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THE PEOPLE MUST PAY

The effect of this year's tariff increases under the Borden Government is already seen in higher prices exacted from the Canadian people.

In the Commons a few weeks after Hon. W. T. White had announced the tariff increases, Mr. F. N. McCrear, the member for Sherbrook, bore testimony that there had been an immediate increase in the price demanded in Canada for certain classes of steel building material affected by the tariff changes. Last week another piece of similar testimony was given when it was pointed out to Parliament that the advance in the tariff on wire rods had brought an increase of twenty-five cents per keg in the price demanded for nails in the Dominion.

Speaking to this point Mr. White the advanced price was not due to tariff increase, for, he said, "the duty has not been changed on nails." The duty on nails has not been changed, it is true, but the duty on the wire rods from which nails are made. That is why the price of nails has been considerably increased, gone up.

The duty on wire rods was raised for the sole benefit of two Canadian steel companies. Hitherto a number of Canadian nail manufacturers had been able to import the wire rods they needed at a price lower than that demanded by these two steel companies. Requested by these two corporations to raise the duty on rods, Mr. White obligingly did so. The inevitable result has been that the price of rods has gone up and, of course, an increase in nail prices has followed.

The two steel companies are to be enabled to sell their wire rods to Canadian nail companies because the importation of rods is made well nigh impossible, and they are to sell them at higher prices than the nail manufacturers formerly paid. That is one side of the case. The other side of the case comes in the fact that the price of nails to the Canadian people is increased. Two steel companies benefit, the people of the Dominion lose. This is one result of having in power a corporation owned Government.

It might be thought that this would prove beneficial to the labour employed, but a moment's thought paid to labour in these two concerns will show that the rate of wages will be fixed by the price at which labour can be obtained in open competition. The gain, therefore, goes exclusively to a few capitalists who are made monopolists.

During the discussion in the Commons, several liberal members put pertinent and interesting facts before the House. Meeting the argument of the Finance Minister that the duty on nails had not been increased Mr. F. B. Carvell, of Carleton, N. B., made this statement: "We have touched the tariff on the raw material that goes into the manufacture of nails. On Monday last, I met the principal hardware merchant of Woodstock who told me that, as a result of the change in the tariff, he is paying twenty-five cents more a keg for nails than two months ago and will have to continue to do so. The wholesaler tells him that he is compelled to charge the twenty-five cents extra because the tariff increases the price."

"There is to all intents and purposes," said Mr. W. S. Loggie, of Northumberland, N. B., "a combine by which the price of nails is fixed as the price is in the hands of two of the large nail-makers. These nail-makers are the masters of the rods; they make the price for the rods to the small nail-makers and make the price of nails to the trade at large."

There is not a question in my mind but that as a result of the increased duty on rods, there has been an advance in the price of nails, and there will be a still further advance because the retail men must have a profit on this extra twenty-five cents that the wholesale men pay. I venture to assert that in the end the result will be that the consuming public of Canada will pay each year \$750,000 extra owing to the increased cost of nails."

Chatham Commercial (Con.)—The St. John Telegraph is no friend to Hon. J. K. Flemming, but it voices the sentiments of a very large number of people who are friendly to Mr. Flemming when it expresses the view that he "would be better advised if he would refrain from public and official activities until the Royal Commission has completed its investigation and made its report."

A correspondent of the Halifax Recorder writes:—"Will you kindly ask your esteemed contemporary (as you sometimes call it) the Halifax 'Herald,' to publish a list of companies which have passed their dividends since the Borden Government came into power? and also its opinion of the cause." You can call apirits from the vasty deep but will they come?

After the English Derby the most exciting incident of the day occurred. A suspicious crowd pursued a man alleged to be a "welsher." He was caught and belabored with sticks. He jumped into his motor-car, but he was dragged out, the car turned over and lit at the petrol tank. A blaze of flames and clouds of smoke blew high into the sky.

Two retired Minnesota farmers, on their way to their old homes in Germany for a visit, were lost on the Empress of Ireland. One of them was afraid of railway accidents and refused to travel by a night train to Chicago. He said that he shouldn't feel safe until he was aboard ship.

