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CANADA AND THE NAVY.

The London Times has been rabidly anti-German for years, and is now, as always, the favorite organ of the Jingo and militarists of the old land, though a great newspaper, many respects. But the Times, until some anti-Canadian Imperialists or designing partisans in the country, finds no fault with the form which Canada's contribution to the naval defence of the Empire is to take. Even before the question was precipitated by the naval scare, the Times said:

"Britain is prepared to maintain her supremacy in the quarter at present challenged by Germany, and strength alone; that is a national necessity wherein the whole Empire is deeply concerned, but which would still be necessary to this country if the Empire did not exist; we are fully able and fully determined to take it upon ourselves as our particular care. The best use to which the welcome naval co-operation now offered by the dominions can be applied is towards strengthening the defences, each in its own quarter. World co-operation in that matter will prove the truest form of co-operation in the end."

The comment of other London papers is uniformly favorable to the policy adopted by the Canadian Parliament. The \$10,000,000 required to build a Dreadnought—which the mother country does not need—would lay the foundation of a Canadian naval establishment, which would elicit Canadian enthusiasm, and appeal to Canadian pride. The alternative course of handing over money to the Admiralty to build ships, which would be merged in the Imperial navy, in peace as well as in war, and lose their Canadian identity, would not arouse Canadian sentiment or national spirit. It has been urged against the plan that it would be most effective if it were admitted that there must be centralization in naval strategy, but this is not inconsistent with the idea of a distinct Canadian navy.

CANADA AND THE SOUTH AFRICAN MARKET.

The Dominion Government is determined to reach out for a larger share of trade with South Africa and has appointed a second trade commissioner to that colony, with headquarters at Durban. The commercial possibilities of South Africa have repeatedly been brought to the attention of Canadian manufacturers by Commissioner Chesley, and there is reason to think his advice is bearing fruit.

A recently issued blue book shows that Great Britain, Germany and the United States are commanding the largest share of the market, but Canada is getting some of the trade, particularly in food stuffs. Our greatest colonial rival is Australia. In 1904 Canada sent to South Africa 90,419 bushels of wheat, and last year 111,449 bushels. Australia's increase in the same period has been from 124,610 to 3,564,274 bushels. Canadian flour, however, is rapidly gaining in favor. In 1904 Canada sent out 632,348 barrels, and last year 994,935 barrels. Australia's flour shipments to the new colonies in 1905 amounted to 1,035,203 barrels; in 1906, they reached 1,509,698; but in 1908 they dropped to 1,060,061. In this connection the report says:

"So far as wheat is concerned, the indications point strongly to the supremacy of the Australian exporters in that direction. But turning to wheat flour, the outlook is more encouraging. For the past three years, as the figures show, the imports of Australian flour have been on the decline, and Canadian superseding. Mr. Chesley in Weekly Report No. 231, devoted considerable space to this phase of South African trade. That a splendid market does exist for Canadian flour of high grade he forcibly contended. The Australian product sells for less and is frequently blended with Canadian brands, manufactured from hard wheat for bakers' use. If Canadian millers were to cater to this market and ship more of the grade required at reasonable prices, he predicted a consequent preference for the Canadian article. The annual crop in South Africa shows a tendency to decline and growing needs will necessitate larger supplies than are now available. The market will be worth watching."

BLOCKING IMPROVEMENTS.

The Dominion department of public works contemplates making some important improvements on the Montreal River which, though manifestly of value to this Province, do not appear to be properly appreciated by the Ontario Government. There is now an item in the Dominion estimates of \$25,000 for such work above the town of Latchford, the purpose being to "draw out" the Pook rapids, and so afford navigation for the conveyance of the large number of people who are going up the Montreal River to en-

gage in mining operations, and to settle on the land. The work necessitates some damage to land thereabouts, and negotiations have been in progress for some time between the department and the Temiskaming Railway commissioners looking either to a reasonable settlement as to such damages, or the waiving of any claim for damages, because the work in question will be of great benefit to this Province. Thus far, however, the department has been unable to effect an arrangement. The agent appointed by the department to bring about a settlement reports that he has had two interviews with the commissioners, and also with the Provincial Minister of Lands, Forest and Mines, but nothing has resulted. The work is an important one, and it is to be regretted that the department has not felt it desirable or safe to enter into a contract because of the possibility of having claims.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley recently stated in the House of Commons that it may possibly be within the power of the Dominion Government to expropriate the right to flood these lands, but he did not think that when that Government is prepared to engage upon a large expenditure for the purpose of improving a river like the Montreal, thereby giving accommodation to people going in there to settle upon the lands of the Ontario Government, to develop their mining properties, that the latter Government, which owns the town site upon the shores of Temiskaming Lake, should make any claim for damages that might occur through the flooding of uncultivated lands, and particularly of town lots unsold and not built upon.

The Ontario Government would appear in a better light were it to co-operate in having these improvements made, and give freely, and without compensation, the lands which would be affected by the carrying out of the work.

WHAT WILL CANADA DO?

