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SELFISH FREE TRADERS

Discussing the recent visit of a delegation of canners and stock raisers to Ottawa, the Toronto Globe says editorially:

"It was a very nervy proceeding for Robert Miller, breeder, importer, and dealer in pure bred Short-horns, and B. H. Bull, who is one of the world's biggest Jersey breeders and handlers, to go down to Ottawa and tell Mr. Borden that 'tariff stability was more largely responsible than anything else for building up the prosperity of Canada.' Mr. Bull said he was not complaining and wanted no change in the tariff.

"Why should he? His business is on a free-trade basis. The pure-bred stock that he buys and sells and breeds enters Canada and the United States duty free. No customs officer taps Mr. Bull on the shoulder and insists on the payment of duty on his importations or his exportations. Is it not a pretty cheeky proceeding for a man who is free of duty in his own business to insist that people like the grain growers of the West shall not sell their products duty free also, or that the food consumers of Toronto shall pay taxes on every bunch of early vegetables that comes from the Southern States?

"Do Mr. Bull and Mr. Miller advocate the imposition of tariff taxes on pure-bred live stock? Unless they do they have no standing in the present controversy. Why should they, enjoying the benefits of free trade in their own business, be so desirous of preventing food producers and consumers generally from obtaining a like freedom?

The New York committee on the prevention of blindness sounds as alarm by the report that more than half of the cases of eye weakness among men of that city may be traced to the barber shops. It is alleged that bay rum and other face lotions used in some shops contain wood alcohol and that the inhalation of the fumes or drops of the liquid in the eyes cause serious trouble. There is already a law prohibiting the use of such lotions, but the committee on blindness has found it to be rarely enforced. Several barbers and proprietors of barber supply concerns have been summoned for infringement on such charges in the court of special sessions following two convictions for similar offences already obtained.

Regina "Leader"—Mr. Borden's action in calling Parliament to meet next month is a final notification by him that he has no intention of keeping his word with the people, which he gave when he pledged himself that in the event of Parliament refusing to pass his Naval Aid Bill he would appeal from parliament to the people. Parliament accepted Mr. Borden's challenge and refused assent to his contribution and centralization scheme, but Mr. Borden "backed down" and disregarded his pledged word as he was afraid of the people's verdict.

There will be less risk of turning Christmas festivities into a Christmas tragedy if the warning of the U. S. State Insurance Department against the danger of fire in connection with Christmas trees is heeded. The use of candles and cotton in tree decorations should be safeguarded; and it is also pointed out that it is not safe to place electric lights around the tree unless the wiring has been done by competent persons.

The shriners, of Kansas City, recently gave a concert, at which Melba and Kubelik appeared. The receipts were \$12,000—which is recorded for Kansas City. The attendance was 6,500. The receipts at the Metropolitan Opera House on Monday night of this week, when "Der Rosenkavalier" was produced, are understood to have been about \$35,000.

Lethbridge Herald.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier's pure food policy has apparently struck a popular chord and the veteran statesman is being deluged with messages of congratulation from all parts of the country. Farmers and workingmen are especially delighted and the Conservative leaders are being compelled to admit the new Liberal policy adds considerably to the difficulties confronting the government in the country. Canadians have been paying high prices for their food for several years but during the past three years the prices have raised so as to being real distress to the people of limited means, and that includes a great majority in this country.

Windsor "Record": We have been treating our manufacturing industries rather generously. The Government gives them a protective tariff and almost any city is ready to grant a bonus of some kind. Isn't it about time we left the manufacturer to work out his own salvation and directed our attention to a more scientific cultivation of the soil in an honest and faithful endeavor to produce more foodstuffs and reduce the burdensome cost of living?

"What are the ten greatest inventions of our time?" asked a scientific journal recently. It awarded the prize to the contestant sending this list: The electric furnace, the steam turbine, the gasoline automobile, the moving pictures, the aeroplane, wire less telegraphy, the cyanide process, the induction motor, the linotype, the electric welding process. And all this was accomplished in a quarter century.

People derided Jules Verne when he wrote his book telling how he girdled the earth in eighty days another describing a voyage under the sea. Frank Wright also told of travelling in electric machines over the earth and through the air twenty five years ago, and people sneered. And yet all these things have been accomplished. Mr. Verne's trip around the world has been beaten by nearly half the time he claimed.

The free food campaign is rapidly developing. The Government must surrender on this subject, or accept situation in the next session of parliament, which will mean its nish.—The Kingston "Whig."

