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LET US KEEP IT AT HOME.

There is a good deal of money sent out of Carleton County by women every year to department stores in St. John, Toronto and Montreal for the purchase of dry goods that might be bought in just as good quality and quite as cheaply at home. If this money were kept at home and spent among Carleton Co. merchants it would make a further inducement for them to carry large and varied stocks. The local stores are now far above the average of places of this size and it is only fair that our merchants should get the trade that is going here. Patriotic citizens who want to see Carleton a huge success should make an effort to stop this outpouring of finances to other places year after year.

FIRST THINGS.

(Toronto Globe.)

The decrease of population in France has lately been the subject of animated discussion in that country. M. Bertillon, writing in *The Temps*, Paris, makes the gloomy admission that:

"It is not only our political and military power that is menaced by the decreasing births in our population, but also our economic power, and, above everything, it is the intellectual and moral influence of our writers over the world, it is the intellectual patrimony of France that is on the verge of disappearing."

Prof. Fouillee attempts to trace the evil to its source, and in an article published in *The Revue des Deux Mondes*, quoted by the *Literary Digest*, makes the astounding statement that

"The criminality of France has just about doubled in the last 50 years. This increase is proportionately greatest among the youth of the country. The actual fact is that the number of criminals who are yet children or youths is twice as large as the number of adult criminals, although France has only seven million children and youths and twenty million adults. In Paris more than one-half of the criminals arrested are less than twenty-one years of age."

After giving a terrible array of statistics to substantiate his claims, the professor goes on to show that

"The fundamental error of the French system of education is the predominance of purely intellectual and rationalistic ideas which we have inherited from the last century, and which assign to scientific knowledge a superiority over and above moral principle in the training of men. Rabelais has already said that 'knowledge without conscience is the ruin of the soul.' Our present system does not supply the children with the principles that still strengthen them against temptation."

Prof. Fouillee declares that the principles of Christianity alone can supply what is needed to effect a regeneration of the youths of France. And he does not hesitate to speak of the press as one of the most potent forces for evil.

These facts, placed alongside of the protest, which is gaining power every day, in the United States against public indifference to what is moral, brings us once more to that most important of all questions, "What are the forces and factors that make a nation strong and tend to permanence?"

Canada is as yet a young country. She has her place yet to make. Her people are strong by heritage and training in mental and moral qualities. While they may not be great brilliance in individuals, the average standard of character among the people is admittedly very high. It does not require close investigation to discover that this high standard is arrived at by means of a balanced culture. The soul is not neglected. The body, by virtue of our social conditions, has ample exercise in work, and, we rejoice to see, is coming to be regarded with increasing emphasis in wholesome sport. The mind is cultivated, and the tendency seems to be towards a high average of mentality. As a result of this balance and sanity of life, home is still our most sacred and fragrant national word and fact. We are distinctly behind the times in the proportion of divorces, in the consumption of intoxicating liquors, in the much-vaunted matter of Sunday newspapers, and, in Toronto at least, in the matter of one day of rest in seven observed with the smallest amount of noise and least expenditure of nervous energy on the part of the people. So much by way of comparison. These facts are often used to the disparagement of this country. Canadians are said to be "slow," and such dreadful anachronisms as a Sunday or a severe morality is laughed at in some quarters as the very acme of Canadian absurdity.

Well are these strictly "modern" scoffers monopolists in the matter of wisdom, worldly and otherwise? How is it elsewhere? Anyone can see that it is a great calamity for a nation or individual to unduly emphasize one side of their nature, even though that side were in itself good. France, enamored of

HOW DUTIES HAVE BEEN LOWERED.

(From Montreal Herald, April 24, 1897.)

The following table is designed to show what the result of the preferential tariff will be, as applied to some of the principle dutiable articles of import. The column to the left gives the rates of duty that will be chargeable when the provisions of the reciprocity clauses are fully in force; the right hand column gives the duties as they were under the recent Conservative tariff, and up to yesterday morning.

The present position of the duties on these lines is half way between the two scales given below, the preferential clause being now in force to the extent of one-eighth of the duty. The other reduction of one-eighth will take effect on July 1, 1898, when the preferred tariff schedule will be in part as here given:

	Under Preferred Tariff Clauses.	Under the Old Tariff.
Fire brick, etc.	15 per cent.	20 per cent.
Eathenware and stoneware	22 1/2 per cent.	30 per cent.
Drain pipes, etc.	26 1/2 per cent.	35 per cent.
China and porcelain ware	22 1/2 per cent.	30 per cent.
Cement, etc., per 100 lbs.	9 cents.	40 cents per bbl.
Window glass, plain	15 per cent.	20 per cent.
Glass, ornamental	22 1/2 per cent.	25 per cent.
Plate glass, plain	22 1/2 per cent.	8 cents per sq. foot.
Plate glass, bevelled	26 1/2 per cent.	8 cents per sq. foot.
Pig iron, etc., per ton	\$1.87 1/2	\$4 per ton.
Iron and steel ingots, etc., per ton	\$3.00	\$5 per ton.
Bar iron, etc., per ton	\$5.25	\$10 per ton.
Cast iron pipes, per ton	\$6.00	\$10 per ton.
Iron castings	18 1/2 per cent.	25 per cent.
Wrought iron tubing, etc.	26 1/2 per cent.	20 per cent.
Wrought iron nails and spikes	22 1/2 per cent.	30 per cent.
Wire nails	26 1/2 per cent.	35 per cent.
Cut tacks	26 1/2 per cent.	Item varied.
Wood screws	26 1/2 per cent.	Item varied.
Wire	15 per cent.	Item varied.
Buildings and other hardware	22 1/2 per cent.	32 1/2 per cent.
Skates	26 1/2 per cent.	10c per pair, and 30 p. c.
Cutlery	22 1/2 per cent.	25 per cent.
Files and rasps	22 1/2 per cent.	35 per cent.
Axes, scythes, etc.	18 1/2 per cent.	35 per cent.
Adzes, saws	22 1/2 per cent.	35 per cent.
Shovels and spades	26 1/2 per cent.	50c per doz., and 25 p. c.
Machinery	18 1/2 per cent.	27 1/2 per cent.
Watch cases	22 1/2 per cent.	35 per cent.
Clocks, watches, etc.	18 1/2 per cent.	25 per cent.
Jewellery	22 1/2 per cent.	25 per cent.
Cotton batting, yarn, etc.	18 1/2 per cent.	22 1/2 per cent.
Cotton fabrics, white	18 1/2 per cent.	25 per cent.
Cotton fabrics, coloured	22 1/2 per cent.	25 per cent.
Linen napkins, table cloths, etc.	26 1/2 per cent.	24c a doz., and 25 p. c.
Jeans, satens, etc.	26 1/2 per cent.	4 cents a pair, and 25 p. c.
Collars	26 1/2 per cent.	4 cents a pair, and 25 p. c.
Cuffs	26 1/2 per cent.	35 per cent.
Shirts and waists	26 1/2 per cent.	35 per cent.
Linen or jute bags	15 per cent.	20 per cent.
Socks and stockings	26 1/2 per cent.	10c per doz., and 35 p. c.
Knitted goods	26 1/2 per cent.	35 per cent.
Yarns, woollen	22 1/2 per cent.	30 per cent.
Woollen cloths and clothing	26 1/2 per cent.	5c per lb., and 30 p. c.
Gloves and mts.	26 1/2 per cent.	35 per cent.
Hats and caps and bonnets	22 1/2 per cent.	30 per cent.
Braces and suspenders	26 1/2 per cent.	35 per cent.
Cordage	15 per cent.	25 per cent.
Wall paper	26 1/2 per cent.	35 per cent.
Printing paper	18 1/2 per cent.	25 per cent.

Reason, embracing rationalism as the final utterance of man—France finds herself face to face with the solemn problem of national extinction. And the remedy her best minds are seeking after is the old-fashioned one of the Christian religion, which insists that man is a spirit as well as a body and mind, and that to be a whole man one must recognize and exercise all sides of his being. This is not to be wondered at when we observe the world of modern science, which a generation ago insisted with unabashed confidence that the persistence of force and the qualities of matter were enough to explain the universe, today turn with almost devout unanimity to religion as a necessary fact in any scheme of things worthy the credence of the sane.

Russia is great. Her people are ignorant and poor. Her government is despotic. But she is strong because she lives at a pace slow enough to allow the physical and nervous energies of her people to heap themselves up in a reservoir of national power that renders her the most formidable foe in Europe. The nervous forces of the people are in nowise drained, and with only a moderate but fairly well-balanced social development Russia is strong.

The United States has come to a social crisis. The public press in many directions is a source of danger to public morals. With the boundless opportunities of their great new country challenging development, and a splendid ability and enterprise the most marked characteristic of the people, it is not surprising that supreme emphasis has been laid upon money-making. This, added to a most trying climate, has gradually reduced the nervous energies of the people until today they find themselves forced to a desperate struggle for leisure—for a chance to rest and think and worship. With a natural and large hearted outburst of new-world freedom Sunday was handed over from the stereotyped strictness of the Puritans to the reckless irreverence of the "moderns." Today the wisest and best of the land are moving heaven and earth to recover even a part of what they so thoughtlessly allowed to be taken away.

It only remains to be pointed out that the very characteristics that have been quoted to Canada's disadvantage are coming to be considered her most precious possessions. Lack of nervous strain, a wholesome social life, absence of mere rush and noise, predominance of staid and quite moral standards—these are among the forces that shall give Canada vast advantage in the national race of the future. The first forces in human life are spiritual and moral. To disregard them is suicide.

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An Absent-Minded Woman.

Even Sioux City has absent-minded people within its borders.

Stories of a man looking through a closet for a pair of trousers which he has on; of the inveterate smoker turning over everything in his office in search of the pipe which he holds in his teeth, and of the citizen who chases back home on a cold winter's morning after he has nearly reached his place of business to find his spectacles, which are properly adjusted to his nose, are stories which are heard in every town.

The incident of absent-mindedness which is here related is quite out of the ordinary, and belongs exclusively to Sioux City and to the fair sex. This week a well-known woman living on a hill street boarded a street car for town. She searched in her pocket-book for a nickel, but could find nothing less than a silver dollar. She pushed it through the "change" opening in the door, and the motorman returned her a dollar in small coins. She selected a five cent piece from the handful of money and held on to it tenaciously while she went to a good deal of trouble to drop the 95 cents into the fare slot.

The mistake was discovered by the motorman, who heard the avalanche of small money rattling on the glass slide in the box, and after calling the attention of the woman to her mistake, gave her a receipt for 90 cents, which was eventually returned to her.—Sioux City Tribune.

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