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A TRADE QUESTION Will the removal of a duty of \$4 per ton on hay entering the United States market weaken the loyalty of any Canadian?

Will the removal of a duty of \$1.25 on rough lumber, which must go to the United States whether it pays duty or not, prompt the Canadian who profits by it to about for annexation?

Will the removal of a duty on fish, which are now marketed in the United States, paying a duty, lead the fishermen to wish that they were American citizens?

If so, all the United States needs to do is to abolish the tariff on all goods from Canada, and make us all annexationists.

But is it true? What Conservative or Liberal is willing to admit that he personally would be influenced by any such consideration? Would Dr. Daniel or Mr. Powell confess such weakness?

Britain's enormous trade with Germany has not developed any annexation sentiment among the English people. They are less friendly terms with Germany than with France, but do more business with the former country. It cannot be doubted, however, that the very fact of this large trade has a great deal to do with toning down the martial ardor of both countries when war-seares arise.

Canada cannot do better than adopt the British principle of trading wherever profitable trade can be carried on. The United States has offered a large free market for natural products of Canada. Who cares a fig whether the Americans would like to annex Canada or not? It is Canada, not the United States, which determines the future of Canada, and this has already been done. Canada will remain British, and no trade agreement made with any other country affects in the slightest degree the preference already granted to the mother country. By making Canada more prosperous the trade agreement will strengthen the Empire. The farmers, fishermen and lumbermen of the maritime provinces will derive special benefit, and all classes will share in the prosperity that will result from the more rapid development of the great natural industries.

LOCAL CONSIDERATIONS In the midst of the turmoil of an election in which the rank and file are being made ignorant and prejudiced are being made right of the practical side of the conflict. This port has received more material benefit from the efforts of Hon. Dr. Pugsley as its representative than from those of any of his predecessors. His opponents justly assert that these things would have come in any case; but the people's memory is not so short that they cannot remember the mass meetings and indignation meetings and delegations to Ottawa which were a feature of the Conservative regime, in a fruitless effort to secure a just recognition of the city's claims. Mr. Hazen could tell us something about that, for as a member of the house for a time he felt the pressure of public sentiment and public disappointment. That time has passed. Dr. Pugsley has changed the whole situation. St. John is now a link in the great chain of transportation, and the port is being developed to accommodate an ever-growing commerce. The re-election of Dr. Pugsley and the election with him of Mr. James Lowell will be a guarantee that this progressive policy will be continued. The citizens, in supporting them, are doing what is best for the interests of St. John.

SIR WILFRID LAURIER Sir Wilfrid Laurier has thrown himself into the campaign with an ardor that is in itself an inspiration to every Liberal in the country. To have such a leader is to enter the fight with the greatest confidence as well as with determined vigor. Sir Wilfrid has defied the Tory-Nationalist combination in Quebec, and told Mr. Borden and Mr. Bourassa that he does not fear their alliance. Wherever he appears, thousands gather to hear and cheer the statesman under whose guidance Canada has attained what Mr. Borden himself in his manifesto describes as "unequaled development and prosperity."

THE DISUNIONISTS The people of Canada should not lose sight of the dangerous significance of the Tory alliance with the disloyal Nationalist party in Quebec. Mr. Bergeron, "the Beaubien Boy" of former campaigns, and now with Mr. Monk, the Conservative leader in Quebec, in close alliance with Mr. Bourassa, the Nationalist leader, says that Quebec is the pivotal point in this campaign and that it will go against Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The Montreal Witness points out that Mr. Bergeron is linked up with those who voted in parliament with Mr. Monk in condemning any relationship between Canadian and British defenses. Continuing the Witness makes the following observation of feeling, then the victory will be due to the so-called Nationalists, and not to the Conservatives. The word Nationalist, as used by its leader and his apostles, simply means sectional or anti-nationalist; and emphatically it means anti-imperialist. Should Messrs. Monk and Bergeron have places in the new government, as they would certainly have to, they would either have to betray the sentiment to which they are making their appeal, or would have to remain on the other side and oppose the solidarity of the nation and the Empire.

