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THE TRADE OF CANADA

Canada's trade figures, as given in the annual report of the Department of Trade and Commerce, just issued, afford interesting evidence of the trend of national development. Agriculture is the backbone of the Dominion's prosperity, and the growth and development of the West is revealed in the statistics of the report. Ten years ago the exports of animal products exceeded the exports of primary agricultural products by more than double, the figure for the former being upwards of \$50,000,000, while the latter amounted to about \$27,000,000; last year the position was reversed, with \$90,000,000, in round figures, for agricultural products to \$54,000,000 for animal products. Of the total of \$144,000,000, Great Britain purchased \$113,000,000.

The products of Canadian mines amounted to only \$8,000,000 in value in 1896; last year they amounted to \$40,000,000, of which \$33,000,000 went to the United States, and \$4,000,000 to Great Britain. Fishery products amounted last year to \$15,000,000, of which Great Britain and the United States each purchased \$5,000,000 worth. Of the exports of animals and their products, including meats, butter and cheese, which amounted last year to \$54,000,000, round figures being used, the bulk was purchased by Great Britain, the United States having reached last year the high-water mark of its purchase of such products since Confederation, the total being \$10,629,614, which is \$7,000,000 more than the amount for 1896.

Ten years ago Great Britain's purchases of Canadian products totalled \$96,500,000, and the purchases of the United States, \$52,500,000. Last year the figures were: Great Britain, 113,500,000; the United States, \$104,200,000. Last year our imports from Great Britain reached a record-breaking total, \$95,300,000, as did also our imports from the United States.

NO MORE STATIONERY

The Montreal paper says: "The passing of the sessional trunk will bring sorrow to the humble cot of many a struggling member of parliament. It answered so many purposes; it brightened in so many little ways the dull and dreary life of a hard-working politician; it was so grateful an acknowledgment that services to one's country were not adequately compensated for by the sessional allowance. Of no mean pecuniary value itself, it represented a great and important principle—that of indirect payment. If the average member had started to disfigure the beautiful, expensive writing paper his trunk contained on the day he received it, and had committed all his thoughts—burning and otherwise—to written words from that moment until he received a new supply at the opening of the next session, he could not have begun to dispose of what had been supplied him. Neither could he have used up the magnificent pen-holders, the keen-edged pen-knives nor the silver-plated utensils with which a grateful colony equipped him once a year so that he might devote all his energies to legislating in its interests. How these things were turned to the best advantage concerns no one except the members of parliament individually and that other favored few, some of them employees of parliament and others not employees, who profited by the annual distribution and the quadrennial leather trunk bonus. If there is a falling off in the use of handsome suit cases and solid leather trunks as wedding presents in circles connected with the parliamentary orbit, the blame must rest on the internal Economy Committee of the House itself."

News of an appendicitis party, the latest Pittsburg society fad, has just leaked out, and to Miss Edith Flynn, daughter of William Flynn, multi-millionaire, belongs the credit of having started the fad. Miss Flynn is recovering after a severe illness following an operation for appendicitis. For a time her condition was alarming, but she is recovering. Friends rejoicing over the recovery of Miss Flynn told the story of a reception previous to entering the hospital. She had for some time been importuned by her physicians to undergo an operation for appendicitis, and, as she was not feeling badly, the rich man's daughter in jest sent for her friends to attend a party at her father's home. The party was a great success, most of the highest social set in which Miss Flynn moved attending, while those who could not come sent regrets. With the reception over, Miss Flynn, the elder sister, and relatives went to the hospital the same night, and some days later she underwent the operation.

A duel with swords was fought Saturday night in the outskirts of Paris by the light of torches and automobile lamps. The principals in the duel were Mons. Raucourt, the actor, and Mons. Champagne, the dramatic critic. The actor ran the critic through the lung, and the wounded man is said to be in a critical condition. The case is now in the hands of the police.

Some of the flunkey journals of Canada have been shouting for the anti-democratic party in Great Britain on the pretence of zeal for Imperial preferential trade. Now that the tariff question has been dropped, they are showing themselves in their true colors weeping for the peers.

