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## A LITTLE CANADIAN

Premier Borden in his celebrated canned speech on the naval question expressed the opinion that Canadians were incapable of building a navy within a period of fifty years. In other words he practically said that Canadians were not in the same class with the Australians, the people of the United States or the Japanese.

Here are his own words as taken from Hansard:

"There have been proposals to which I shall no more than allude, that we should build up a great naval organization in Canada. In my humble opinion, nothing of an efficient character could be built up in this country within a quarter or perhaps half a century."

Thus we have it on the authority of the Borden Government, through the mouth of the Premier, that Canada could not in fifty years begin to accomplish what Mr. Foster states Germany accomplished in ten years. Conservatives who realize the foolish blunder which Mr. Borden committed have been arguing, since Sir Wilfrid Laurier announced his truly Canadian policy, that the Borden Government's "permanent" policy will provide for national shipbuilding, and that the present "emergency" contribution does not involve further contributions. But, in view of Mr. Borden's statement that Canada could not in half a century do what Germany has done in ten years, what kind of "permanent" policy can Mr. Borden offer?

We know what the people of Maritime Canada think of Mr. Borden's "black eye" for the shipbuilding aspirations of this section of the Dominion, and it is gratifying to learn that the people of the West no less emphatically repudiate Mr. Borden's humiliating estimate of the capacity of Canadians. The Regina Leader, for example, says that, if Germany in ten years can develop a navy of "negligible" quantity into the second most powerful navy in the world and half frighten the Borden party to death for fear the British Empire is going to crumble into ruin, surely Canada in a like period can create a naval service and fleet units which would prove a powerful addition to naval forces and fighting strength of the Empire.

"The Liberals of Canada take direct issue with Mr. Borden's 'Little Canadianism.' His statement is a serious reflection upon Canadian statesmanship, constructive ability and energy. What is there in the past history of Canadians as a people to warrant such an imputation upon our national character? And, taken in conjunction with Mr. Foster's statement in regard to Germany, Mr. Borden's words constitute nothing less than an insult to Canadians. He seeks to place our people in a position of humiliation they do not deserve."

## THE POTATO QUESTION

It is most amusing to read the misrepresentations of the Tory hiring press in regard to the comparative prices of potatoes in Maine and New Brunswick. They tell us that potatoes are only worth ninety cents a barrel in Maine and \$1.30 a barrel in New Brunswick, and that the same conditions prevailed last year. If that is so, how is it that last year in spite of an outrageous customs tax of 25 cents a bushel New Brunswick shipped thousands of barrels of potatoes to the United States and so far as the records show not a barrel of tubers found its way across the Maine border into New Brunswick, although a lower rate of duty prevails on this side. No Liberal or Liberal newspaper ever told the farmers of New Brunswick that there was money to be made in shipping potatoes to Northern Maine. It would be about as sensible to advocate the carrying of coal to Newcastle. The Aroostook farmers are the competitors of the farmers of New

Brunswick in the great markets of Massachusetts, New York and Pennsylvania, where there are between twenty and thirty millions of people as wealthy and extravagant as any to be found on the face of the earth. If they buy our potatoes, hay, lambs, poultry, etc., now in spite of an almost prohibitive tariff—and they bought thousands of dollars worth last year—they would certainly buy a great deal more if the duties were removed. No amount of misrepresentation on the part of the Tory press can cover up the fact that the farmers and lumbermen of New Brunswick were robbed of many thousands of dollars by the defeat of reciprocity fifteen months ago.

Hon. Frederick E. Barker, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court entered upon his 75th year yesterday, having been born at Sheffield, Sunbury County, in 1838. The historic County of Sunbury never raised a nobler son than the man who honors and adorns the highest judicial position in this province. His retirement which according to a well founded rumor is likely to take place within the year will be a matter of the greatest regret not only to the bench and bar but to the whole people of New Brunswick. The appointment of the present Chief Justice was made on the recommendation of Hon. Dr. Pugsley and should it fall to the lot of Hon. Mr. Hazen to name his successor he will no doubt look about for a man qualified in every way to take his place. If he does this his choice will not be likely to fall upon some small born Tory politician whose legal practice has been limited to the police court.

At the anniversary dinner of the Quebec Association for the preservation of Fish and Game at Montreal recently, Hon. Charles R. Devlin Minister of Colonization, said that he hoped to secure legislation to prohibit the hunting of deer by dogs. This butcher shop method of hunting game is permitted in Ontario but it is not tolerated in New Brunswick. In this respect we are away ahead of the big provinces.

The Canadian Courier, a first class weekly publication with a large circulation declares that it is for a Canadian navy first, last and all the time.

## SOME THINGS WE KNOW

That the wood-merchants and others who have been praying for snow have had their prayers answered.

That the Nashwaakissers will be into the roadmaster's wool if he doesn't soon get the ice bridge brushed out.

That the new chief of police arrested a drunk yesterday single-handed and made him take a middle-of-the-road course to the lock-up.

That Chief Rideout of Moncton, who was in the city this week, has got rid of some of his accumulated adverbs.

That the St. John stock broker has not yet forgotten how to drive a big auto.

That the Christmas rush at the post office was so great that even the postmaster had to take hold and do some work himself.

That Mr. G. Samuel Clarke, Knight Bachelor, has The Mail's thanks for a beautiful piece of statuary.