THE PROSPECTS FOR A GREAT SHIPBUILDING PLANT FOR ST. JOHN GROW STEADILY BRIGHTER. We may presently be paying more for our English goods, as a result of scarcity caused by the strikes, which are affecting transportation.

Hon. C. J. Osman points out that free entry of gypsum into the United States would be of great benefit to Albert County.

Nearly five weeks have yet to pass before polling day. Before that date the hollow and hypocrisy of the Tory loyalty cry will have been thoroughly exposed.

The labor troubles in England have reached a stage very close to the verge of civil war, so far as several of the large cities are concerned.

The city council is sorely troubled about the proposed changes in the taxation system, but the way to settle the question is to study it. The committee made an excellent beginning and every member of the council should study its report, ask questions and gather further information. Tax reform must come.

An Ottawa paper says:—"A Walkerville automobile factory is enlarging its plant in anticipation of reciprocity, even though the duties upon autos are not to be reduced under the agreement. Its managers are business men, and they know that the more prosperous the farmers become the more demand there will be for automobiles."

PLAYGROUNDS (The Telegraph). Not least important among the events of last evening in St. John was the outdoor entertainment by the children on the Every Day Club's supervised playgrounds, and the announcement by Mayor Frink that the city council would soon take up in earnest the question of public playgrounds. The aid thus far given by the city has been, as his worship said, far too small. The Women's Council started the first supervised playground, and they and the Every Day Club have kept up the work in a small way, with the aid of city grants and private subscriptions. The time has come for civic action on a more generous scale. The mayor was surprised at what he saw last evening. So would many thousands of citizens who never visit the playgrounds. In addition to large public playgrounds there could be a social centre at every school. Judge Ritchie heartily endorsed the mayor's remarks last evening, and altogether it may be said that the playground movement took an important forward step. This is a step in the right direction.

THE UNNAMED LAK.

It sleeps among the thousand hills Where no man ever trod, And only Nature's music fills The silences of God.

Great mountains tower above its shore Green rushes fringe its brim, And o'er its breast for evermore The wanton breezes skim.

Dark clouds that intercept the sun Go there in spring to weep And there, when autumn days are done, White mists lie down to sleep.

Sunrise and sunset crown with gold The peaks of jagged stone, Where winds have thundered from of old And storms have set their throne.

No echoes of the world afar, No stir of night or day, But sun and shadow, moon and star Pass and repass for aye.

Twas in the day of early dawn, When first the lake we spied, And fragments of a cloud were drawn Half down the mountain side.

Through tangled brush and dewy brake, Returning whence we came, We passed in silence, and the lake We left without a name.

FREDERICK GEORGE SCOTT, Quebec, P. Q., 1911.

IN LIGHTER VEIN



SOCIETY'S LATEST. "What are her days at home?" "Oh, a society leader has no days at home any more. Nowadays, she has telephone hours."—Smart Set.



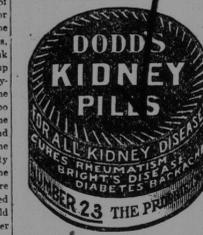
THERE NOW! Sister—If you aren't good I'll tell mama, then she'll tell papa, and he'll whip you. Freddy—Then I'll cry, and grand-father will give me some candy and I won't give you any.



OVERBID Mrs. Musk—Dollie, why don't you practice your music? I said I'd give you a penny an hour to do so. Dollie—Yes, mother, but father promised me five pennies an hour if I sit still on the piano-stool.

HOTEL CLERK DIDN'T REMEMBER HIM. "I would like to have the same room I had the last time I was here; I believe it was No. 14," said Andrew Anderson, 81 years old, of South Bend, Ind., to Clerk Ernest Reul at the Hotel Sherman last night.

"Gee!" replied the clerk: "that must have been before my time, when were you here last, Mr. Anderson?" "In the spring of 1848 I rode to Chicago from our Indiana town on horseback and this is my first visit here since that time," he answered.



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