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WHO WOULD BENEFIT?

Who would be the beneficiaries of higher protection in Canada? Certainly not all manufacturers or the workmen they employed. Our largest industries, which in order of magnitude are flour-milling, slaughtering and meat-packing, pulp and paper, saw lath and shingle mills, butter and cheese, electric light and power, are not protected very materially or at all, and so with scores of smaller ones. And certainly not all manufacturers whose products are now protected: in many cases their costs of production would be increased by the protection given at earlier stages in the industry. And when they thrive, as so many have, is none of the credit to be given to their own enterprise, to the efficiency of Canadian labor, to their advertising campaign, to consumers' good-will?

This picture of every inhabitant of Canada—it does not appear that any have been omitted from the catalogue—only saved from starvation by the crumbs from the tables of a few protected industries, is a touching one. What does protection mean? It means that the citizens of a country agree—doubtless because they think there are compensating advantages—to pay more for certain products in order to encourage their production at home. To twist their relationship, to present the ten per cent. who are bonused by the ninety per cent. as really supporting the latter, is not merely "silly." It is not merely gall; the only word that will describe it is "sublime." Since the petition of Bastiat's Candle-makers, who urged that the sun be extinguished in order to encourage the making of candles and the consequent employment of sheep and cattle-breeders, tinsmiths, and men of a hundred other callings, there has been nothing in tariff humor to equal this list of "beneficiaries."

THE PROHIBITION ISSUE.

Prohibition has reared its head among the issues of the campaign. Recently Premier King in answer to a letter from the North York Prohibition Union, declared that the Federal authorities were ready and anxious to co-operate with the Provinces in the fight against liquor, but that of necessity the Government's power in this connection was limited by constitutional restrictions. He referred to the fact that no new distilleries had been licensed in Ontario, and also stressed the importance of the treaty which had been entered into with the United States to reduce the menace of border rum-running.

The Premier concluded his letter by saying: "I am sure you will agree that the present Administration has been fully awake to the necessity of action in this all important matter, and that, if we continue, as it is my intention that we shall, to deal in a practical way with circumstances as they arise, it will probably do more towards progress than by injecting into the present campaign, for purposes of political discussion, an issue which, while it is an important question, is nevertheless more effectively dealt with by being free from entanglement in other issues in the present appeal to the country."

A DENTIST'S HOBBY.

"When I am among flowers," says a dentist with a hobby for gardening, "I have nobler thoughts."

This is a thing to be encouraged. If flowers will give dentists thoughts that elevate and ennoble perhaps there will be less of his business of introducing buzzing and rumbling and churning and cutting and goring and tunneling rock drills into he's people's mouths, aybe there will be forbearance and moderation in the use of implements of exploration. It may be that the dentist who has been out among flowers until all natural savagery has oozed out of his breast will not say "this isn't going to hurt you" and then proceed to hurt you like the dickens.

Flower conservatories might be fixed up with dentists' offices in connection with them. Every nursery might be run in connection with dentistry. It might be a boon to the patient if, just before his hour of ordeal begins, he sends in a box of flowers.

More and more ways are being found for making this a better world.

Have the farmers of York-Sunbury a grievance? We rather think they have. They are handicapped because of the fact that after the war the price of farm products declined fifty per cent, and their purchasing power was reduced to that extent. The price of manufactured products kept up, but the manufacturers suffered because the purchasing power of the farmer dwindled. How prices are being equalized and prosperity is returning. There can be no prosperity in Canada unless the farmer is given a square deal. It is only by keeping down the cost of production that our manufacturers will be able to compete abroad.

There are municipal as well as national high protectionists. Some towns have developed factories by grit and gumption; others by taxing all their citizens to bonus a new comer. Has it not occurred to the expounders of this idea that Canadian towns have now learned the folly of the idea of taxing Peter to pay Paul? Do they not know that after years of experience of its futility and unfairness, in some provinces the practice of municipal bonuses is prohibited and in all it is discredited and dwindling? Why seek national prosperity along this discarded path?

While a lot is being heard these days of the need of high protection it is far more important to keep prosperous our primary industries, farming, lumbering, fishing and mining, so that our manufacturers will find good markets at home. High protection means high prices, the prices abroad plus the duty. High prices for the instruments of production for the articles of daily use, cripple and strangle our primary industries.

The foreign trade of Canada in round figures now amounts to about two billion dollars a year. In 1896, after eighteen years of the so-called National Policy, the total was about \$240,000,000. The cabinet of talents formed by the late Sir Wilfrid Laurier of 1896 was the first to put Canada on the road to prosperity.