That some of the boys from the west who are spending the holidays here have discovered that times have changed.

That "Nit" and Blonde are still able to do a stunt at the Curling Rink.

That the No Endorsement Club have held no sittings of late.

That Mr. O. S. Crockett, M.P., having buried the hatchet with the minister of marine, should now "patch things up" with the Tory office-holder who called him a political accident.

That it was a well-known downtown lady who took the initiative in popularizing rush seats at the Opera House.

That the "movies" on Carleton street continue to do a flourishing country trade.

That a hunt for civic candidates will be organized early in the New Year.

That the Phoenix Square magnate's new house will not be in it with the baronial pile being erected on Saunders street by the Blueberry King.

That the merchants of Fredericton gathered in sufficient money Christmas week to meet their January "Bills Payable."

That there is no foundation for the report that the attorney general has decided to investigate a charge of partizanship against the registrar of probates for York.

That the truckman are already busily engaged in hauling snow.

## STOCK MARKET

(By direct private wires to J. C. Mackintosh & Co., 550 Queen Street, Fredericton, N.B.)

New York, N.Y., Dec. 28.—The market in the first hour was heavy and was even soft in spots. At the end of the period there was an increase of activity on the selling side and prices went down rather easily. Action on U. S. Steel was most unsatisfactory feature of the market. The stock met no aggressive support and declined readily on the news published that the Interstate Commerce Commission had ordered an inquiry into the rates on iron ore as a result of complaints that the Corporation has been unduly favored by the carriers. This news may also have caused some of the selling of Great Northern pfd. From the decline in C.P.R. traders argued that there was unfavorable developments in the situation abroad but there was nothing in the news to bear out that theory.

	Open	Noon
Copper, .....	76½	75½
Smelters, .....	72½	72
Atchison, .....	105	105
Brooklyn, .....	92½	91½
C.P.R., .....	259½	258½
Great Northern, .....	129½	129
Northern Pacific, .....	120½	120½
Pennsylvania, .....	122	121½
Reading, .....	167½	166½
Southern Pacific, .....	105½	104½
Union Pacific, .....	159½	159½
U. S. Steel, .....	67½	67

## MONTREAL SALES

Bank of N. S.—1 @ 22.  
Bank of Hockeleaga—2 @ 170.  
Bank of Commerce—20 @ 219½.  
Merchants Bank—3 @ 193.  
Soo Ry.—25 @ 139.  
Spanish River Pfd.—2 @ 95½.  
Spanish River, Com.—205 @ 68; 50 @ 68½; 25 @ 68½; 135 @ 68½; 75 @ 68½; 200 @ 69; 275 @ 69½; 70 @ 69½; 50 @ 69½; 75 @ 69½; 210 @ 70.  
Rich. & Ont. Nav. Co.—177 @ 118; 425 @ 118½; 125 @ 118½.  
Dom. Cannery Com.—380 @ 85; 350 @ 86; 300 @ 85½; 85 @ 85½; 85 @ 84½; 150 @ 84½; 50 @ 84.  
Crown Reserve—2100 @ 350.  
Can. Cot. Com.—100 @ 30½.  
Cement Com.—50 @ 27½.  
C.P.R.—25 @ 258½; 50 @ 258; 5 @ 258½; 25 @ 257½; 50 @ 258½.  
Detroit Ry.—125 @ 74½; 70 @ 75; 50 @ 75.  
Dom. Steel Corp.—10 @ 58; 50 @ 57½.  
Tuckers Com.—75 @ 58; 100 @ 58½; 25 @ 59; 25 @ 59½.  
Can. Cot. Pfd.—25 @ 77.  
Dom. Textile Com.—100 @ 82; 200 @ 82½.  
Bell Tel. Com.—175 @ 172; 50 @ 172½; 185 @ 173.  
Ogilvie Com.—25 @ 132; 10 @ 122½.  
Illinois Pfd.—5 @ 80.  
Montreal Power—10 @ 232½.

## LONG LIVED FAMILY

Miss Eleanor Rainsford, celebrated her ninety-third birthday Christmas Day. Her sister Miss Elizabeth Rainsford was eighty-four on Christmas Eve. Their brother Mr. William Rainsford is upwards of eighty. They are children of the late Capt. Chas. Rainsford of the 104th New Brunswick Regt. which took part in the War of 1812 and reside in the Parish of Kingsclear.

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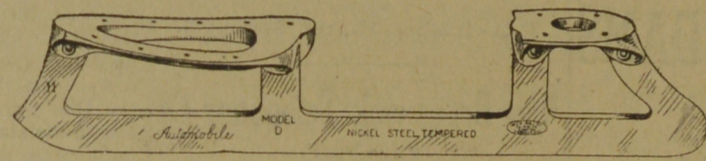
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SHAKER BLANKETS  
WOOL BLANKETS  
WOOL TACKDOWNS  
DOWN QUILTS, ETC.

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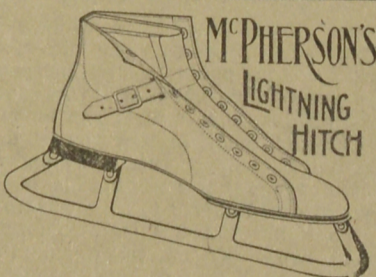
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