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A Scare for Foreigners.

It is not surprising that Mr. Chamberlain's programme is "viewed with alarm" in foreign countries. His speeches caused Germany to drop the idea of retaliating on Canada for the surtax. She does not care to strike at this country over Great Britain's shoulder, knowing that reprisals would greatly strengthen Mr. Chamberlain's hand. The United States is even more dependent than Germany on British trade and American journals sound a note of warning. The New York Post, a great authority, strongly advises that a reciprocity treaty be negotiated with Canada as the best means of heading off Chamberlain's scheme. The exports of the United States to Great Britain in 1902 were \$22,773,397; to Canada, \$11,153,035; to British Australasia, \$28,101,784, and to British South Africa, \$31,685,859. The British Empire thus takes considerably over half the exports of the United States. Great Britain is also the best customer of Germany, of France, of Holland and of Belgium. The United States and the countries of Europe have been accustomed to arrange their tariffs without taking Great Britain into account. The latter voluntarily disarmed herself in adopting free trade.

made herself, in Mr. Balfour's words, a passive target for her protectionist rivals. There can be no doubt that she has flourished wonderfully under this policy, but the fact remains that she has no weapon with which to compel other countries to treat her fairly. The free trader argues that Great Britain, by taxing imports, would injure herself as well as her competitors.

But what if the import tax should be a lever to force other countries to widen their doors to British exports? The economic conditions of Great Britain do not justify a tariff for protective purposes, but a tariff of reprisals, which would extend the markets for British products, would be a different thing. A tariff war that would punish the protectionist countries and oblige them to modify their tariffs, could even be defended on free trade grounds. A mere threat of this kind by Mr. Chamberlain was sufficient to make Germany abandon the intention of further penalizing Canadian exports. The issue he has raised is being held in terrorism over every country outside the British Empire. Foreigners will make concessions rather than be placed at a disadvantage in the greatest free market in the world. Even if Imperial preferential trade cannot be achieved the prominence given the question may be of great advantage to the mother country in bringing her rivals to time.

Cumulative Voting.

The experiment in cumulative voting in Toronto next January will be the first of the kind in Canada, but it has been operative in school board elections in England for over thirty years. It was adopted at the passing of the elementary school board act, the clause reading: "Every voter shall be entitled to a number of votes equal to the members of the school board to be elected, and may give all such votes to one candidate or distribute them among the candidates as he sees fit." What is known as the Hare-Prentice system of proportional representation has many advocates in this Province, who have frequently petitioned the Legislature, without success, to allow it to be tried by municipalities. Cumulative voting is an approach to this system, though it falls far short of it. Under proportional representation each candidate is required to poll a certain quota of votes, which is usually arrived at by taking the total number of voters and dividing it by the number of candidates to be elected. For instance, if there were 4,000 voters and five men to be elected, each candidate would be required to have 800 votes. If a candidate polled more than this, his surplus of votes over the 800 would be distributed among those who failed to poll the required number, in the order in which they stood in the poll. The voter could indicate his second, third, fourth or fifth choice. The complicated nature of this system is a bar to its practical operation. Cumulative voting is much simpler, and provides, though less effectively, for minority representation, or rather a representation of interests. A minority group, or a number of persons who have a common interest, can insure the election of one candidate by giving him all their votes—"plumping" for him. The majority would not, as at present, be able to elect all its nominees, but each class would secure at least one representative. The principle has much to recommend it and the manner in which it works out in Toronto will be useful as a guide to other municipalities.

No Trace of the Money.

The report of the royal commission on the Gamey-Stratton charges is daily expected, and is being awaited with keen interest. The commission cannot, on the evidence presented, find the charges proven, and it is possible that the Legislature may have to expel the member for Manitoulin. The opinions which the learned judges may express will be entitled to very great respect in the country, but the public is disappointed, because the mystery of the money remains unsolved. The Opposition's latest theory was that it came from the proceeds of the sale of "Cap" Sullivan's timber limit, but this has been exploded before the public accounts committee of the Legislature. It appears that "Cap" Sullivan in collusion with T. C. Taylor, an accountant of the Crown Lands Department, purchased a timber limit for \$250 and afterwards sold it to the Charltons of Tonawanda for about \$9,000. A thorough examination of Sullivan's accounts, which were produced by his banker, satisfied the committee that none of these funds could be connected with the alleged bribe-money which Gamey had in his possession in September. The checks cashed in September were on the Dominion Bank, whereas Gamey's money was in Ontario Bank notes of \$100 denomination. Taylor, who had put up the \$250 purchase money, and was given half the profits of the deal by Sullivan, has been dismissed by the Crown Lands Commissioner. Some political capital is being made out of the fact that the timber limit was sold by the Crown Lands Department at so low a figure. The Commissioner had to rely upon the report of his expert officials, and there is no suggestion of anything irregular in the transaction, so far as he is concerned. Mr. Thomas Charlton says it has cost his firm \$25,000 to take out the timber, but he could not estimate what his profits, if any, were, as he did not sell the logs, but the lumber. It should be borne in mind that the Government collects dues on all the timber from the crown lands, and on this particular limit received over \$2,000 from the Charlton farm. The matter is still before the public accounts committee where the Government is facilitating a complete investigation.

