. Maurer, conducted the services.

A Residence Rule is Adopted by O.A.B.A.

INTER-COUNTY LEAGUE IS ADMITTED
Officers Elected for the Year.

Thirty delegates attended the O.A.B.A. annual meeting held in Toronto on Saturday afternoon, and many points of interest were discussed chief of these being the new residence rule. The delegates were enthusiastic over the prospects and expressed the opinion that this would be a banner season for amateur baseball.

Three new leagues, the Inter-county League, the Guelph Amateur Baseball League and the Central Ontario League were admitted to membership. The Lake Shore League also applied but their request was referred to the incoming executive. The Kitchener Town League and the Oshawa Town League dropped out of membership.

Frank Robbins of Hamilton was elected President to succeed W. J. Smith of Toronto. He was unopposed. Mr. Robbins in his address pointed

out the many problems which have cropped up and he appealed to the delegates to deal with these in a manner which would further the interests of baseball.

Players Given Privilege.
Ward Patterson of Peterboro' made a motion that players in the town leagues in the various towns comprising the Central Ontario League and the Inter-county League be allowed to play both for their town league team and also the town team in the Central Ontario League and the Inter-county league. This motion found favor, but the provision was made that players coming under this rule declare on or before July 15 which team they intend to play with in the event of reaching the finals, and that the rule hold good only for one year.

An amendment to make the annual membership fees ten dollars for associations or leagues whose membership is made up of clubs representing more than one town or city and five dollars for leagues whose membership is made up of clubs in one town or city in which they are located, was adopted. Another amendment that was adopted provided that no player shall sign a certificate in any league after July 15 and must have taken part in at least three games in order to be eligible to play in the Ontario championship finals. Players transferring from one club to another must be properly released before signing a second certificate.

Allowance to Visiting Teams.
In championship games visiting teams shall be allowed seven cents a mile one way for twelve men, which amount the home club must guarantee. In the event of rain the visiting teams get 3¢ a mile for the second trip. In all association championship games the net gate will be divided equally among the competing clubs and the association. The following new by-laws were passed.

All protests arising out of semi-final or final games must be made within 48 hours in the form of an affidavit sworn to before a notary public or Justice of the Peace and must be accompanied by a fee of \$25. The club protested must file a similar defence within 48 hours after being notified of protest. Losing club shall pay if the expenses of the protest meeting of the Executive.

In all semi-final and final games clubs may agree upon umpires and notify Secretary not later than Wednesday preceding the game. On failure to do so the President shall appoint the umpires.

Rules of Qualifications.
No player shall compete in the semi-final or final games who has not been a bona fide and continuous resident of the city, town, or village to which his club belongs since the first of January next preceding the date of the game. Players residing in a village or town where there is no organized amateur baseball club may play in the nearest affiliated league to their home. Returned or discharged soldiers may play in the town or city in which they enlisted or in their home-town.

This last by-law does not go into effect until next season.

The association decided to allow military hospital patients and returned soldiers to compete in the championships even if they arrived after July 15, providing they have played three games for the team they play with in the finals.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—Honorary President J. J. Norris Toronto, President Frank Robbins Hamilton, First Vice-President Ald. J. J. Kelly, Brantford, Second Vice-President G. Patterson, Peterboro, Secretary-Treasurer, Geo Walker, Toronto.



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