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## AGAINST TARIFF RELIEF

The manifesto of prominent citizens against the proposed tariff relief, says The Toronto Globe, has had one good effect, in promoting many who have discussed the matter to inquire what it is. The proposed relief is not in the form of a treaty, of binding agreement to keep our tariff at any definite rate for any particular period. It consists of one hundred and sixty-five reductions in the amounts now paid by Canadian consumers either to their government on imports or to the protected interests as overcharges on home products. Those still under the delusion that trade obstructions stand between us and ruin will be alarmed at the proposals, especially if they are not aware of the multitude of other obstructions that will remain unchanged or of the mild nature of the reductions effected. There are seventy-three additions to the free list, which may be terrifying to those who do not know how many things are already purchased free without disaster or how low the tax is already on purchasers of the articles to be made free; in fact, a scrutiny of the changes from aluminum to windmills does not reveal any real cause for alarm, while much can be found that is quite reassuring. For example, brass band instruments are reduced from 25 per cent. general tariff to 22½ per cent. This should proportionately lessen the cost of agitations now being carried on to avert an imaginary disaster to the Empire at large. Mica, feldspar and fluor-spar will be on the free list, but two of them are there already without serious injury. Salt is made free, and it will be recommended as a condiment for theatrical fear of Imperial disaster. Typesetting and typecasting machines are made free, which should not undermine newspaper patriotism.

The Canadian duty on bacon and hams is cut from two cents per pound to a cent and a quarter. But the packers can save the Dominion's attachment to the Empire by lowering their prices three-quarters of a cent, thus excluding the Americans as effectually as at present. The tax on Canadian purchasers of farm wagons is cut from 25 to 22½ per cent. The tax on poles is cut from 20 per cent. to 15 per cent. "Disaster!" cry the timid in chorus. But the men personally interested in the crusade can save the Dominion from being passed over bound hand and foot by lowering their prices 5 per cent., and thus bidding defiance to the insidious foreign foe. It is the local price and not the tariff that excludes the foreigner. The long list is made up largely for farm, garden, orchard, forest and fishery products, with reductions also on important lines of farm implements and supplies. The Americans have made greater reductions, because they have heretofore found themselves able to endure and prosper under a more onerous tariff than ours.

A perusal of the manifesto does not disclose any connection between it and the changes it is supposed to condemn. Our prosperity does not warrant opposition to advantageous changes. The great railways east and west cannot be hurt by a reduction of Canadian prices to meet the tariff cuts. The change will not check but will stimulate trade between different parts of Canada and of the Empire. The benefits will not be more than offset by the losses of those now levying overcharges. Canada's freedom will not be curtailed in the least, and she will not be

hampered in developing her resources in her own way. This objection was evidently prepared in expectation of a treaty. The changes will not render Canada any more dependent on American economic sanity than she is at present. Clause nine of the manifesto seems to assume that the ending of the old reciprocity agreement caused annexation sentiment, and that therefore the beginning of tariff relief and the threatened ending of the American part of it would do the same. The Republic could operate that way now without consulting Canada. Men of prominence with so many items to discuss are naturally expected to name one or two definite objections rather than indulge in rhetorical fireworks.

Yarmouth Herald:—Speaking with a number of Yarmouth captains who now fish out of Gloucester they, one and all said that if the treaty passes they will at once build and equip fishing vessels here and fish from Yarmouth instead of from Gloucester. They gave good reasons for their decisions, and we are only waiting for the passage of the measure and note the result. Already we understand several unused wharves and their equipments have been "looked over" and options taken upon them, with a view of purchase by interested parties as soon as the word comes from Washington and Ottawa.

Kingston Standard (Con.):—The most friendly relations we can possibly have with United States need not weaken our loyalty to Britain. To argue otherwise were unchristian and insulting to Canadian manhood. If our loyalty to Britain is so weak that dollars and cents can buy it, then it is only skin deep, it does not touch the heart. No one who knows the length and breadth and depth of Canada's loyalty to the old land will admit that such is the case. Dollar Imperialism is a poor, weak substitute for genuine loyalty.

Winnipeg Tribune (Ind.):—Canadians can well afford to ridicule and laugh off the platform those men who say that the loyalty of Canadians to their country and flag is so shallow that it will be jeopardized by freer buying and selling with the subjects of the American Republic. The suggestion of disloyalty or resultant annexation from any agreement that will prove beneficial to the farm producers and the main consumers of Canada is nonsense.

