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#### TRADE WITH UNITED STATES.

In an illuminating article in the Financial Post of Canada, Dr. Adam Shortt, the well known political economist, shows "how largely dependent upon the United States we have been at once for materials in various stages of manufacture for motive power and machinery to enable us to produce a great part of our exports, which have gone to meet the needs of Britain and our allies in the prosecution of the war." It is well to have this fact in mind, in considering future trade relations between the two countries. During the fiscal year ending March 31, 1917, Canada's imports were valued at \$846,000,000. Of this \$846,000,000 in imports came from the United States, and of this amount \$382,000,000 was represented by free goods, or raw materials and other articles so essential to our industries that no duty is levied on them. But to go further and quote Prof. Shortt:

"But at least one-half of the other 50 per cent of the imports from the United States are also goods as essential to our industries, and especially the munition industries. Such imports as machinery of all kinds and partially manufactured goods which cannot be obtained in sufficient quantities or at reasonable prices within the country are so essential to the production of war supplies as many of these articles for the army and navy which are admitted free of duty. Practically one-third of the imports from the United States during the last fiscal year were made up of fourteen articles, all but two of which—automobiles and oranges—are essential to Canadian trade and industry at the present time. These articles, in the order of their monetary value, as taken from the tables of American exports, are coal, iron and steel, flour, wheat, cotton, sugar, and various other goods, but including structural steel, pork (bacon and pickled pork), copper, raw cotton, oils, corn, automobiles, binder twine, metal-working machinery, wheat, tin plate, agricultural implements, oranges. The first eight items on this list alone amount to more than the imports from all other parts of the world, including Britain and the Empire. These are among the most significant facts which form a basis for our forecast of trade relations after the war."

But Prof. Shortt goes further and shows how trade with the United States figures even in our exports to Britain. The total exports of the country for the last fiscal year reached the enormous total of \$1,151,000,000, an increase, due of course to the war, of over 300 per cent since 1913. But of these exports a very considerable proportion represents the re-export in one form or another of articles imported from the United States. Prof. Shortt says:

"Thus the immense export of cartridges or shells and explosives amounting to over \$281,000,000, or nearly one-fourth of our total exports, and which had practically no place in our trade before the war, a very large section is represented in the import from the United States of articles for the army and navy amounting to over \$149,000,000. Again, we have an export of iron and steel and their manufactures amounting to some \$49,000,000, of which \$25,000,000 were sent to Britain. At the same time we imported from the United States \$119,000,000 of iron and steel and manufactures, of which, as we find from the American returns, some \$89,000,000 represented these articles in a condition not more highly wrought than structural steel. It includes also \$30,000,000 of metal-working machinery, most of which was undoubtedly employed directly or indirectly in the manufacture of munitions, and in this connection working up much of the iron and steel obtained from the United States in more elementary forms. Even in the case of bacon and pork, of which we exported \$45,500,000 worth, nearly all of which went to Britain, we find that we also imported from the United States over \$14,250,000 worth, much of which was apparently cured in Canada for export, the remainder partly taking the place of our own pork sent abroad. Again, our exports of copper and brass amounted to \$81,000,000, and nearly all of this went to the United States, two-thirds of it in the shape of ore. But we re-exported at least one-half of this in the shape of refined metal, and some of it more or less manufactured, much of it to be employed in connection with the production of munitions to be sent to Europe, thus figuring twice in our exports and once in our imports. In the case of lumber, which we exported to the extent of about \$49,000,000, \$29,000,000 of this went to the United States and \$19,500,000 to Britain. But we also imported from the United States unmanufactured lumber and timber to the extent of upwards of \$7,000,000. The print paper and wood pulp went almost entirely to the United States. Finally, the remarkable export of over \$15,000,000 worth of gasoline tankers, which practically all went to Britain, involved a correspondingly large import from the United States of raw and partly finished materials completed and assembled in Canada."