The Franco-Canadian treaty passed the French Senate yesterday by a majority of 317 to 6. The Canadian Government is now confronted by an interesting situation. Unless it repudiates the treaty at once or accords the same treatment to the United States as to France, the American maximum tariff, provided for by the Payne bill, will be imposed on Canadian products.

It might be considered in France a breach of faith if Canada disowned the treaty which was of her own seeking and cost many months of negotiation. But to stand by the treaty and get the benefit of the American minimum tariff as well, we must, under the terms of the Payne bill, admit a range of United States products at a duty free. There would be a decided protest against free cattle of any class, but a small reduction of duties on certain manufactured products would not be unpopular, and would be in keeping with the Liberal tariff policy. If the United States would waive the free cattle provision, an agreement might be reached without sacrificing any Canadian interest. Canada is so desirable a customer for the United States that it is likely that Congress will try to accommodate her and avoid tariff reprisals.

Some of those who profess to know all about Britain's naval needs misspell it "Dreadnought."

Western civilization will have its greatest triumph when it teaches Oriental to pray as well as it has taught them to fight.

The wave of American immigration into Canada is rising higher than ever. It means a flood of money, which will fertilize Canadian trade and industry from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

No fault can be found with Mr. Whitney's bill to permit Sunday cars in cities of 50,000 population upon a majority vote. Why doesn't he permit majority rule under the local option act?

The London Times returns to the subject and calls Canada's naval policy self-reliant. That is precisely why Canadians who have a poor opinion of their own country, prefer to hand over the money and let Great Britain do the work.

Mr. W. K. McNaught, M. P. P., wants a commission appointed to investigate the milk supply of the Province. He has a shrewd idea that the public is not absolutely protected by local regulations. His bill should be adopted.

Someone at Ottawa temporarily earned the thanks of Canadian newspapers by sending them regularly and promptly the unreviewed editions of Hansard in a convenient form. Why has he wearied in well-doing? He was making Hansard useful.

The Synod of London and Hamilton wishes more Bible reading in the schools. The Ontario Government tolerated it twenty years ago, and it became a party question. The storm raised by the alleged champions of the open Bible is one of the memories of Canadian politics for which Canadians will always blush.

THE HYDRO-ELECTRIC FOLLY.
[Seaforth Expositor.]
The Government have put the Province to very heavy expense through the promotion of this scheme, and that needlessly. The same results and better could have been gained by proper Government control of the rates of the companies who are prepared to supply power. The Government rushed into something with which they were entirely unfamiliar, and failure, the usual consequence of inexperience, is likely to follow.

BRITAIN'S GREATEST NEED.

[Toronto Star.]
There are elements of national strength besides armies and navies. The most important element of all is the fibre of the race. The most formidable danger that confronts the British Empire is the congestion of population in the great cities of the United Kingdom, and especially in

London, under conditions which tend to weaken the physical and moral fibre of the nation. Too many people are ill-dressed, ill-clothed, ill-sheltered, ill-educated; too many are living without hope or ambition. The congestion of the existing population is on a scale that creates a tremendous evil and danger. Misery causes intemperance, and intemperance causes misery.

Therefore there are no truer patriots in England than the men and women who are striving to solve these social problems: to improve the condition of the poor, to pull down the dark and loathsome tenements and build sunny and airy houses, to get the people back to the land, to give them better facilities for education, to lessen the evils of intemperance. The Asquith Government deserves the utmost credit for its efforts in this direction. Land reform, educational reform, temperance reform, are all measures of national defence. Those who are obstructing these reforms must have a very lop-sided view of patriotism. It is a patriotism that runs to floggings on the one side and to most dangerous neglect on the other. The true statesmanship takes account of all the conditions that make for national strength, and of these none are more fundamental than the conditions under which the masses of the people live.

A WARNING TO CARNegie.

[Montreal Herald.]
London, Ontario, municipal reformers want to investigate the civic administration, and are asking Carnegie for funds to help. If Andy doesn't look out he will be lowering all the standards of manhood with his beautiful money.

THE WHITE PLAQUE.

[T. Watson, Grantham, Ont.]
"The destruction that wasteth at noon-day." Psalm xci, 6.
Sad tears like running waters
Make Nature's face to frown,
Because of sons and daughters
In early life cut down.
Before the spirit tasteth
The choicest fruit of time.
This dread "destruction wasteth"
Their strength at noonday's prime.

But earnest souls are yearning
For sure relief to find,
And thoughtful minds are learning
Rich lessons from the past.
And nations are consenting
With this disease to cope;
And kindness is presenting
An open door of hope.

For every means of healing
Some noble spirits seek:
Some urge, with wise appealing,
The strong to help the weak.
By those who give attention
May wondrous things be done,
For largely by prevention
The victory must be won.

With patient interceding
Brave souls for heaven strive;
And through their fearless leading
New hope at length is given.
Soon may the word be spoken
And heard on every shore:
"This plague, whose power is broken,
Shall vex mankind no more."

RETURNING REASON.

[Chatham News.]
The "Dreadnought" panic is commencing to die away, and Canada, after a couple of days of military frenzy, is returning to her sober senses. The cry was for the immediate building of untold Dreadnoughts. But reason seems to have taken her sway, at least in speech, and calmer counsels now are being offered.

