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LESSONS FOR CANADIAN FARMERS.

The complete returns issued by the British Board of Trade for the year 1903 show the fluctuations of the trade during the past year. Under the heading "Animals Living," the United States is credited with sending 307,757, a decrease of 22,674, while Canada forwarded 190,815, being the substantial increase of 97,141.

Of course the closing of the ports of Boston and Portland during most of the year seriously affected the live stock shipments from the United States. The shipment of sheep and lambs from the United States declined from 233,227 to 171,386, a very heavy decrease of 61,841. Canada shows a satisfactory increase of 28,258, the total last year being 83,258, the total last year being 83,291. It is well to remember, however, that in the two months that the ports of Great Britain were open to Argentina that grazing country shipped over 82,941, illustrating very clearly our advantage of being free from contagious disease.

Under the head "Beef (fresh)" the first place is accorded to the United States, last year's total being 2,693,920 cwt., an increase of 403,465 cwt. Then follows Argentina, with 1,152,211, an increase of 228,463 cwt. Australasia follows with 237,486, a decrease of 66,631 cwt., ending with other countries 75,989, a decrease of 114,068 cwt. There are two countries named under the head of "Mutton." The first, Australasia, sent forward 2,216,703, an increase of 302,532 cwt., and Argentina forwarded 1,485,770, an increase of 133,269 cwt.

The above enumerated figures conclusively point out the pressing need of Ontario entering into the dressed beef trade in competition with the United States and Argentina. The increase in animals living is very creditable to Canada, but we must bear in mind that the Yankee knows by experience that it is more profitable for them to ship the dressed beef than the living animal, consequently the one item shows a decrease, the other item an increase.

BURNS' ANNIVERSARY.

Yesterday was the anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns. In every English-speaking city of the world, it is safe to say, the event was observed in one way or other, whether by a club dinner and suitable orations, or by the lover of the Ayrshire poet taking down from the shelf his well-thumbed copy, and reading for the hundredth time his favorite passages, with reverence becoming the occasion. It gladdens one's heart to see the warmth of affection poured out for Burns, an affection which not half a score of characters in our history ever inspired. The reason is not hard to find. Burns is about the only great poet we understand. We may, indeed, be mistaken in our estimate of him, since "to err is human," but at least we believe we know Burns. He had no characteristic that was not thoroughly human. He was brilliant, with none of the eccentricities of genius. He gave himself no airs, nor pleaded his artistic temperament as an excuse for unartistic extravagances. On Tennyson we may bestow a character admiration, but Tennyson never won a title of the love accorded the famous Scottish farmer. His fine honor, his scrupulous cleanliness, his lofty ideals—well, we admire them, very much as we might admire an Italian cathedral without particularly caring to live in it. We may be unjust to the cathedral and to Tennyson in subjecting him to such a comparison, but we must be fair to Burns. It may be that praise which was showered on him yesterday was undeserved. Much of his work will not endure. Some of his lyrics are deathless. His best work he hoped to do, but never accomplished. We can understand so well a man not doing his best work, and so well can we see why Burns, like others, failed. The Nemesis of his past deeds were on his trail, instead of the bright angels which peopled his fancy when the world was young and fair to him, ghosts crept out when he sat alone, ghosts of spoiled lives communing with the ghost of his own wrecked career. Walking in this nightmare, Burns did not produce the great masterpiece which the critics had expected. He pottered mechanically in the growing shadows, and at last the flame which for a time had burned so brilliantly sputtered and went out. Tears over the career of Robert Burns are wasted. Few men do nobly deserve them just as much as he. He had his good days and his evil, but all through his life he was a much-loved man.

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REVIVING OLD PARTY LINES.

Only a few months ago Lord Rosebery was solemnly excommunicated by the Liberal leader in the House of Commons, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman. The former flung back the message and announced his intention of plowing his lonely furrow and doing spade work in his own way and in his own time.

Lord Rosebery has never been a persona grata with the radical section of the opposition. He and his Liberal leaguers or Imperialist Liberals have during and since the Boer war been anathema to the rabid little Englanders whose chief organ in the press is the London Daily News. When Sir Henry, in an unthought burst of courage, put his foot down the step was loudly hailed as the extinction of the brilliant Earl, and no place of repentance was offered him unless he sought it with humbleness and tears.

It would have had an unfortunate result in British politics had this attempt of the Little Englanders succeeded. An official opposition bound to support the tenets to which they attach supreme importance would have ended in strictly imperial interests and affairs being thrown once more into the vortex of party politics. But the loyalty of Lord Rosebery's own personal following, who include the strongest and sanest of the coming men of the party, despite the discouragement inseparable from his somewhat vacillating course, saved the situation. Without their support the Liberals felt they were hopeless and Sir Henry's fulminatory bull soon passed into the limbo of failures.

Joseph Chamberlain's fiscal reform movement, if it does nothing else, will be memorable in history as the efficient cause of the restoration of the old party lines. It now appears certain that the Liberal Unionist organization is irreparably shattered. Lord Rosebery and his party at once sprang into prominence and became of vital importance, for, without them there could have been no reconciliation between the Duke of Devonshire and the Liberal Unionists who

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follow him and their old friends. In other words the scheme of the Little England Radicals to secure a controlling voice in the policy of the opposition has failed, and they will have to resume their position as the advancing wing of a reunited Liberal party. The truth is that, although their real strength is entirely disproportionate to their bluff, and they cannot but realize that their more objectionable points of policy are far from being acceptable to the Liberal electorate.

This reorganization of parties will leave a fair and square issue as between free trade and protection and thoroughly clears the political atmosphere. It is highly acceptable to all supporters of parliamentary government whose faith in these latter days has been subjected to severe stress and strain.—Toronto World.

THE LONG FELT WANT.

Hamilton Spectator.
Abolish the Bar-nacles, is what Mr. Ross should be trying to do.

A PRECAUTION.

Chicago News.
Before dropping carelessly into Corea Japan should be careful to find out all about the exits.

WANT TO FORGET STRATON.

Toronto Mail.
From North Oxford there is no Macedonian call to Mr. Stratton to come over and help us.

A FEW DAYS WILL TELL THE TALE.

Hartford Post.
The Washington Post says that "the Pacific Ocean is becoming a new theatre of action." Is the new theatre fire-proof?

FORGETS SOME THINGS.

Indianapolis.
China is still asking Russia when it is going to evacuate Manchuria. Strange China can't remember the date. It is the 8th of last October.

MR. SMITH'S IDEA.

Bobaygeon Independent.
The Grand Trunk wants the G. T. Pacific contract changed. It would not be surprising if Mackenzie and Mann were taken up in place of the G. T. Pacific.

WORKING BOTH WAYS.

Hamilton Spectator.
The cable tells us that Sir Edward Grey, at Morpeth yesterday, expressed alarm that that man Chamberlain was doing something the colonies would not approve of. And in Canada the free traders—obliged to admit that the Chamberlain scheme would be a good thing for Canada—are full of fear that it may be bad for Britain.

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