What are the manufacturers of Canada kicking about? Last year they disposed of over four hundred million dollars worth of their products in the markets of the world. Why not give the farmers a chance to make a living?

A high tariff simply means high taxes.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

So live that you won't have to detour to get to heaven.

When a man is a failure and ready to admit it he likes to blame his wife or his country, or both.

If Mr. Ford has his way all cows would look alike and maybe rattle.

Notwithstanding we have been looking around for one, we haven't as yet found a blacksmoke shoppe.

Bareheaded youths have given the late James Whitcomb Riley's October song a new significance. "The frost is on the pumpkin."

Did you ever think of the many predictions made by science? If half of them were to come true there would be great excitement.

Game Not Finished.

The Fredericton High School second team and Provincial Normal School played rugby football at the Trotting Park Saturday before the start of the interscholastic league game. There was not time to finish and the game was called after one period had been played. Fowler of High School seconds scored a try, the only score made. The game is to be replayed this week.

Late John Howie.

The funeral of the late John Howie took place Sunday afternoon and was largely attended. The pall-bearers were from Saint Andrew's Society which attended in a body the deceased having been a member. The service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Jamieson who preached Sunday at Saint Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Interment was made in the Rural Cemetery.

J. W. Beardsley and son of East Orange, N. J., arrived here today and registered at the Queen. They are on the way to the hunting territory of W. H. Allen to hunt big game.

LIBERAL COMMITTEE ROOMS OPEN

Big Meeting Held at Hawshaw Saturday Night—Three Conservative Meetings Held.

The Liberal organization in the Federal campaign in York-Sunbury today opened committee rooms for Fredericton in the Edgcombe Building, corner of York and King streets. Committees will be at work regularly for the rest of the campaign.

Saturday night but one meeting was held in the interests of C. R. Hawkins the Liberal candidate. It was at Hawshaw where the speakers were Mr. Hawkins and ex-Warden E. W. Stairs. Both were well received by the large gathering. Mr. Stairs as a former member of the County Council and as a former Progressive candidate in both Provincial and Federal campaigns is in great demand in the rural sections and the Liberal management has found it impossible to place him at all meetings where he is wanted by the people.

Conservative Meetings.

Conservative meetings were held Saturday night at Geary, Stanley and Meductic. The candidate R. B. Hanson and E. C. Atkinson, M. P. P., spoke at Geary. At Stanley the speakers were H. A. Smith and W. L. McFarlane. G. C. Grant, M. P. P., and Lee McCutcheon were the speakers at Meductic.

LITTLE STORIES OF THE TOWN

Puts End to One Way Street.

"Well, I see that wet weather has put the kibosh on making Queen a one way street on Saturday night," remarked a Queen street merchant, "and to the average citizen it seemed a piece of folly anyway."

Hard on Trade.

A retail merchant commenting on the number of wet Saturdays we have had of late said that he thought that the weatherman had a grudge at the retail trade. A wet Saturday is certainly a damper to trade and means a loss of thousands of dollars to the retail merchants of the city. One large retail store says that a wet Saturday means a loss of \$500 in sales.

Late John R. Rossborough.

The funeral of the late John R. Rossborough took place Sunday afternoon from his late home in Devon. There were numerous floral pieces and many were present. The service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Wentworth assisted by Rev. Dr. Jamieson and interment was made in the Rural Cemetery Extension. The pall bearers were H. H. Pickard, Thomas Blair, Murray Quartermain, Thomas Nichols, Roy Costain and Walter Crouse. The mourners were Alfred Rossborough, Skipton Rossborough, George Rossborough, Gordon Rossborough, Frank Rossborough, Elmer Rossborough, Cecil Rossborough, Percy Rossborough, Otty Rossborough, William Rossborough, Alexander Thompson, Christopher Murray, John R. Scott, James M. Scott, John S. Scott, Charles Scott, William Scott, Selby Embleton, Thomas W. Davidson, Charles V. Pickard.

D. V. Storm of Woodstock formerly of Devon, is a guest at the Queen.

DIED

POPHAM—At his home in Oromocto on Sunday the 18th inst., Thomas D. Popham. Funeral Tuesday at 2 p. m. with service by Rev. Mr. Chapman. Interment at Burton.

DONALD—At Penniac on the 18th inst. Alex. Donald aged ninety-four years. One brother, one son and three daughters surviving. Funeral Tuesday afternoon with service at Penniac Methodist Church by Rev. Mr. Rice. Interment at Penniac.

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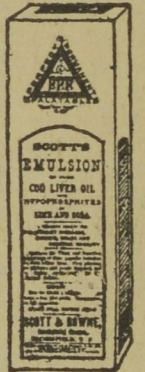
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