Vice-Versa.

[Punch.]

At a debate held at a certain mixed club, one of the feminine orators declared that the position of woman would never be satisfactory until she was accorded the right of making proposals of marriage.—The World.

Daphne, who in years gone by, slighted my addresses, Now with a regretful sigh Her mistake confesses.

Now with late repentance fired, Finding I am far from true, Daphne, of conventions tired, Urges me to marry.

Though the task was hard to learn When I had to lose you, Taught by you 'tis now my turn, Daphne, to refuse you.

The Man Who Browns On You.

[The Interior.]

Your most delightful acquaintance is the man who browns on you. You know people in plenty who do not gain in your appreciation; every time you meet them they seem more shallow and more petty than before. Indeed, there are times when your discoveries of inner character within the circle of your associations run so much to the revelation of paltriness that you feel in danger of being compelled to discontinue all human nature as a deceiving sham. But the man who browns on you is a different creature. Every day you are finding in him some factor of manhood that you had not suspected; every day he proves in a new way that he has resources of strength upon which you have not counted in your estimate of him.

The New Regime.

[Judge.]

Major Dix—Do you think it's going to rain tomorrow, Uncle Isham?

Uncle Isham—I dunno, honey. It's mighty hard ter prognosticate. When da Lawd had charge ob de weathah, I could tell sumfin' 'bout it; but sence dis yere weathah bureau dun been runnin' it, Uncle Isham's had ter give it up.

As Far As She'd Go.

[New York Weekly.]

Mr. Olden—I admit that there is—some difference in our ages, but think of the advantages of such a wealthy alliance.

Miss Youngthing—It cannot be, Mr. Olden, but I will always be a granddaughter to you.

Breaking the Ice.

[Washington Star.]

We had some offish neighbors once that moved in, down the road, folks we'd never knowned.

An' when we passed 'em now an' then we would make dead sure they couldn't snub us if they was tryin'.

It really made me nervous, so I jes' braced up one day.

An' I thought I'd go ahead an' show my manners, anyway.

One Sunday, 'sides o' turnin' round an' gainin' the view,

I looked at them an' says, "Hello!" An' they says, "Howdy do!"

It wa'n't the cold an' formal greetin' that you've sometimes heard;

They smiled an' said it hearty, like they was along life ways.

It's solemn to reflect on what we miss along life ways.

By not jes' bein' natural an' good-humored day by day.

There's lots o' folks who fling the simple joys of life aside,

Because they dread the shadow of their own unconscious pride.

And nine times out o' ten you'll find the rule works right an' true—

Jes' tell the world "Hello!" An' it's answer "Howdy do!"

A Nappy Combination.

[New York World.]

On the order books of the Women's Exchange in this city, it appears, is a worker known as "the cheery young lady." She is kept busy all the time. It is her function to visit lonely homes, to play cards with venerable widows or spinners, to read, talk and "look pleasant."

Here should be a laborer never failing to be worth more than her hire. Professional mourners we no longer know, nor wish to know; of professional cheerers-up it should not be possible to know too many. We bespeak serious rivalry for this old lady who looks pleasant. Here is the happiest combination of business and philanthropy. She exhibits an idea worthy of inde-

The Powers Like Her Scheme for China's Indemnity.

Melbourne, Victoria, June 4.—Speaking before the Federal House of Representatives today, Mr. C. C. Kingston, Minister for Trade and Customs, said he felt the Commonwealth might give preference to Great Britain without an inconsiderable loss of revenue by maintaining the existing duties levied on British products, and raising them against foreign goods. It was the Commonwealth's duty to support the Imperial Government in every way. The minister did not doubt that Colonial Secretary Chamberlain's policy would appeal to the great heart of the British people.

FAVORS NEW POLICY

Australia Is Urged to Support Imperial Government.

London, June 4.—The Times' correspondent at Pekin notes a greater disposition on the part of the foreign ministers to view with favor Great Britain's proposal that China should indemnify on a silver basis for nine years, and in gold thereafter, leaving the question of whether China should ultimately pay the difference. He says that even if the United States accepts a payment of \$200,000,000, the United States claimed a larger sum, and that the British proposal would show signs of willingness to reciprocate Canada's 33 per cent preference.

A SEVERE CASE OF LUMBAGO

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Mr. James A. Searls, Norwich, Ont., Quickly and Permanently Cured by Dr. Pitcher's Backache-Kidney Tablets.

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