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## MORE BURDENS

What enemy has Canada to fear that it should seem necessary to adopt compulsory military training and spend enormous sums upon rifles, cannon, machine guns and other war materials?

Sir Ian Hamilton in his report on the militia of Canada makes recommendations which it is estimated would involve an expenditure of thirty million dollars a year. The significant part of the story is that Col. the Hon. Sam. Hughes yesterday declared himself in accord with the views expressed in Gen. Hamilton's report. "I took good care that he saw the had as well as the good in the force," said Col. Hughes.

The people of Canada cannot long endure so expensive a war minister as Col. Hughes has been and promises to be, on an even larger scale. This country is not best by enemies calling for an annual expenditure of thirty million dollars on the militia force. If it be said that the programme as outlined in Gen. Hamilton's report would not involve thirty millions, we may quote the Ottawa correspondent of the Standard who says:—

"Carrying out the suggested reforms would require an enormous expenditure, probably more than double the ten millions now spent annually on Canada's militia, so any effect given the recommendations will probably be gradual."

If the Standard correspondent agrees that more than twice ten millions would be required, it is safe to assume that thirty millions would be well within the mark.

Apparently an attempt is being made to stampede the people of the country into an enormous expenditure for naval and military defence, when there is nothing in the international situation to threaten the security of Canada in any direction or in the slightest degree. It is readily granted that the country should establish a system of naval defence, and should spend a reasonable amount upon its militia service, but there are too many reforms needed in this country, and far too large a portion of the masses of the people are in need of relief from tariff burdens, and in need of public expenditure in the development of the resources of the country, to warrant any such wild schemes as are proposed by the Borden government in its new zeal for the safety of the Empire. If Canada has enormous sums of money to expend let her expend them so far as possible be reduced and not increased.

## RECIPROCITY

The Tory press endeavors to make it appear that Canada will gain under the new American tariff everything it could have gained under reciprocity, and much more. The statement is not founded on fact, but is it not strange that Conservatives should be willing to admit that any gain can come to Canada from a lowering of the American tariff? Throughout the last election campaign they endeavored to prove, or rather to convince the people of this country that under reciprocity farmers in the United States would invade the Canadian market, and put the Canadian farmer out of business. If that were true in 1911, then it must be true in 1913 that the Canadian farmer cannot hope for a market in the United States, simply because he cannot compete with the American farmer. Either the Tories were entirely wrong in 1911, or they are talking nonsense now. Of course they were wrong in 1911, for a reduction in the United States tariff will be of distinct benefit to the Canadian farmer. It is to be regretted that the defeat of reciprocity made it impossible for the Canadian consumer to share some of the benefit that will be reaped by the farmer.

## THE CANADIAN CLUBS

The fifth annual conference of the Association of Canadian Clubs, which will be held in Hamilton on August 25, 26, 27, promises to be an event of unusual interest. The Canadian Clubs of Hamilton, the civic authorities and citizens have provided a fund to entertain the delegates, and they will be given an opportunity to visit such historic places as Lundy's Lane, Queenston Heights and Old Fort Niagara, in addition to enjoying an exceptionally interesting series of addresses, and the general discussion of Canadian Club problems.

The convention this year is of special interest because this is the twenty-first year since the first Canadian Club was organized, and Hamilton is its home city. The first three presidents of that first club will attend the convention. Moreover this is Hamilton's centennial year, and for that reason a visit to the city will be of exceptional interest to people from other parts of Canada.

The formal programme of the conference shows that a number of interesting subjects will be discussed, including "The Stage and its Position in Canada," "The Stranger Within our Gates," "National Expression in Art," "The Elements of True National Progress," "The Study of Canadian History," and "The British Consular Service."

The delegates representing Women's Canadian Clubs will have an evening

meeting, and St. John people will observe with interest that the presiding officer on that occasion will be Mrs. E. Atherton Smith.

The Standard announces that contracts for two more drill halls have been awarded at \$13,760 and \$15,000. It is evidently the policy of Col. the Hon. Sam. Hughes to dot this broad country with drill halls to such an extent that wherever two or three persons are gathered together, an armory shall be set down in the midst of them.

If one week from today the citizens of St. John should vote to repeal the new building law, there would be a return to the old condition of things, which is very far from desirable. What ever other good points the new by-law may have will be lost, along with that which relates to the three-decker tenement.