The Toronto News, in an article on reciprocity, says that "many Americans who have their stake in Canada, are opposed to the bargain." The News then proceeds to cite Mr. Otis Staples of the Mountain Lumber Co., B.C., as one of the number and refers to him as "a native of the United States." For the benefit of The News, it ought to be stated that Mr. Staples is a native of the Parish of Douglas, York county, N.B., and has many relatives living here whom he recently visited.

Toronto Star:—If an ugly fence separated two properties, and the owners determined to take it down, would one owner be justified in changing his mind because his neighbor is enthusiastic over the improvement? Such a question is made timely by the argument of opposition papers that Canada should not endorse freer trade, because the prospect of it pleases Uncle Sam.

## MR. BIRD'S LICENSE.

Globe:—Apparently Mr. Theodore H. Bird will not be compelled to take out a business license. At the police court the magistrate decided that Mr. Bird must arrange the matter with the civic authorities or pay a fine of \$40. Officers of the 62nd Regiment took the matter up at City Hall and entered a vigorous protest against the imposition of the tax on Mr. Bird, claiming that he was no more entitled to pay a license than members of the various theatrical companies that come here, and who are never asked to take out a license. The matter was referred to the Recorder, and, it is understood, he has given it as his opinion that the difficulty can be met by regarding Mr. Bird as a citizen and putting him on the tax list as such. It is understood this view will be accepted and that he will be served with a bill from the Chamberlain's office.

## REV. DR. McLEOD'S ILLNESS.

Globe:—Rev. Dr. Joseph McLeod has been laid up with a severe attack of lagrippe, coupled with rheumatism and other complications. Rev. Dr. McLeod has suffered a great deal of pain and at times his condition was somewhat serious, but his friends will be glad to learn that he is improving.

## BRITAIN FAVORABLE TO PEACE ARMAMENT

London, Feb. 23.—The American suggestion for the appointment of a British peace commission to act with similar commissions of other countries in the furtherance of the principle of arbitration and international concord is again brought to the front in a letter written by Sir Edward Grey in reply to an inquiry on the subject from Duncan Vernon Prie, M. P., a member of the council of the inter-parliamentary union.

The British foreign secretary says that Mr. Reid conferred with him on the matter in December, when he informed the American ambassador that his government had the deepest interest in the plan for an international agreement and for this purpose would be prepared to enter upon a frank and full exchange of views with the United States government on the subject and to lend support to any well considered and practical proposition that might be put forward by the American government.

Sir Edward added that the British government would welcome the joint resolution of the senate and house of representatives and would look forward with sympathetic interest to the conclusions arrived at by the proposed commission. If the latter were able to formulate a plan on definite lines the same would receive most friendly consideration by the British government.

## GERMANY TO INCREASE ARMY.

Berlin, Feb. 23.—The Reichstag to-

day passed the second reading of the five-year military bill, which is designed to strengthen the army annually by more than 10,000 soldiers. There was no opposition to the bill except on the part of the Socialists.

General Von Heeringen, Prussian minister of war, denied that the bill was the result of a sudden decision of the military authorities, but that it had been under careful consideration for several years. The great progress Germany had made in the last forty years, he asserted, was largely due to universal military service.

Herr Bassermann, the national Liberal leader, said that ideal universal peace cannot be realized in the near future. France continues arming, England shows a tendency to increase her army, and introduce universal military service, and the United States is developing in an imperialist direction and is adding a big navy to her commercial fleet, he said. Various other speakers referred sympathetically to disarmament.

Herr Speck, clerical, said that the ideas of disarmament and international arbitration must not be regarded as Utopian.

Dr. Otto Wiemer, progressive, demanded that the Reichstag seriously discuss the problem of disarmament, and Herr Korfanty, a Polish representative, said that Germany should have accepted England's disarmament overtures, and not reject them with a wave of the hand.

## FRENCH WAR MINISTER EXPIRES SUDDENLY

Paris, Feb. 23.—General Brun, minister of war in the cabinet of Premier Briand, dropped dead of paralytic stroke at the offices of the ministry today.

## RACKET AT CAMP

St. Andrew's Beacon:—There was a row at "Jungletown"—the water works camp outside the town—on Sunday, requiring the services of the town marshal. One of the men, a Swede, declared that \$51 had been stolen from him while he slept. The marshal made a search for the missing money but could not find it. Two members of the camp, who were last seen hitting the sleepers for St. Stephen, are suspected. As a result of Sunday's racket there were several dismissals on Monday.

## GOING WEST.

Woodstock Sentinel:—Mr. Ervin Patterson of Fredericton, was a guest at the Aberdeen over Sunday. Mr. Patterson graduated from the Provincial Normal School in 1908, and has since been teaching in the west. On March 6th he will leave for Vancouver, B. C., where he may accept a position as one of the editorial staff with a Vancouver publishing company.

