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## CANADIAN GOODS FIRST.

"What we have we hold" may mean one of two things, either: we are determined to keep what we have for our own selfish reasons, or, we must preserve what we have for the use and benefit of others who, by right of inheritance, should come into possession of things that have been amassed by Canadian effort.

The latter interpretation is the one that every right-thinking citizen contemplates regarding the natural products of our country; regarding the industrial and commercial advantages derived from the transmutation of the natural product into the finished article of manufacture.

There are several ways, as pointed out by the London Free Press, of protecting our raw materials. The chief of which is by well-directed insistence that such treasure shall not be exploited carelessly, shall not be wasted, shall not pass into the hands of other peoples to the disadvantage of Canada of today, to the disadvantage of Canada of tomorrow.

The second system of unselfish providing is adequate protection of the articles manufactured from our raw materials, by means of tariff laws.

The third method is to ward against attempts, on the part of the manufacturers of other countries, to flood our markets with articles similar to those which we produce ourselves, by unrelenting.

Canada, in the large sense, but recently has been able to build up her manufactures. They stand in greater need of consolidation through adequate guardianship of public measures now than they will do in 1930 or 1940. Let us guard them.

The need of being on the alert, more than ever, is plain when we hear that Canada is one of the objectives of a German "commercial campaign." Germany sees in Canada, with her rapidly increasing population, a splendid field in which to place manufactured goods. The idea is not a new one to her. She had begun this warfare before she took up the other campaigning which ended as disaster for her in the autumn of 1918.

German weapons, this time, will not be sword or machine gun, nor shrapnel, nor gas bomb, but a quiet, persistent siege of placing before buyers a manufactured article that is said to be cheaper and better than Canadian goods. This article will be insinuated without the boast, Made in Germany.

The temptation of getting in stock at low rates is one that will press heavily on the middleman. The manufacturer and the general public must come to his aid. The former by production of a high standard article, and the latter by insisting on "Canadian goods first."

## A GAME SANCTUARY.

The Ontario Government has apparently a somewhat keener appreciation of the value of wild life than has the Government of our own province, for it has just established another wild bird and animal sanctuary within its borders. There were already six other such sanctuaries located in various parts of the province, but they were not judged to be sufficient. Apparently Premier Drury and his colleagues are of opinion that the proper and adequate preservation of the game of the province is a matter of considerable importance, and not like Premier Foster and his colleagues, who treated it as of much less importance than the personal interests of one or two guides, whose business might be interfered with by the establishment of these game preserves.

Dr. Smith, when Minister of Lands and Mines, took a very deep interest in the preservation of the game in this province, and he foresaw the necessity for the establishment of a game sanctuary, where wild life would be safe from destruction. The establishment of such a sanctuary in this province was a very wise proposal on his part, and it is much to be regretted that Premier Foster allowed Mr. Tweeddale's campaign against it to influence the Government. Dr. Smith had the interests of the province at heart; Mr. Tweeddale was simply considering the interests of one or two of his guide friends and constituents. The result was that Dr. Smith resigned in disgust from a Government which would do little for the general welfare, that it would subordinate it to the personal concerns of one or two men. And then, as soon as the opportunity was afforded them, Mr. Tweeddale was daily turned down by Mr. Foster, who could not approve of the attitude he had taken in regard to the matter.

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to the matter. By the secession of Dr. Smith, the province lost a painstaking Minister who took a deep interest in the affairs of his department, a Minister who Premier Foster was content to let go simply to oblige another colleague, in whom, as events proved, the people of his own county had lost all confidence. Such is the degree of interest which is displayed in the management of the affairs of this province as conducted under the Foster Government.

## THE RESTIGOUCHE ELECTION.

As the result of a whole lot of irregularities in the election proceedings in the County of Restigouche, a petition has been filed in the Supreme Court asking to have it set aside. If the allegations set out in the petition are true, a lamentable condition of affairs is disclosed, which shows how very careless the Foster Government is in making appointments to responsible positions. There are few offices involving greater care and responsibility in carrying out the duties than that of sheriff, and only men of recognized ability and intelligence should be appointed to that office. Apparently the Sheriff of Restigouche is not blessed with sufficient knowledge of his duties and intelligence enough to see them carried out, or else he is too careless to take the trouble to perform them properly, for he seems to have done everything he should not have done, and left undone all that he should have done. He was appointed to the office on the nomination of Mr. A. F. LeBlanc, late M. L. A. for that county, who would appear to have been actuated more by desire to have appointed a party heeler rather than a man who had the necessary qualifications to enable him to perform the duties properly. And yet it is Mr. LeBlanc himself who is said to be at the bottom of the efforts now being made to upset the election (at which his political opponents received the majority of votes), and thus take advantage of the stupidity of his own nominee. Never in the history of this province have the public services been so ineffectively performed as the result of the gross abuse of the patronage system, as has been the case since the Foster Government took office. When ever a public appointment fell vacant, some subservient supporter has been pushed into it, irrespective of whether he had the necessary qualifications or not. Efficiency has usually appeared to be a very secondary consideration whenever the Foster Government was filling positions.