GLEANER WRITER A LIAR AND CUR SAYS TELEGRAPH

Strong But Justifiable Language Used
by St. John Paper in Dealing With
Graft Organs' Mudslinger

Telegraph:—A writer in the editorial columns of The Fredericton Gleaner, on Saturday, connected the name of a member of the staff of The Telegraph with a publication called "Free Speech." The entire article in The Gleaner was wholly false and slanderous, absolutely without excuse in the eyes of decent men. In such cases plain words are necessary and justifiable. The man who wrote, or inspired The Gleaner article is both a LIAR AND A CUR. One cannot fight a dog with a dog's weapons, but it is at least possible to give such things the name that fits.

COUNSEL DID QUITE ENOUGH

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To Mr. Hughes—Witness didn't recollect seeing any business address on the letter.

MISS LILLIAN GRANT

Miss Lillian Grant, saleslady at the Golden Fleece was next witness. Bernard Kay had been acting manager since Mr. MacKenzie left. Kay went to Stanley two weeks ago and Mr. Bloom was manager in his absence. Evidence given by the witness with regard to the letter was the same as that of first witness. Witness told defendant that the letter was personal. Mr. Bloom also told Mr. Kenen that the letter was marked personal. Defendant left Fredericton on the night of December 3rd.

To Mr. Hughes—Mr. Bloom engaged witness and as far as she knew was in charge of the store.

Witness had heard defendant give instructions to Mr. Bloom. Witness usually gave mail to Mr. Kenen if he was in the store. Mr. Kay was expected to return from Stanley on the Tuesday following, December 3rd. He had come to Fredericton about the middle of November. Mr. Kenen had read the letter openly. When Mr. Bloom had spoken to Mr. Kenen concerning the letter the latter had replied that Mr. Kay opened his letters and he opened Kay's. Witness said she had not forwarded to Mr. Kay letters addressed to Mr. Kenen. To Mr. Hanson—On Friday, December 2nd witness received a letter from Mr. Kay and at Mr. Kenen's request had shown it to him. From April to November Mr. MacKenzie had been manager of the Golden Fleece.

Mr. G. M. Schurman has been transferred from Kentville, N. S., to the Bank of Nova Scotia in this city.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SECT. IN CRITICAL CONDITION

Mrs. Eddy's Written Consent Necessary to Transaction of Business—Legal Tie-Up Affects Church's Property—Chairman McLellan Says Situation is "One That We Have Not Prepared For."

Boston, Dec. 10.—Archibald McLellan, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Christian Science Church, admitted tonight that the death of Mary Baker Eddy had left the church "in a most critical situation."

The very existence of the church is threatened through her death, and it is certain that legal questions will be raised in the near future, possibly in the next few days, affecting the foundations of the structure on which the church was founded and the authority of the Board of Directors to carry on Christian Science business.

"It is impossible to discuss these matters now," said Mr. McLellan to The World correspondent, when he was asked how the board proposed to carry on the organization now that Mrs. Eddy is dead.

"The situation is very critical and the points you raise are so serious and important that the board has not yet been able to deliberate on them or to plan a course of procedure."

When twenty-four hours were suggested in which to deliberate on the points raised so that an official opinion on them might be published, Mr. McLellan and John V. Dittmore, clerk of the mother church and also one of the five directors, shook their heads hopelessly and replied:

"No, it would be impracticable to reach any conclusion between now and tomorrow. The matters involved are too grave to be decided without long and earnest deliberation."

MRS. EDDY'S RESERVATIONS

The principal point brought to the attention of Chairman McLellan by The World correspondent was:

That under the terms of several provisions of the Church Manual, it is impossible for the Board of Directors to perform certain functions necessary to the life of the church without the written consent of Mrs. Eddy.

It is equally impossible for the directors to change, amend, annul or in any way alter other tenets or by-laws of the church, as set forth in the Church Manual, without the written consent of Mrs. Eddy. No where is there any provision made in the Church for the emergency of Mrs. Eddy's death, and being dead her future written consent plainly cannot be obtained, unless by some written instrument she had waived or relinquished her rights under the manual and the deeds of trust.

It might be that the will of Mrs. Eddy, which is guarded from both her sons and the public with the utmost secrecy, would be found to contain such a waiver. But it is doubtful if a testamentary provision of that kind would be valid as against certain trusts created in which Mrs. Eddy had no personal interest, and which were executed between other persons than herself.