It may be necessary for Canada to provide largely for her own defense. It may be advisable to lend a helping hand to Britain. These are matters to be decided, not on hasty impulse sprung from no man knows where, but on sober, sane, cold reason, based upon an honest examination of the actual facts.

OBJECTS OF GENERAL INTEREST
[Cleveland Plaindealer.]
"Those flashy Van Punks have moved. Do you know where they went?"
"That's the very thing their unhappy landlord asked me."

HIS FORTUNATE INFIRMITY.

[Cleveland Plaindealer.]
"Gelday always looks so pleasant when he plays bridge."
"Yes; he's quite deaf, you know, and can't hear the things his partner says about his playing."

NO LAST WORD.

[Victoria Colonist.]
It is reported that the Admiralty has decided upon a new type of battleship, outdistancing the Dreadnought type almost as far as the latter outdistanced its predecessors. The new ship will be a veritable moving fortress, able to move all its heavy guns in a complete circle, and fire all of them on either broadside. Probably the new ship will be armed with 15-inch guns, and will have a displacement of 25,000 tons and a speed of 25 knots. All of which goes to prove that there is no "last word" said in anything in the way of human achievement. The successes of today are only he stepping-stones to the greater successes of tomorrow.

OVER THE FIT.

[Ottawa Free Press.]
The naval history having passed away, Canada will now resume business in the good old way, determined to aid Britain in the hour of need, but declining to be stampeded by any faction of jingoism in London, Toronto or elsewhere.

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Members From No. 1 Ward Met in Y. M. C. A. to Promote Systematic Charity.

The members of the local Charities Organization of No. 1 ward met in the Y. M. C. A. rooms last evening, and elected Mr. James Stevenson, of Evergreen avenue, chairman of the district, and Miss Annie Robertson, secretary. The other wards elected their officers some time ago, and now that the organization is completed, much will be done to place the giving of charity in this city on a systematic basis. In former times there has been a great deal of overlapping, particularly in the charitable work done by different church organizations, and these have been brought to the notice of the society where persons were receiving aid from as many as six churches.

In order to do away with these conditions, the Charities Organization will appoint friendly visitors, who will report at general meetings of their committee, and the officers of the different wards will report at a general meeting of the committees. In this way much can be done to remedy the evils that existed under the old system.

It is the intention of the society to have speakers from the charity institutions of other cities speak to the members at different times during the season.

LONDON THE CHOICE FOR NEXT MEETING

Women's Home Mission Society of Presbyterian Church to Convene Here.

Toronto, Ont., April 2. — The Women's Home Mission Society of the Presbyterian Church finished their annual meeting yesterday morning in order to adjourn to the afternoon to the mass meeting in Convocation Hall. The chief items were the arrangements for the next year's annual meeting, and the election of officers for 1909-1910.

Invitations were received from London and Orillia to the society to be their guest during next year's annual meeting. The greater number of auxiliaries are grouped about the invitation from Orillia was warmly appreciated. The following officers were elected: Honorary president, Lady Mortimer Clark; honorary vice-president, Mrs. Parsons; president, Mrs. John Somers; vice-presidents, Mrs. Cochran, Mrs. McFadyen, Mrs. Thom, Mrs. Secretary, Mrs. Kipp; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Anderson; recording secretary, Miss M. Steele; treasurer, Miss Helen MacDonald; associate secretary, Mrs. Lehar, author of "The Merry Widow."

The new officers were asked to come to the platform, and Mrs. Somers gave a short address on the need of a new training home for deaconesses.

Mrs. McCurdy introduced several resolutions, and Mrs. R. S. Smellie closed the convention with a short address and prayer.

NEWS OF IVAN

Farwell to a Popular Family-Pleasant and Profitable Institute Meetings.

Ivan, April 1.—Mrs. Wm. Colvin and family left this week for Disbury, Alta., taking a carload of settlers' effects. On Friday evening prior to their departure, the neighbors and friends of the family met at her home and presented Mrs. Colvin with a handsome handkerchief as a parting gift. Mrs. Colvin made a very feeling reply, thanking her friends for their great kindness to her and her family.

Mr. Peter McKelvey is dangerously ill at his home near Lobo. Pears are entertained for his recovery. The neighbors gathered on Tuesday afternoon and did the supply of wood needed for the season for him.

The subscribers of the rural telephone lines are anxious to see free interchange between the different systems. At present we, in some cases, are not able to call our next-door neighbor.

The last meeting of the Farmers' Institute Club was very interesting and instructive, and the attendance very good. The subject was on pruning, grafting and spraying was of great interest. J. Thomas and A. Graham, professional grafters, taking part. The next meeting will be held on Monday evening, April 5. Mr. A. Fraser, will give a paper on "Dairying and the Dairy Cow." There will also be a debate on the subject, "Read and That Eastern Canada Has More Opportunities Than Western." The captains are Messrs. Alex. Stewart and Ed. Sinker. All are welcome.

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Mrs. W. J. Cranston, St. Mary's, Ont., writes:—
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