## WHO'S BUYING QUEBEC BANK?

Toronto Globe:—Gossip has been busy with Quebec Bank stock, which has been active, and has advanced several points. The usual stereotyped story is that mergers with various other banks was the real cause. It is now said that the new \$10,000,000 French-Canadian bank has been acquiring stock for the purpose of securing control. Rumor says that options have been secured on some stock at 150.

## AT THE BIJOU.

A strong program, including a Vitagraph masterpiece, "A Dixie Mother," a thrilling story of the Civil War, "American Fleet in France," a grand sight, "Silver Cloud's Sacrifice," a fine Indian drama, "Running Away from a Portents," comedy, and "In Full Cry," a picture of a deer hunt with magnificent scenery. Miss Foley in farewell songs.

If a girl has money she may be slender and graceful, but if she hasn't people are apt to say she is built like a clothespin.

## NEW JAPANESE TREATY IS MADE PUBLIC

Washington, Feb. 24.—The new Japanese treaty, the text of which was published here today and which now is pending before the senate, comprises eighteen articles, most of those cover subjects already treated in the existing convention, though in many instances the language of the articles are changed to make the provision conform to modern conditions.

## LOWER HAINESVILLE

Feb. 20.—The weather of late has been beautiful but today looks as if there was more snow in store for us. Sicknes still continues in our midst. The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Haines died on Wednesday morning from inflammation of the bowels. The remains were taken to Zealand and interred in the Church burying ground. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of their friends in their sad affliction.

Miss Grace Allen is sick and unable to work.

Revs. E. W. Lester and Mr. Foster held a meeting at the camp of Chute & Chute. A number from this place attended and report a social time.

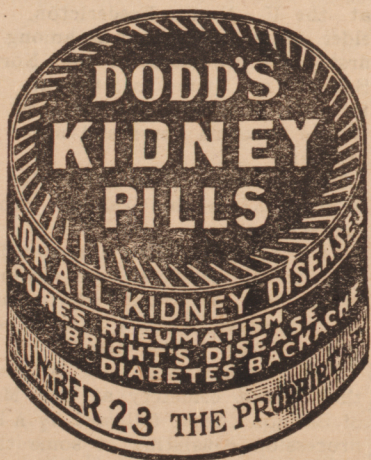
Mr. E. N. Reynolds and daughter was to the city Saturday.

Mr. Frank White is around taking orders for fruit trees and is meeting with some success.

Mrs. Perley Haines is spending a week with friends and relatives in this vicinity.

Mr. Chas. Avery is visiting his sister Mrs. F. B. Jewett.

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1 5-6 Doz. 1 H. S. Napkins	Reg. \$8.50, Sale \$5.45
1 Doz. Hem stitched Napkins	Reg. \$6.85, Sale \$4.55
1 Doz. Hem stitched Napkins,	Reg. \$7.75, Sale \$5.48 (½ size)
3 8 x 10 Table Cloths,	Reg. \$5.75, Sale \$3.95 (½ size)
2 8 x 10 Table Cloths,	Reg. \$1.75, Sale \$1.35
1 8 x 10 Table Cloth	Reg. \$1.50, Sale \$1.15
1 8 x 12 Table cloth	Reg. \$2.00, Sale \$1.49
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## PERSONAL

Beacon: John Alexander, C. E., the centre of the U. N. B. Basket Ball team of last year, has got leave of absence from the C. P. R. to join the University team next week in its tour to Montreal, Ottawa, Hamilton and Toronto. Mr. Earle Brown, C. E., of Stanley, has been a visitor lately with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stinson. Miss Hazel Grimmer is visiting in Fredericton.

Mr. G. F. A. Anderson of St. John is at the Queen.

Mrs. Miles Edgett of Cambridge, Mass., is spending some days in the city, visiting relatives. She is staying with Mrs. H. C. Creed, Charlotte street.

Telegraph:—Rev. Father Ryan of St. Mary's, N.B., who has been in the city, returned home last evening.—F. P. Robinson, secretary of the public utilities commission, left for his home in Fredericton last evening.—Mrs. Thomas E. Hoben arrived on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. H. M. Hopper, King street east.—J. E. O'Brien of Fredericton, is at the Dufferin.

Woodstock Despatch:—Mrs. Geo. D. Ireland returned on Friday from a three week's visit to Montreal and Toronto.—Miss Gertrude Jones went to Fredericton on Tuesday, where she will be the guest of Miss Bertha Harvey.—Miss Marion Winslow went to Fredericton on Tuesday, where she will be the guest of her brother, Douglas Winslow.

## UNIQUE TONIGHT

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