By throwing out the Borden Naval bill the senate last year saved Canada the sum of \$35,000,000. The defeat of the Farmers' Bank bill a few days ago saved the country another \$1,200,000.

Tory rule and hard times appear to go hand in hand in Canada.

Has Anybody here seen Bill Berry?

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS

JUNE 11.

Mrs. Humphry Ward, famous English novelist, sixty-three years old today.

Richard Strauss, celebrated composer, fifty years old today.

Brig. Gen. William L. Marshall, U. S. A., retired, sixty-eight years old today.

Leonidas C. Dyer, representative in congress of the Twelfth Missouri district, forty-three years old today.

George A. Huff, director of athletics at the University of Illinois, forty-two years old today.

Claude Derrick, infielder of the Baltimore International League baseball team, twenty-five years old today.

JUNE 12.

Sir Oliver Lodge, celebrated scientist, sixty-three years old today.

James H. Brady, United States senator from Idaho, fifty-two years old today.

Sydney A. Fisher, former Canadian minister of agriculture, sixty-four years old today.

Charles F. Doolin, manager of the Philadelphia National League baseball club, thirty-four years old today.

Otto Knabe, manager of the Baltimore Federal League baseball club, thirty years old today.

Matty McIntyre, former prominent Detroit and Chicago baseball player, thirty-four years old today.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

JUNE 12.

1820—First constitutional convention of Missouri met at St. Louis.

1838—Congress passed an act creating the territory of Iowa.

1843—A new constitution was proclaimed by Mexico.

1848—An expedition in charge of Sir James Ross sailed for the Arctic in search of Sir John Franklin.

1872—Opening of the first railroad in Japan—between Yokohama and Shinagawa.

1878—William Cullen Bryant, the poet, died in New York City. Born in Cummington, Mass., November 3, 1794.

1892—Great Britain assumed a protectorate over the Gilbert Islands.

1899—Thomas G. Shaughnessy became president of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

1908—Celebration of the jubilee of Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria.

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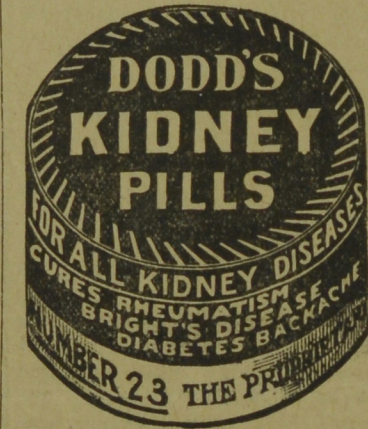
LONDON WELCOMES THE SALVATIONISTS

London, June 11.—In the same city where "General" William Booth and his little band of followers were derided and hooted in the streets but little more than thirty years ago, thousands of his devoted followers gathered from every part of the world, assembled in the Royal Albert Hall this afternoon and listened to words of cordial greeting from some of the foremost men and women of England, among them the premier of Great Britain and the lord mayor of London.

The occasion of the gathering was the formal opening of the International Congress of the Salvation Army. The congress meets but once in ten years and as a natural result of the great progress made by the organization during the past decade, the present gathering will eclipse all of its predecessors in interest and attendance. According to a statement given out today at the convention headquarters the registered delegates number nearly forty thousand men and women, representing fifty-eight countries.

The largest delegation from abroad is that representing the organization in the United States. It numbers six hundred officers and soldiers and is headed by Commander Eva Booth, daughter of the late "General" Booth.

In the opening address at the congress today a touching tribute was paid by all the speakers to the memory of those who lost their lives in the Empress of Ireland disaster, the victims of which included practically the entire Canadian delegation to the congress. In the great convention hall where the sessions of the gathering are to be held during the next three weeks the section set aside for the Canadian contingent has been draped in black.



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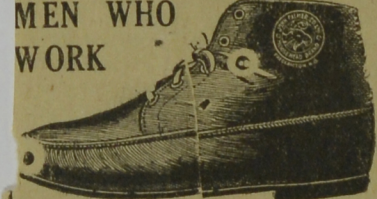
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