

# THE DAILY MAIL

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## THE COST OF LIVING.

When it comes to matters relating to the tariff and political economy you have certainly got to hand it to Dr. Michael Clark, the eloquent Liberal Unionist member for Red Deer, Alberta. Dr. Clark is an out and out free trader of the school of Cobden and Bright and when he has occasion to address the House on economic matters the members usually sit up and take notice. In his speech on the budget he said in part:

"The cost of living in its relation to food should be at the minimum in Canada. I know there are opposite views expressed. No less an authority than the Right Hon. the Prime Minister (Sir Robert Borden) to whom I always want to pay the utmost attention, expressed a doubt whether the cost of living would be reduced by the removal of duties on food. I have heard the same question put myself in committee, in caucus, and in private conversation. Well, I think it would be reduced and I will tell the House why in a moment. But if it would not be reduced because there is no food to come in, which is the further assertion always made in accordance with this argument, if there is no food to come into the country; if we could not get any food into the country at the present moment, and for that reason the taking of the tariff of food would not reduce the cost, then all I have to say is that reduction is well worth trying anyhow, because if the tariff has kept nothing out of the country it is a very unnecessary and useless piece of national equipment. The tariff, if it has kept nothing out, is not doing any good along that line, but it would be worth while trying for a government that was not altogether heroic, just to see what would happen. I contend that there is no scarcity of food in Canada. My right hon. friend the Prime Minister on the occasion to which I refer said that in various countries in which he had been traveling the cost of living was as high as it is in Canada. I have no doubt as to the accuracy of his observation in the hotels in which he dined, but some returned soldiers who observed the buying of bacon by the pound in the old country—I am sure my right hon. friend had not much time to buy bacon by the pound—assert, and assert quite confidently, the exact contrary, and say that you can buy bacon cheaper in England today than you can buy it in Canada by the pound.

"If that is so, then it is a serious reflection upon our economic system. It is much more serious when I tell the House that according to figures in the last edition of the Canadian Year Book for eight millions of people in Canada there are twice as many live pigs today as there are in Great Britain amongst forty millions of people. Now, if there are only half the number of live pigs for forty millions of people in England that there are in Canada for eight millions of people, it is something of a miracle that the price of bacon is kept as low in England as it is. How is it kept as low, or brought lower? By the simple fact that Britain brings it in; Britain brings bacon across the seas to her shores freely—she brings food in. The fact of the matter is that the tariff on foodstuffs in this country does little or no good to the producer. It does a great deal of harm to the consumer, and it builds up the fortunes of the middlemen—that is what the tariff does on foodstuffs in this country."

Sir Robert Borden, in Parliament yesterday, tabled the majority and minority reports of the Commission on industrial Relations. The majority re-

port, which is signed by Judge Mathers, Carl Riordan, Charles Harrison, Tom Moore and John W. Bruce, recommended legislation for a maximum workday of eight hours, with weekly rest of not less than twenty-four hours, minimum wage, especially for women, girls and unskilled labor, also government action to relieve unemployment through public works, to help in the building of workers' houses, to restore fullest liberty of speech and press, and to establish a bureau for promoting industrial councils to improve relations between employers and workers. Immediate inquiry by experts is suggested with a view to early legislation as to the system of proportional representation in parliamentary elections; also state insurance against unemployment, sickness, liability and old age.

With the holding of three sittings on Dominion Day and steady pressure of the business before the House, and still to be brought down, it is confidently expected at Ottawa that prorogation will be reached by Saturday afternoon. The certainty of an autumn session makes it possible to leave over considerable legislation now on the order paper, if necessary, but as much as possible will be disposed of this week.

## THROUGH OUR SIEVE

One weather man's guess is as good as another's.

Home Sweet Home revised: "There is no place like down town."

Man will want a heaven with a desk or something to put his feet on.

A farmer's life would be ideal if only it didn't involve work.

Lima Beane says to avoid the crowds take the straight and narrow path.

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"What goes up must come down." For further particulars note the ends of the old Kaiser's mustache.

In the case of Lenin and Trotsky, the question "Where do we go from here?" is revised to "Where can we go?"

What as become of the old-fashioned brakeman who used to give up a finger or two to his profession every year or so and act as if it were his contribution to the interest of small boys?