In conclusion Prof. Shortt shows that

#### WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

Woman suffrage won important victories yesterday in the American Congress and the British Parliament. The resolution to submit to the several states a woman suffrage amendment to the constitution passed the house at Washington by the requisite majority and now goes to the senate. It is believed that body will also endorse the measure, which is approved by President Wilson. In the British lords an amendment to exclude women from the suffrage was defeated by the remarkable vote of 184 to 68. These victories for the cause will have a far reaching effect. Woman suffrage is no longer a "fad." It is recognized more and more as a right too long denied. The New Brunswick legislature will doubtless be influenced by the developments of the last year, and regard the measure rejected last year with a more kindly feeling. The Dominion government is pledged to grant woman suffrage, and this province should not lag behind. The intelligence and public spirit manifested by the women voters of the recent federal elections convinced everybody except the hopelessly prejudiced few that they should have the full exercise of the franchise.

#### AN AMERICAN EXCHANGE SAYS.

The Federal Trade Commission has started an inquiry into the cost of shoes, the latest having been started as a result of facts and figures obtained in connection with the government contracts for army shoes. It has been a source of wonder why the prices for shoes should have advanced so greatly when, according to figures given from responsible sources there has been no scarcity of materials used that would justify such increases. It is admitted that there has been an advance in the cost of labor but not to an extent that would call for the large "increase in price." If it is shown that increased prices are not justified, prompt government action is expected.

Halifax Echo: The New York Evening Post states that "daylight saving" reduced coal consumption in England by 300,000 tons in 1916. Congressional action is urged to introduce similar practice in U. S. The same applies to Canada. With our experience this winter of a coal shortage, the people of Canada should be only too glad to avail themselves of this opportunity of saving coal for use when it is really needed.

Fredericton Mail: The government which was removed from office in this province in April last was decidedly strong in boodle funds. In the election of 1912 the boodle fund totalled \$187,000, the bulk of which was supplied by persons identified with the Valley Railway. At the last election, judging from information brought out by a Royal Commission, the boodle fund exceeded \$100,000, and as in the former case, the poor old Valley Railway had to provide the bulk of it.

In Massachusetts, to conserve light and fuel, stores must open at nine o'clock and close at five, and bars and all places of amusement close at ten. The United States controllers do not issue windy explanations about what they cannot do. They know what they can do—and do it. There's a hint for Canada.

Now that Sir Robert Borden is in Ottawa, drastic war measures are promised. The people will promptly respond to aggressive leadership.

The food situation grows more and more acute in Europe. Canadians must do more to conserve food, and plan a greater production campaign for this year.

#### EARTH AND STARS.

(By Rose Henderson.) I have looked at the stars too long, I think, For my soul hangs lonely above the brink Of a wild, bright chasm, a strange, far sea. Where only my dreams float out to me. There is light and splendor and lifting wings. But the aching wonder of untouched things.

Night wind, blow me a breath of soul, Fresh-turned by the plowman's eager toil. Of blossomy gardens with birds asleep, Of mist-grown hedges where house cats creep. Of a rose-wreathed porch and a lover's song.

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In the interim the men returning were landed in New York and train service handicapped by lack of coal delayed their homcoming considerably. The value of the Military Hospitals Commission in the splendid facilities and organization of Halifax for the care of returning soldiers has gained a new appreciation in this one experience.

### FOOD SUBSTITUTES IN GERMANY

Amsterdam, Dec. 30.—(Correspondence)—Ten thousand substitute food articles have been introduced into Germany since the war, according to a statement made in the Berlin newspapers by Professor Jucknack, a prominent German food expert. He mentions as the most striking examples of successful substitution the following: Artificial butter, eggs, salad oil, honey, milk, coffee, tea, sugar, tobacco, fish, sausage, cheese and caviar. He says that some of the substitutes are directly harmful, but others are so good that they will

outlive the war and become regular articles of consumption.

At the monthly meeting of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railroad Employees, held Tuesday evening, Jan. 8, in the Moose hall, Charlotte street, the following officers were installed for the ensuing year: W. J. McMahon, president; W. N. Collins, vice-president; Thomas Donovan, recorder; William D. Murphy, financial secretary; James J. McKenna, treasurer; F. L. Kruse, warden; William P. O'Sullivan, reporter; Thomas E. Dyer, chaplain; F. J. O'Hara, past president.

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