A very interesting situation between the United States and Mexico results from the action of the present Mexican government in threatening to break off all relations with the United States unless the latter recognizes the Huerta administration. Apparently President Huerta believes he has something to gain by posing as the champion of the rights of Mexico. Only prudent diplomacy can prevent a breach in the relations of two countries which might re-make the map of a portion of this continent.

If the members of the city council really believe that the citizens generally are not in favor of the open door at city hall, they cannot be described as keen interpreters of public sentiment. The matter was discussed at considerable length at a meeting in city hall yesterday, but the members with one exception still insist upon private committee meetings. They are ill-advised in pursuing this course, and there can be no doubt at all that the open door will be an issue in the next civic election. It is to be regretted that commissioners who are making a good record as administrators should get on the wrong side of so important a question as the right of the citizens to know what their representatives are saying and doing at city hall.

What is to be done about those grain conveyors at West St. John? If they are not provided, this national port will lose a good deal of business next winter. Last spring at a public meeting at which the matter was fully discussed, the whole sentiment of the meeting was that these conveyors must be provided, even if the city itself were compelled to take action in the matter. The government at Ottawa has been deliberating on the question for a long time, and the people of St. John are still waiting to learn what it proposes to do. In the meantime Halifax is rejoicing in enormous expenditures, and Hon. Mr. Hazen is promising enormous expenditures on the Pacific coast. St. John sorely needs a live representative in the government at Ottawa.

**Frederick Personal**

Frederick Mail—Messrs. G. C. McAvity and F. A. McAvity of St. John, are towing the river by motor-boat. They are at Windsor Hall. A party composed of Messrs. Robt. Pugsley, J. R. Douglas, W. H. Tennant, of Amherst, B. L. Tucker of Parrtown, and H. E. Fawcett of Sackville, arrived from Chatham by auto yesterday and registered at the Queen. They left for St. John this morning.

Frederick Gleason—Rev. G. M. Campbell, who conducted the services at the funeral of the late Alexander Gibson on Saturday, returned on Saturday evening to Sackville. Miss Elsie Hatheway and Miss McKim of St. John, who have been visiting Mrs. Harold Murray here, returned to St. John on Saturday. Mrs. McMurray and daughter accompanied them. Judge Barry and Mrs. Barry and son, Paul, returned from St. John Saturday evening. Robert L. Crockery, of St. John, spent Sunday in the city. Andrew H. Farrell spent the week-end at St. John. N. P. McLeod spent the week-end at Moncton and St. John. Miss Margaret Coburn is visiting friends in St. John. G. W. Brown spent the week-end at St. John. City Clerk J. W. McCreedy returned from St. John and Hamilton this morning. J. A. Kelly and Miss S. K. Kelly, of St. John, are at the Barker House. J. P. Keenan, of St. John, is at the Barker House. H. L. Estabrooks, of St. John, and S. Murray left for St. John this morning to spend a two weeks' vacation.

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## BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

C. B. Powell, prominent citizen of Ottawa, observes his fifty-fifth birthday today. He is a mechanical engineer by profession, was for some time connected with the lumber business and has latterly taken an interest in movements looking towards the improvement of sport and music in the capital.

A. H. R. Butler, professor of botany and geology in the University of Manitoba, and a scholar of distinction, celebrates his thirty-ninth birthday today. He has enjoyed a distinguished academic career.

## LIGHTER VEIN

The Wonder of It

We wandered on the seashore,  
We wondered at the sky;  
I told her how I loved her,  
She said, "She wondered why."  
I wondered if she'd have me,  
She gently answered, "Yes,"  
And then we wandered, wondering,  
In speechless happiness.

And now since we are wedded,  
We wonder, as of yore,  
We wondered as we wandered  
Along the ocean shore,  
With just the bit of difference  
That our wonder we condense  
Into wondering how we happened  
To have so little sense.

Easy to Get Along With

"How are you getting along with your neighbors?"  
"Fine. They don't seem to care what our children do to them."

No Trouble at All

"It'd like to see the woman who could make a fool of me."  
"Very well. Just glance at the next good-looking one you meet!"

He's So Impossible

"You know, my dear, men are quite impossible. If I accept Jack's proposal, he will expect me to marry him; and if I refuse it, he will expect to be allowed to marry someone else."

