

The Planet.

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CANADA NOT SLOW.

The Oswego Times concludes that Canada is not as slow as some people imagine, judging by the following percentages of increase in this country and the United States since 1891:

| | Canada. | U. S. |
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| Bank deposits..... | 138.3 | 129.2 |
| Public debt..... | 14.3 | 73.8 |
| Immigration..... | 51.8 | 52.9 |
| Copper..... | 296.2 | 112.5 |
| Gold..... | 2,130.0 | 144.5 |
| Railway mileage..... | 41.5 | 20.0 |
| Railway passengers..... | 57.3 | 9.7 |
| Exports..... | 151.2 | 59.6 |
| Imports..... | 96.6 | 21.5 |
| Pupils in public schools..... | 9.1 | 19.6 |
| Telegraph messages..... | 25.5 | 32.9 |

CANADA THE KEY.

The New York Herald, commenting upon a speech by Mr. Shaw, secretary of the treasury in Roosevelt's cabinet, at Chicago recently, says:—

He expressed himself very forcibly in opposition to the reciprocity treaties, and particularly against the proposed reciprocity treaty with Canada, which is now being so strongly urged by commercial organizations in this and other parts of the country. The joint high commission is still in existence and should make a renewed effort to break down the tariff wall between the two countries that by nature are as closely related as the states of New York and Pennsylvania.

The scheme of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain for depriving the United States of the mighty trade now conducted with the United Kingdom would be demolished by our negotiation of a rational reciprocity treaty with Canada.

Coming from a paper like the Herald, the above shows how completely alive to the fact the Americans have become that Canada holds the key to the fiscal situation in the British Empire. The Citizen recently predicted that the final decision in connection with the Chamberlain scheme lay with Canada and would be probably fought out in the constituencies of the Dominion at a general election. The ultimate question to be decided will be, Shall Canada accept the Chamberlain policy or reciprocity with the States? The present sentiment in Canada is, of course, strongly loyal and imperial and we have every confidence that that sentiment will prevail when the crucial hour arrives as it did in 1891, when the "Commercial Union" conspiracy was defeated. But the coming fight will be far more difficult and far reaching in results. At that time it was merely a local or, at least, a continental issue. But on the future of Canada, but the \$500,000,000 of exports from the United States to the British Empire will be involved in the fight. As Canada goes, so goes the British Empire. An inter-imperial preferential policy without the chief colony of the Empire will be like the play of Hamlet with the title roll unfilled. The Americans appreciate the fact and will leave no stone unturned or dollar unspent in a supreme effort to win Canada from its fiscal allegiance to the Empire. Not only so, but we predict that the most tempting terms of reciprocity will be offered to offset the advantage of an imperial trade partnership.

It is deplorable to note the insular obliviousness of this phase of the present crisis which reigns in Great Britain. There they are prating about the "sacrifices" which the mother country is to be called upon to make in the interests of the colonies, and seem utterly blind to the fact that even if Great Britain adopts the Chamberlain policy the real battle for the consummation of the scheme will yet have to be fought on this side of the water.

The Citizen recently pointed this out as forcibly as possible and the view expressed was cabled over the Reuter agency and appeared in the leading British papers. It was received even by the strong supporters of Chamberlain as a revelation and we have occasion to know that as a result some of the leading British papers have instructed their correspondents to enquire particularly into this phase of the situation. It is to be hoped that it will have some tangible result in awakening the British public to the true condition of affairs. The hoped-for achievement of Chamberlain in carrying his policy in Great Britain will not be the circumstance to the fight which will be necessary to carry an adherence to that policy in Canada in the face of the temptation of a particularly seductive offer of reciprocity from the United States backed up by all the monetary influences which a

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nation of eighty millions of people whose five hundred millions of exports are threatening, can bring to bear on the comparatively small electorate of this Dominion.

As the New York Herald very truly remarks the defeat of the preferential idea in Canada in favor of an American reciprocity proposition will demolish the Chamberlain policy. But British sentiment is even stronger in Canada now than it was in the days of "Commercial Union" conspiracy and we have every confidence that this country will remain steadfast to British connection and the imperial fiscal union policy despite all the influences that the republic can bring to bear. But it would be well that the British people came out of their egotistical trance as soon as may be and promptly recognize on what thin ice the empire is skating. It would be superfluous to point out to them the ultimate results upon the future of Canada and the movement for the unification of the empire if Canada should by any chance decide to throw in its commercial lot with the United States in preference to Chamberlain's far-sighted, statesmanlike proposal.

DIFFICULT TO DIAGNOSE.

Toronto Telegram.

Is the Grand Trunk Pacific bargain an act of statesmanship or a form of insanity?

SORE OF CHORTLISH.

Toronto Star.

Come to think of it, Yalu is a name of joyous import. Sounds like a Japanese yodel, doesn't it?

OR GENTLE REST IN THE FENCE CORNER.

Toronto Globe.

[Attorney-General Gibson expressed in the legislative assembly his opinion that the old-fashioned "statute labor" has been a good deal of a "farce." Evidently he has never heard the correct definition of that kind of labor—"gentle exercise in the open air."

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MONDAYS IN FEBRUARY.

St. Mary's Argus.

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A JAP CANARD.

Hamilton Spectator.

The story that his ribs the czar "burst into tears" when he read Emperor William's friendly letter is spoiled by later information to the effect that the czar was still intact.

INTELLECTUAL ASPHYXIA.

London Daily News.

A flood of dead print has smothered the spoken word, and people think that they awaken their faculties by reading when really they subject themselves to a process of intellectual asphyxiation.

FISH EASY TO CATCH IN NORTHERN LAKES.

Milwaukee Sentinel.

"Fishing has never been so good in the lakes about Madison as during the present winter," said Graham Race, former railroad commissioner. "The lakes are frozen over solid, and the fish are so hungry that when you cut a hole in the ice they will just swarm to it and can be caught with a piece of red flannel for bait. The game wardens are active in preventing the catching of protected fish, but we are having perch served up for breakfast that are 10 inches long."

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