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TO CREATE A MONOPOLY

To give one Canadian company a monopoly in the Canadian market was the frankly admitted purpose of one of the many tariff increases announced by Hon. W. T. White in his recent budget speech. Mr. White was quite open in his statement that it was believed that a particular tariff change would enable one company to sell all the caustic soda required in Canada.

Until Mr. White got into his high protectionist stride as minister of finance, caustic soda and hypochlorite of lime were admitted to Canada duty free. Without any tariff protection one Canadian company was able to supply one-third of Canada's caustic soda requirements. But that wasn't enough. With a duty levied upon these products the company believed it could supply not merely one third of the dominion's requirements but the other two-thirds as well. So the company whispered to the finance minister and the thing was done. Duties were imposed and Mr. White frankly admitted that with the aid of the duty the company would probably be able to furnish the full Canadian supply of caustic soda.

Put in another way, the Borden government, through Mr. White, has legislated to give one company a monopoly in the Canadian market. The government has used its power to give monopoly privileges to one group of its high protectionist friends.

To create a monopoly in caustic soda manufacture may or may not be a very serious thing in itself, though it is certain that the tariff change will being an increase in the price exacted from the Canadian people for this particular commodity But it is a serious thing when it is frankly admitted by the government's spokesman that the tariff is revised upwards for the express purpose of giving one company a monopoly. Inevitably, the maintenance of a high protectionist tariff fosters monopolies and merges and trusts and under these circumstances, to establish and enforce such a tariff is bad enough; it is infinitely worse when there is the bold admission that the tariff is increased simply and solely for the express purpose of enabling friends of the government to have the home market as a special profitable preserve for themselves. If there were no other proof, this one incident would be sufficient in itself to show that the present government is a government with which the desires of Special Interests take precedence over all else, to the detriment and loss of the Canadian people.

MISSING AFFIDAVITS

MacKenzie and Mann have been not merely owners of the Canadian Northern Railway. They have also been contractors engaged in the actual construction of the road. MacKenzie and Mann, as owners of the company, have awarded to MacKenzie and Mann as contractors the job of building hundreds of miles of railway. This fact has been cited by critics of the Borden proposal to grant further assistance to the Canadian Northern in the form of a bond issue of $15,000,000 and it has been charged that undue profits have been made by MacKenzie and Mann, railroad builders, out of the contracts awarded them by MacKenzie and Mann, owners of the Canadian Northern.

In defending their guarantee proposals, however, Premier Borden and his colleagues have declared that MacKenzie and Mann did not profit unduly from construction contracts. They have gone further than this and have asked the people of Canada to accept the remarkable statement that MacKenzie and Mann made never a dollar out of Canadian Northern contracts.

In support of this statement the ministers have submitted certain affidavits. One affidavit was made by Mr. A. J. Mitchell, comptroller of the Canadian Northern. He swears that to the best of his knowledge, MacKenzie and Mann have made no money out of Canadian Northern construction contracts. Another affidavit was made by Messrs. A. J. Mann, A. MacKenzie and Charles Cummings officers of the Northern Construction Company. They swear that Sir William MacKenzie and Sir Donald Mann were not interested in the construction company and made no profits from its operations.

This is the "proof" which the government offers of the statement that MacKenzie and Mann made no profits from the $223,000,000 or so of contracts they awarded themselves.

But there have been no affidavits from Sir William MacKenzie and Sir Donald Mann themselves! Why have they not stated under oath whether or not they made money out of contracts? It is all very fine to have affidavits from other people who swear that they "believe" this or that to be the case, but why are there no affidavits from the two railway magnates themselves? They do not merely "believe" the facts to be thus and so; they know the facts, they know how much money they made out of contracts and in other ways; why are there no affidavits from them? Why has Premier Borden so carefully refrained from placing them on record?

Some Tory papers are still trying to make the farmers believe that Ontario is the only real market for New Brunswick potatoes. This old Tory chestnut received a hard knock last fall when the Underwood tariff bill became law in the United States. Under the lower rate of duty no less than six hundred and fifty thousand bushels of New Brunswick potatoes found their way into the American market in three months. The wonderful Ontario market is in existence at that time but for some reason or other shippers appeared to fight shy of it. The records show that for every carload of potatoes which went to Ontario from this province during three months of 1913, ten went to the United States.

With the MacKenzie and Mann bill before parliament, calling for a bond guarantee of forty-five million dollars, the time was most opportune to secure additional aid for the Valley Railway bridges. Hon. Mr. Hazen and his Tory supporters from New Brunswick appear to have taken advantage of the golden opportunity. It is an ill wind that blows nobody good.

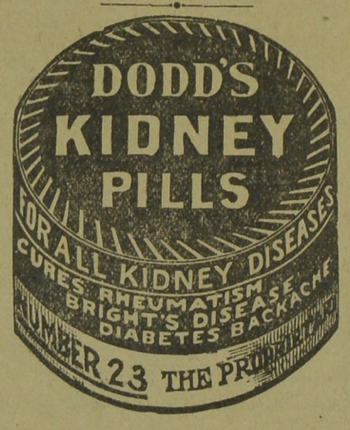
The bill granting aid to MacKenzie and Mann to the extent of forty-five million dollars has been given its second reading in the house of commons. It is generally supposed that the chief beneficaries of this legislation assisted in saving the empire two years by contributing liberally to the Tory boodle fund.

The British parliament has passed the Welsh disestablishment bill for the third time and it now becomes law, regardless of what action the house of lords may take. It is a practical measure of justice and reform and its passage is in keeping with a pledge made by the Liberals some years ago.