A Simple Request

"When we are married we are going to take a house with very large rooms, aren't we, Henry?"  
"For what purpose?"  
"So that we can do the glide dance."

The Bright Side

"It is said that more than one person has been killed by kissing."  
"Yes; but isn't it great stuff if you live through it?"—Judge.

An Oversight

"My home for cats is not a success. I have had some good food, nice sleeping quarters and yet the cats are not happy."  
"You are shy on amusement features, old man. You haven't provided any back fence!"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Spoken Like a True New Yorker

A leather-back turtle just added to the Zoo is said to be 800 years old. It's worth living that long to get to New York.—New York Telegraph.

Hindered

"Men are so inconsistent,"  
Said Yaelbel the first,  
"They say a girl is speedy  
When she wears a hobble skirt."

University of Saskatchewan

Saskatoon, Aug. 19.—Dr. W. C. Murray, president of the University of Saskatchewan, announces the creation of a chair of biology and the appointment thereto of Professor W. P. Thompson, a graduate and class medalist of Toronto University and a winner of the Sheldon travelling scholarship of \$2,000 a year at Harvard.

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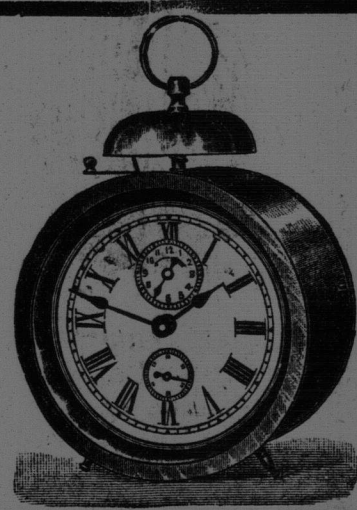
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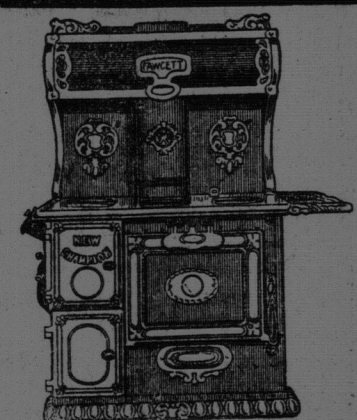
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## THE RISE IN STOCKS

How Far It Has Gone, What Was Its Actual Cause, and Just How Much It Means

(New York Post)

The advance on the Stock Exchange, which reached its climax in the middle of the present week, after a continuous upward movement of at least four weeks, has altered pretty radically the relative scale of values. From the low level of the year—mostly touched in the second week of June, a day or so after the "Minnesota rate decision"—such advances have been made as 16 points in Union Pacific, 10½ in Steel common, 11 each in Reading, St. Paul and Northern Pacific, and 5 to 6 in Southern Pacific, and 9 to 6 in Southern Railway, Pennsylvania, Atchafalpa, and many others. A number of stocks, which in June stood 15 to 20 points below the January high level, this week reached prices only 5 or 6 points below the best figures of the year. It is therefore pertinent to ask just what this notable recovery really signifies.

Obviously means first of all, that a good many of the doubts and apprehensions which accompanied the violent decline, up to the middle of June, have not been realized. The neutral Powers have

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not been drawn into the Balkan war on the contrary their harmonious action has brought it to an end. There has been no "money crisis" either at Berlin, Paris, London, or New York; on the contrary, every test has shown that the emergency was over prepared for, and money rates are relaxing now, at a time of year when they ordinarily would be rising. Coming down to American influences, our government has not been crippling the banking interests in their effort to help the situation; it has itself been giving through the treasury, very tangible relief. Union Pacific's holdings of Treasury stock have not been dumped on an unwilling market by a court receiver; their sale has been arranged for on a basis skilfully adapted to the market's circumstances. There has been no "Berlin crash," the Bank of Germany has accumulated by far the largest gold reserve on record.

There is left on the other side the tariff bill; but almost every one has forgotten it. There is the chance of autumn money stringency—of which however, the present market shows no sign. The corn crop shortage is the latest element of legitimate misgivings; yet, in the vicissitudes of fortune, a possible high-record yield of wheat in the United States accompanies it. But, since neither the money market nor the corn crop was this week in shape to indicate unmistakably what the outcome is to be, the halt in the rise on the Stock Exchange was as logical as the rise itself.

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