The trouble with the "eight hours' work, eight hours' sleep, eight hours' play" is that the average man cannot earn enough in eight hours to pay the expense of playing eight hours, when you play the expensive games. He has to do so much paying that he doesn't feel like playing.

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## FIRE DEP. INCREASED

(Continued from page 5) reports on the number of fires and the firemen attending. Carried.

On the motion of Ald. Young the Fire Committee was authorized to call for tenders for coal for the hose station and for uniforms for the three drivers.

**City Engineer's Car**  
Ald. Davidson said that there was much criticism of the use of the City Engineer's car by persons other than himself. It was reported the members of the City Engineer's family were using it. He suggested the doors of the car have painted upon them the word "City" and moved to that effect seconded by Ald. Young.

Ald. McKay said it was cutting things pretty fine to introduce such a motion. The City Engineer paid for the gasoline used apart from city business.

Ald. Davidson said the car was bought for city business and should be confined to it.

Ald. Wilkinson said the City Engineer should not be placed in a position to incur criticism in the matter of using the car. He should be advised not to use the car except officially.

Ald. Reid said this was a private matter and it was small and narrow to find fault with the City Engineer in this connection.

Ald. Camp could not see how the City Engineer could be ordered not to take his wife or daughter in the car.

Ald. Young agreed with Ald. Davidson in this matter. Question certainly would arise when repair bills would begin to come in.

Ald. Burpee said that as a Provincial Highway Engineer he was not restricted to using his official car in his profession but had been told not to use it for pleasure. He could not support the motion.

**Claims Not Narrow**  
Ald. Davidson said his motion was not narrow. The word "City" on the car would tend to restrict its use. He had no objection to City Engineer McDowell taking members of his family in the car.

Ald. Baxter said he could not support the motion. There should be more confidence in the City Engineer.

Ald. Young said he had been told that on one day the City Engineer was walking while his daughter had the car in the country also that it was used for pleasure driving on Sunday. Military cars were marked why not this?

Ald. Wilkinson said if the use of the car was to be confined to City business, the City Engineer should be told that, and nothing be done about painting the name "city" on the car.

Ald. McKay urged the withdrawal of the motion and Ald. Davidson refused to withdraw.

Ald. Reid urged withdrawal. If he were the City Engineer he would leave tomorrow.

Ald. Davidson finally said that as the majority was against the motion he would withdraw it.

## SMALL MARKET TODAY

Strawberries Dropped to Eighteen Cents by the Crate—Potatoes Scarce and in Demand.

A small market was collected this morning at Phoenix Square. Strawberries were the chief article on the market dropping to 18 cents a box by the crate. Potatoes were in demand being very scarce.

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Butter, 40 to 45 cents per lb.  
Eggs, 40 to 45 cents per dozen.  
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Beef, 12 to 16 cents per lb.  
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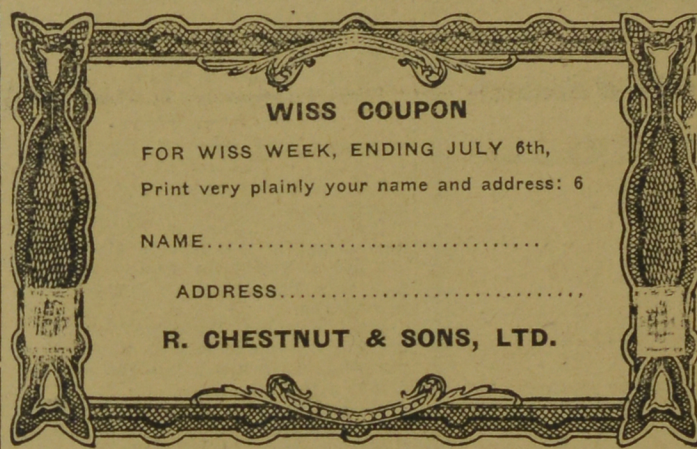
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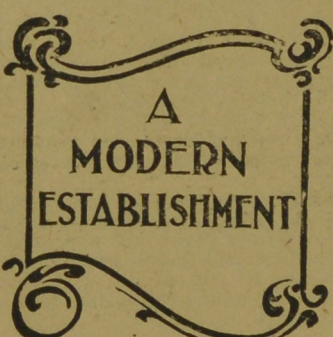
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