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SALE AND TEA

The Junior branch of the Red Cross will hold a tea at Church Hall on Sat. Dec 7th from 5 to 7 o'clock.

There will also be a sale of Fancy Goods.

FARM FOR SALE

The Department of Agriculture wishes to publish a more complete list of farms for sale during the coming winter. All persons having improved farms for sale are requested to communicate with the Superintendent of Immigration, 108 Prince William St., St. John, N. B.

SHOT THE BEST.

One of the favorite stories of that popular actress, Miss Mary Mannering concerns a certain melodrama she once played in.

The strongest part was that of the villain, and the actor who took the part gave quite the best performance.

Half way through the second act the heroine, after having been left starving on the streets with a bunch of children for several weeks, and generally having been well "put through it" finally got tired of this sort of treatment and shot the villain stone dead. "What have I done?" she cried, gazing up at the gallery.

"Shot the best blooming actor in the show, miss," came the prompt reply.

CHANGE IN TRADE ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN CANADA AND FRANCE

French Government Cancelled Former Tariff in Order to Secure Liberty of Action in Negotiations at the End of the War—Preferential Rates will Remain in Force for Three Months—Dominion Government Has Agreed.

Ottawa, Dec. 5.—France has denounced her trade treaties with Canada. Provision is made, however, that the preferential tariff rates, established by the treaties, shall remain in force subject to three months' notice.

The French government has taken this course to secure liberty of action in view of negotiations at the end of the war. The step has not been taken, it is pointed out in official correspondence, from any sense of distrust or desire for exclusiveness. The Dominion government has agreed with the proposals of the French government. Preferential rates will, therefore, still remain in force, subject to three months' notice. Two treaties are affected—the trade convention of 1907 and the supplementary convention of 1909.

It was in connection with the former that considerable discussion arose. Negotiations for its conclusion were carried on directly with the French government by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who was then Prime Minister of Canada, Hon. W. S. Field, then Minister of Finance, and Hon. L. P. Brodeur, Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

Under the treaty's terms any reduction in customs duties granted by either country to any foreign country would also apply to the products of France or Canada as the case might be. Care was taken to preserve freedom in regard to the French minimum tariff for its colonies and the Canadian preferential tariff for the British Empire. Excise and internal duties were made the same. Most favored nation treatment for the protection of trade-marks, patents, commercial names and industrial patterns was reciprocally extended. France gave to Canada the benefit of her minimum tariff; Canada gave to France the benefit of her intermediate tariff.

HON. BOB ROGERS WOULD BRING THE N. P. UP TO DATE

Manitoba Machine Politician is Trying to Break Into Public Life Once More—Makes a Threat to the Conservative Members of the Union Government—Must be a Show-down on the Tariff Question.

(Toronto Globe)

There is no help in the Honorable Robert Rogers. A Canada looking forward to cleaner politics to a less hidebound partyism, to long delayed social reform, to the banishment forever of the liquor traffic, to the abolition of patronage in the Civil Service, and in the awarding of public contracts, can have nothing to do with the sinister figure who seeks to return triumphantly to public life as the leading exponent of high protectionist and "machine" party sentiment. Mr. Rogers, in the "sawdust" speech with which he regaled the banqueters who had assembled to hear the program of the ginger group of the Conservative party, declared for a progressive National Policy, but carefully refrained from saying what he proposed to do to bring the policy "up to date."

"We must consider plans" he de-

clared, "for Canada's proper development under all the vast and diversified conditions that are embraced within the four corners of our broad Dominion. This great work for our future development can, I am sure, best be accomplished for the common good of all parts of our common country through a progressive Canadian National Policy. It is just forty years ago since a National Policy was first adopted in Canada under the guiding hand of him whose name should never be mentioned in any assembly of Canadian people without feelings of reverence and respect—the Right Honorable Sir John A. Macdonald. I will be told that a progressive Canadian National Policy is just that same old policy. My answer is, it is Sir John Macdonald's National Policy brought up to date, as he would bring it up to date if he were here to see the wonderful opportunities which peace is going to present to this Dominion. As Canadians, we should all be proud of what that policy has accomplished for Canada in the past. It has ever been endowed with that halo which surrounds every righteous and blessed undertaking which has for its purpose the betterment and the efficient development of a great country."

The people of Canada were under the impression that a National Policy which had progressed from the thirty per cent duties of forty years ago to the forty-two and a half per cent duties of this present year of grace had been brought "up to date" to an entirely unwarranted degree, and that one of the first post-war tasks of Parliament would be a downward revision of the tariff. The farmers of the West and in a growing degree of Ontario also, and the people generally who have been forced to pay extremely high prices for all articles of clothing and of household use, have been under the impression that Mr. Rogers' friends have been entirely too progressive in price-raising. They have hoped that with the return of peace there would be a marked decrease in the tariff taxes imposed on both raw materials and finished products as war measures.

But if the men who cheered Mr. Rogers' speech are in any sense representative of the Conservative Party, there is not the remotest intention of readjusting the fiscal system of the country so that the unduly heavy taxes upon the necessities of life shall be lessened. A war of tariffs lies ahead, Mr. Rogers assured his hearers, "and there is only one safe course for Canada to follow and that is to hold fast with both hands to a progressive Canadian National Policy."

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