

HOW AN ENGLISH CITY CARES FOR ITS CHILDREN

Timely Action in View of Movement Here For Child's Protection Act— Guarding the Little One From Birth to School Days and Beyond

It is surely a strange thing that a province like New Brunswick, and particularly a city like St. John, should, in this thirtieth year of the 20th century, be without its child's protection act. Every citizen worthy of the name will, I am sure,

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(Times' Special Correspondence)

London, Dec. 28.—The recent speech of Bonar Law, leader of the Unionist, or Tory party at Ashton-under-Lyne, in favor of imposing taxes on food, has not only split his party, but caused an uproar throughout the country. The leader of the opposition declared that if returned to power the Tory party would call a colonial conference to consider the whole question of preferential trade, and the question of

The leader of the opposition said he hoped it would be possible that, if any readjustment were necessary, it would only be in regard to wheat. It was impossible to give details of what they proposed to do until the negotiations had been completed.

On the subject of the referendum he said:

It was abandoned because it would not be fair to the colonies to submit the problem of the future to a referendum without a completion of negotiations.

In the early part of his speech the leader of the "left" group, the Communist Party, stressed co-operation as a means of removing the grievances of the workers, declaring that the Tories were not hostile to trade unionism. He said that the only way to bring a rise in wages was not possible without tariff reform. The Unionists intended to make the country a free-trade country, a free industrial country in the world—but this did not mean to prevent competition from coming in from outside.

The "leftists" endeavor to show that the chasm is neither so wide nor so deep as the Liberals appear to imagine. Nevertheless, the "leftists" are not without demands that his "suggestion" with regard to Bonar Law's declaration relating to the

"grave" economic "crisis" provides the "many loyal members of the Unionist party."

Newspaper Shots

The "Times" itself, on "broad imperious grounds," supports the policy of "increasing the food-taxes" in existing conditions. It says:

"We believe that 'we can summarize the (Unionist party's) doubts' as follows: 'The Government are not prepared to take a section of the Unionist party still hold to the so-called 'food taxes' as an urgent and essential part of preference. Another section of the party is of the opinion that it is firmly convinced that the food taxes should not be pressed in existing circumstances. The Government are not prepared to establish a new system of preference which can well be established without them. We have already made it perfectly plain that no further aid may be held from the party standpoint.'"

the latter is the sounder on broad international grounds. We have pointed out the present position of the world's food supply, and the likelihood of food imports in this country where food prices are rising at their present rate. We have also said that a definite scheme for the reduction of food taxes should not be laid down in advance of precise knowledge of the particular countries and commodities which the reduction will have to deal. We have added that whether these contentions were sound or not, the Government should be the first and foremost by the interest of the masses in these islands; and that for reasons we criticise the suggestion advanced by the *Times* that the Government should be made to depend upon the views of the people, and that the result of a conference of ministers from overseas should be taken into consideration. We have the view of the *Times* that the Government, "in existing circumstances," should

The "Daily Mail" heralds Bonar Law's speech with the words "No Food Taxes." It is a divergent interpretation of the speech, the speaker's meaning being to destroy it as a party offering to destruction. It is a Bonar Law to consult the leaders of public opinion in every part of the country. The paper is not a low national standard. Then the paper goes on to say:

"We have seen that the pledge now on the table is to abolish food taxes. It is not to stop to serve. It has not stopped, and will not stop, the flood of radical misrepresentation; it had not conciliated, and will not conciliate, the old and new reformers; it has done nothing, and will do nothing, to smooth the path of negotiation with our enemies; it has done nothing to remove the apprehensions of those of us

and particularly the Irish Unionists—will hold that a smashing victory is the only thing that can save Ulster from civil war or preserve our constitution from further outrages."

The prof'd order in the Tory party about Honar Law's speech is to keep silence, and the hope that their divided ranks may be united by a common enemy. But the Tories do not mean to let the matter rest, but intend to proceed with their campaign for imperial preference and the like. It is not clear if anything had happened. But a hint has been sent round to all those who will receive it to let the question alone, and trust to the coming of a more serious matter.

Whether or not the Tory press will take this hint is another matter. The young (Continued on page 13).

This image shows a blank, aged, cream-colored page, likely an endpaper or flyleaf of a book. The paper has a slightly textured appearance with some faint smudges and discoloration, characteristic of old paper. The left edge of the page shows the binding of the book, and the overall tone is a warm, off-white or light beige.

At the corner of King and Yonge streets, Toronto, with the eighteen story C. P. R. building and sundry other tall structures drawing the currents down into the narrow streets, the women pedestrians have had some trouble holding on to their skirts, and the men to their hats during the breezy days of this winter. The slightest zephyr overhead is translated by those buildings into a strong breeze. Already some of the newspapers are complaining of nuisance caused by such high buildings.