The discussion took place in the office of Mr. Dittmore, which is in the building known as The First Church of Christian Science, Boston. Mr. Dittmore sat at a massive mahogany desk and Mr. McLellan in a chair to one side. They had both sought this retreat directly after the funeral of Mrs. Eddy, and were engaged in earnest consultation when the correspondent asked to see them.

WAIVED NO RIGHTS

"If there any document or written instrument in existence," asked The World reporter, "by which Mrs. Eddy waived or relinquished her rights as pastor emeritus and leader of the church?"

"There is none so far as I am aware," replied Mr. McLellan, surprised at the question.

"Does her will contain any such waiver of her rights?"

"I know nothing about her will, have not the slightest idea of its

contents," said the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

"Did Mrs. Eddy in any way empower the board to amend or change the existing Church Manual, without her written consent as there is prescribed?"

"I know of no such act by her, was the reply 'and I fail to see the necessity for any change. The manual we hope is complete in itself. It will need no amendment I trust.'"

"But," said the reporter, "it is admitted that the manual is the outcome of many years of experience and change. The present edition dated 1910 is known as the eighty-eighth, and it is admitted that Mrs. Eddy from time to time saw fit to change it in numerous ways to meet certain emergencies as they arose."

"That is very true," admitted Mr. McLellan and Dittmore assented.

"Now, is it not true that under the manual no change or amendment can be made in it without Mrs. Eddy's written consent?"

"That is correct," said McLellan. "I presume you refer to the provision that no tenet or by-law can be amended without her written consent."

"WRITTEN CONSENT" NECESSARY

"Precisely," answered the reporter, "I refer to section 3 of Article XXXV of the manual under the heading 'Church Manual and the subhead, 'Amendment of By-Laws,' which reads

"No new tenet or by-law shall be amended or annulled, without the written consent of Mary Baker Eddy the author of the text book 'Science and Health.'"

"That's the way it reads," he said. "So the Church Manual in its present form as of the date of Mrs. Eddy's death, is and must remain the permanent and immutable form of the organization of the church, which the Board of Directors must adhere to?"

"I suppose that is so," said McLellan, becoming graver and plainly foreboding what was to be the next question.

"In that event what is to be done to obey the first section of the first article of the Church Manual where under the heading 'Church Officers,' it is set forth that: The church officers shall consist of the pastor emeritus, a board of directors, a president, a clerk, a treasurer and two readers."

"Mrs. Eddy dead who is to be the Pastor Emeritus?" concluded the reporter.

"I hardly know how to answer that question," began Mr. McLellan fidgeting nervously. "It is a matter to which we have given no consideration we have had no time to discuss it."

MANNER OF ELECTIONS.

"But, throughout the whole manual, act after act of the Board of Directors is ordered to depend absolutely on the written consent of the pastor emeritus, meaning Mrs. Eddy, and you say that you have not got a future consent. For instance, take the matter of the Committee on Publication, the chairman of which holds one of the most responsible offices under the board. In Section 1 of Article XXXIII, it is set forth that this man shall be elected annually by the unanimous vote of the Christian Science Board of Directors and the consent of the Pastor Emeritus given in her own handwriting. How is the next one to be elected?"

"Well," said Mr. McLellan, "I suppose that would have to come up at the next election in June, 1911. I have no idea what would be done to provide for that emergency."

"Speaking of election meetings," said the correspondent, "it is else-

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THE INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY

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ada. If the government could find money to build 1,400 miles of railroad from Quebec to Winnipeg, through a country where there was no settlement, it should be able to provide the Nova Scotia countries which had been settled for 100 years with the railroad accommodation they had been seeking so long. He thought the Intercolonial should be treated as though it was a business enterprise, and provided with branches.

The motion to adjourn the debate carried.

A SPECIAL FEATURE

A special feature film, "The Vampire," taken from Rudyard Kipling's poem, and Sir Henry Bourke Jones' famous painting, was shown at the Unique last evening. This is positively the greatest dramatic feature seen here for years. "The Vampire" will be repeated tonight. Special matinee on Saturday.