WE BELIEVE IT.

"It is reported that an early session of the legislature is desired and the work of the various departments is being rushed to make it,"—The Times.

The Times is good enough to intimate that The Standard's approval of the appointment of Sheriff Hawthorn is a bad sign. Perhaps it is from The Times' point of view. The Times would have rather seen some man appointed as Chief Inspector who lacks all ideas of honesty and principle, who would have stooped to any low-down trick to trap some unwary lawbreaker, and who would just as readily have assisted to convict an innocent man as a guilty one. That is not John B. Hawthorn's style at all. He will go after the bootleggers and the blind-pigs and other illicit vendors as they should be gone after, but he will not interfere with the decent citizen who happens to be abroad with a small flask of brandy in his grip which he needs for medicinal purposes.

The raising of the cash qualification for immigrants of certain classes from \$50 to \$250 may bar labor that would come to Canadian cities and towns, but if Italian navies were imported, the work they do would enable the creating of employment for Canadians. Canada has needed rough construction labor, and it has had to be drawn mostly from abroad.

British Columbia's Government claims a surplus on the financial operations of the first fiscal year of \$250,000. It is not stated, however, whether the claim is based on cash in the treasury or on methods of presenting the accounts. There are Canadian Governments which go into debt steadily and still show surpluses of wind which the people believe exist in cash.

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 St. John, 2nd December.

## PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION.

(Journal of Commerce.)

While it would be difficult to expect that the system of Proportional Representation will prove as fully satisfactory as its chief advocates claim, there can be no doubt that it has merits which make a fair trial of it very desirable in the minds of reformers. The inequalities produced by the present system of voting occasionally become so marked as to call loudly for some better method. Probably it will be impossible to devise any system that will at all times give minorities the representation that they desire. We are so accustomed to the system of majority representation—or, to be more exact, plurality representation—for it frequently happens that the elected representative has received less than a majority of the votes polled—that there is in many quarters a disposition to accept it as unavoidable. But when glaring cases occur, such as the representatives of large districts, even Provinces, being all of one complexion, when nearly half of the electors are of the other shade of politics, the weakness of the existing system and the need of reform become apparent. The selection of Proportional Representation, alike in principle but varying in detail, have of late been increasing attention, and there is every probability that they will have an early day widespread application. The method known as the single transferable vote was given a trial in the city of Winnipeg at the Provincial general elections, and the results seem to have been satisfactory. It is now proposed to give the system a wider trial, the Province of Ontario. A committee of the Ontario Legislature, representing all parties and authorized to sit during the recess, have agreed to a report recommending the adoption of the system in a sufficiently wide area to test it fairly. It is proposed to form a group of six constituencies in Western Ontario and a similar group in Eastern Ontario, in each of which the elector will have the right to vote for six members. The system will apply also to the cities of Ottawa and Hamilton, each of which returns two members. It is recommended also that the system be applied to the single member constituencies in Western Ontario and a similar group in Eastern Ontario, in each of which the elector will have the right to vote for six members. The system will apply also to the cities of Ottawa and Hamilton, each of which returns two members. It is recommended also that the system be applied to the single member constituencies in Western Ontario and a similar group in Eastern Ontario, in each of which the elector will have the right to vote for six members.

Two Bank Systems.  
 (Hamilton Herald.)  
 Because farmers failed to meet their notes, several North Dakota banks have been closed. That is the other end of the argument as to which is the better—the Canadian or United States banking system. Under the Canadian system these failures would not have been possible. At the same time, the Canadian system, if conducted to the extreme possible under it, might result in wholesale assignment of individual farmers, which would be worse than the failure of three or more small independent banks.

In Great Luck.  
 That Iowa man who found a diamond in his Thanksgiving turkey is in great luck. He may realize enough from the sale of the gem to cover the cost of the bird.

Grant MacNeill, the secretary of the Dominion Headquarters of the Great War Veterans Association, will address a mass meeting of citizens at the G. W. V. A. building, Wellington Row, on Monday, the sixth instant, at 8 p.m. The public are cordially invited to attend. Mr. MacNeill is a forcible speaker and has a deep knowledge of vital matters affecting the returned men.