The job of uplifting the stage is the biggest one the American public has ever tackled. The only thing that has been uplifted, so far as noticed, is the feet and legs of the actresses, and they can't go much higher, try as hard as they may.

A trading stamp magnate died the other day, worth ten million dollars, every cent of which he made of gullible merchants, and they in turn got their profits, if any, from their customers. The people pay the bills after all, and imagine they are getting value received, while the promoter gets all the real money.

If some members of what may be called the insurgent element of the Tory party in York have backbone enough to repeat to Col. McLeod's face some of the things they have been saying behind his back the Tory pow-wow on Wednesday will be very likely to develop into a mill.

Goose pimples are now in style again, and many people, all of them, in fact, in this country, are wearing them. They are at their best early in the morning.

ATTEMPT TO BURN YARMOUTH CHURCH

Halifax, Dec. 21.—An attempt was made this morning at one or two o'clock to burn the old Roman Catholic church on Barnard street, at Yarmouth. The fire was set in the back part of the church in the eastern end of the chancel wing, but was extinguished before any damage was done. The building has been vacant since the completion of St. Ambrose church on Albert street in 1890. The old church was known as "All Saints" and was erected in 1846. Another attempt was made to burn a building near the Halifax and Southwestern Railway freight shed last night.

Mrs. P. S. Broderick of Philadelphia, is here to spend Christmas with her brother, Mr. F. S. Sadler.

CHRISTMAS SEASON IN GERMANY

Berlin, Dec. 22.—Berlin is at the high tide of the Christmas season just now, and there is not one can be quite sure, a more interesting city in Europe. There is no feature of German life which shows so little change as the Christmas celebrations. Except, perhaps, that the givers of the presents become more luxurious and the receivers more critical or exacting, one Christmas is precisely like another. Family piety and essential conversation still prevail everywhere, and however little definite religion may remain in the celebration is nothing stranger than the contest between the actual temper and occupation of the public and the railing and blasphemy of the Socialist press.

The return of the Crown Prince to Berlin is taken to mean that all differences in the imperial family, if any serious differences really have existed, are to be forgotten during the Yuletide festivities. The Emperor and his entire family will celebrate customs. For several weeks the leading shopkeepers of Berlin have been summoned to Potsdam almost every Christmas with all the traditional afternoon, in order that their Majesties might have opportunity to select their gifts. In addition to many valuable presents for the members of his family and his favorite relatives among European royalty, the Emperor has gathered together a regular Santa Klaus store of sporting guns, saddlery outfits, scarfpins, jeweled card cases and other appropriate articles to be presented at Christmas to the many ladies and gentlemen attached to his household.

WISCONSIN REMEMBERS FIRST GOVERNOR

Madison, Wis., Dec. 19.—Today was recalled here as the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Wisconsin's first state governor, Nelson Dewey. Mr. Dewey was a native of Connecticut, but came to Wisconsin in early life. He began his practice of law in 1838 and at the same time became active in democratic politics. He served several terms in the territorial assembly and was elected governor of Wisconsin on its organization as a state in 1848.

CANADIAN CHIEF JUSTICE 60 YEARS OLD

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 19.—Sir Ohas. Fitzpatrick, chief justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, was the recipient of many congratulations today on the sixtieth anniversary of his birth. Sir Charles is a native of Quebec. He began the practice of law in 1877 and soon became one of the best known members of the legal profession in Canada. Previous to his appointment as chief justice in 1906 he had served as solicitor-general for five years and as minister of justice for a similar period.

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Fancy Pleatings
Leather Hand Bags
Silk Hand Bags
Wool Waist Length
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Down Quilts
Fancy Table Covers
Linen Table Cloths
Linen Table Napkins
Shaker Blankets
Wool Blankets
Fancy Coat Lengths

Wool Spread
Wool Auto Rug
Men's Umbrella
Ladies' Umbrella
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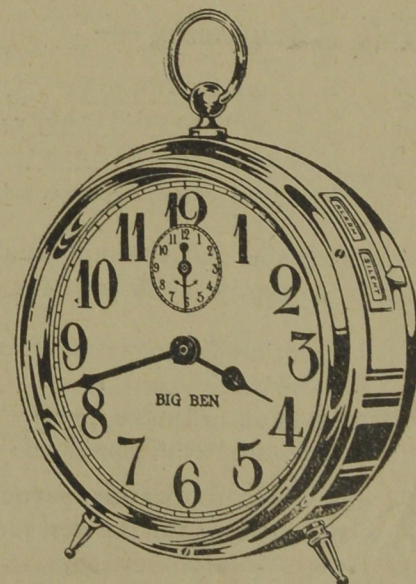
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