The steamboat service on the St. John River this season is quite up to the standard. There are two good boats plying between Fredericton and St. John and there is also the Gagetown service. The outlook for a big tourist travel on the river during the coming season promises to be good.

The hack organs of the Tory party are handing out bouquets to Col. John Babington Macaulay Foreshores Baxter. This may be taken as prima facie evidence of an early reorganization of the provincial government.

The Tory government at Ottawa is still dashing away and spending the money.



URBAN STOCK COMPANY HERE TONIGHT

The Urban Stock Company, featuring Mis Marion Johnquest, late leading lady of "The Fortune Hunter," "The Man On the Box" and "Driftwood" will commence a three day engagement at the Opera House tonight in "The Lion and The Mouse" and is easily the greatest play ever written by Mr. Chas. Klein. Although he has to his credit such successes as "The Gamblers," with its vivid picture of frenzied finance, "The Third Degree," in which he gave such a dramatic presentation of police methods, "The Music Master," with its intense heart interest and vivid chara(terization and many other New York hits. "The Lion and the Mouse" is the master piece of the master dramatist. He has given us more vivid pictures of frenzied finance in "The Lion and the Mouse" than he did in the "Gamblers," a more accurate picture of the contest between law and big business than in "The Third Degree" a more gripping heart interest than in "The Music Master." He has made the play seem so real and the situations so natural while the development is told with such an imaginative understanding, such romantic flavor anh richness of style that "The Lion and the Mouse" stands at the head of the dramas of today. The delicate humor, the gentle pathos, the tender sentiment, the gripping interest and truthfulness to life which characterize all of Mr. Klein's work stamps "The Lion and The House" as a work of genius.

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SECOND LARGEST 'PHONE

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now owned by the N. B. Telephone Company is about 15,000. Of that number some 1,600 were added last year. A number of new copper circuits were also put in last year and some new farmers' lines. It is said that the latter are not very profitable to the company, however.

THOSE HERE.

It is expected that the old board directors will be elected at tonight's meeting and the usual formal business transacted. Among those who will attend the meeting are President S. H. White of Sussex, Mayor F. B. Black, A. W. Bennett, Sackville; F. B. Carvell, M.P. of Woodstock; R. O'Leary of Richibucto, J. M. Robinson, H. P. Robinson, R. B. Emerson, Lt.-Col. J. L. McAvity, St. John; W. B. Snowball of Chatham, A. R. Slipp M.P.P., and Hon. F. P. Thompson of Fredericton. A. W. McMachin, secretary-treasurer, and O. J. Fraser, superintendent, are also here.

WORLD'S NEWS IN SHORT METRE

New York, May 21—Bank of England rate unchanged.

C. & O. directors meet at 2.15 today to act on dividend.

No bill received from Tennessee $9,000,000 state refunding bonds.

Illinois public Utilities Commission authorizes Illinois Central to issue $15,000,000 bonds.

Missouri wheat crop cut down one third by fly ravages.

New York Legislature appropriates $100,000 for public service commission to appraise N.Y. Telephone property.

Foley Committee gets no funds.

Reichstag adjourn without action on government's bill to create petroleum monopoly and expel Standard Oil from country.

Standard Oil of Ohio declares regular quarterly dividend of $3.

12 industrials declined .20.

STOCK MARKET

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PRESS COMMENT

N. Y. Herald—While investors are not clamoring for stocks they are not selling.

N. Y. Commercial—The fight in Montreal, May 21—The B. C. Packers association have issued the following circular to holders of preferred and common shares of the British Columbia Packers Association:—The Board of Directors of the British Columbia Ass'n have decided that in the best interests of the shareholders, the business of the Company should be conducted by a corporation organized under the laws of the Dominion of Canada. For this purpose British Columbia Fishing and Packing Co. Ltd has been incorporated under the Dominion Law with a capital stock of five millions, divided into fifty thousand shares of one hundred dollars each all of one class.

high financial quarters to eliminate certain interests from the railroad field of this country now threatens and involves the Western Maryland.

N. Y. American—Stocks are strong firm and steady, with an absolute deadlock between buyer and seller.

N. Y. Sun—The dullness of the market is impressive and by courageous operations for short account in consequence of which depressed sentiment finds no very marked reflection in the movements.

(Quotations by J. M. Robinson & Sons, Bankers and Brokers, Fredericton, N.B.)

	Open	Noon
Copper	72½	72⅞
Brooklyn	92¼	92¼
C. P. R.	194⅝	194½
Great Northern	127¼	127¼
Northern Pacific	111	110¾
Penna	112	111⅞
Reading	166	166⅝
Union Pacific	157⅝	157½
Southern Pacific	93⅞	93¼
U. S. Steel	62½	62½

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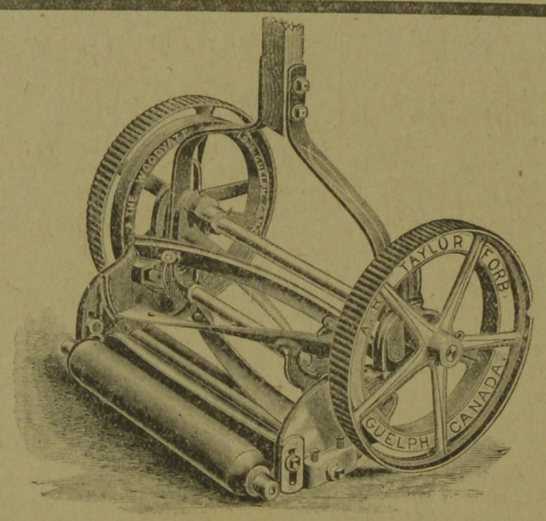

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