The movement will be viewed with satisfaction by most of the people who desire progressive legislation. Yet the changes proposed by the Government are experimental. Sound as the principle of Proportional Representation seems to be, especially in the presence of some of the glaring inequalities arising from the existing system, it does not pass unchallenged. In England, where the subject has been discussed for a long time, the advocates of the new system have not been able to obtain Parliamentary approval for it. Strange to say, it was the House of Lords, a body usually regarded as very conservative, that became convinced of the need of some such change. When the last measure dealing with elections was before the House, provisions were inserted for the purpose of applying the system of Proportional Representation to several groups of constituencies. But when the Bill went back to the House of Commons, the body that might be expected to respond quickly to a proposal of that kind, the amendments made by the House of Lords were rejected. In this case, at all events, we cannot claim to be following the example of the "Mother of Parliaments," to which we so often look for guidance in matters concerning Parliamentary government.

The new system has been put on trial too in the Australian State of New South Wales, and according to statements made by Premier Macleay in a debate in the New Zealand Parliament, the system has not proved satisfactory. "He had no hesitation," remarked Mr. Macleay, "in saying that the system of Proportional Representation tried there was an absolute and ghastly failure. The Australians themselves said so and the House of the Labor Conference held in Sydney (N. S. W.) a few weeks ago turned it down. An Opposition member of the New South Wales Legislature had not repeated the system, whereupon Mr. Macleay said, 'No, they have not had an opportunity yet, but it is coming.'"

These conflicting opinions as to the advantages of the system warn us not to be too confident of its success. But it is well to try it in its trial out in Canada under fair conditions, so that its character may be better understood than at present. Therefore the action proposed to be taken in Ontario should be welcomed.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL.

To the Editor of The Standard:  
 I regret to have seen in your editorial columns of this morning a statement to the effect that Hon. Mr. Foster would dictate the appointment of either Mr. Dwyer or Mr. Michael as Speaker because these gentlemen are Roman Catholics. Permit me, sir, as leader of the Opposition Party, to state publicly through your paper that The Standard in this instance, in my judgment, is introducing a religious issue that is not a relevant element into our provincial politics, and that I do not approve of such a course. The Standard is in no way bound to reflect my opinion, but in justice to myself and to the party of which I am the leader it is necessary to prevent an impression being created that the spirit of your article is the spirit of the Opposition Party. If it were not, would no longer desire to occupy the leadership. I may add that should either of the gentlemen named be elected as Speaker of which I am not considered by the government of this day to be disqualified for his high office because either of his race or his creed.

JOHN B. H. BAXTER.  
 St. John, 2nd December.

## Benny's Note Book

Mrs. Hews came to see me yesterday afternoon, being a big round lady, and they started to talk about different subjects, Mrs. Hews saying, O by the way Mrs. Potts, I'm taking New Thawt and its the grandest thing. You're herd of New Thawt of course.

Well only in a general way, sed ma, and Mrs. Hews sed, Well its the grandest thing, all you half to do is believe it doat make the slightest differents wat happens and as soon as you get yourself worked up in that frame of mind you stop worrying and getting excited, and you know if you dont worry or get excited about a thing wat differents does it make?

No differents sed ma, and Mrs. Hews sed, Ixactly, and ma sed, I think I'll have to try that, it sound reel sensible and I think I'll begin rise now and refuse to let anything excite me for a day or 2 and see wat happens.

Me thinking, G I bet I can make her excited all rite. And as soon as Mrs. Hews went I sed, Hay ma, hay ma.

Wat? sed ma, and I sed, Aint you going to get excited all day today?

No, sed ma. And in a minit I sed, Hay ma?

Wat, wat? sed ma, and I sed, Aint you going to get excited tomorrow either, ma?

No, no, sed ma. And pritty soon I sed, ma, hay ma. Ma not answering, and I sed, Hay ma, ma, hay ma.

For goodness sakes wat? sed ma, and I sed, Aint you even going to get excited the day after tomorrow, and ma sed, No, for pity sakes no, and in about a minit I sed, Hay ma.

Another hay out of you and you'll feel something harder than hay, sed ma, and I sed G ma wat goods New Thawt, youre excited as anything.

Well then misery loves company and hears something for you to get excited about, sed ma. And she gave me a terse crack, proving the experiment was a success.

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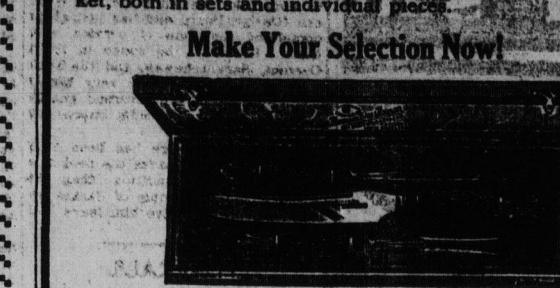
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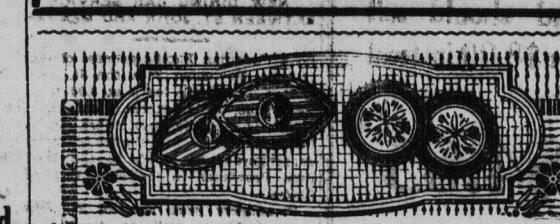
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