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### AGAINST THE PEOPLE

The Tory majority in parliament declared against the interests of the farmers and consumers by voting down Sir Wilfrid Laurier's proposal for free wheat and free agricultural implements. The present government is bound hand and foot to the big interests and would be afraid to do anything calculated to relieve the masses even if it were so disposed. The Manitoba legislature, which is about three-quarters Tory, adopted a unanimous resolution a few months ago declaring for free wheat, a great majority of the people of Alberta and Saskatchewan favor it, yet the Borden government, fearing loss of support from the millers and big railway corporations, refused to take advantage of the generous offer embodied in the Underwood tariff bill which provides for the admission of wheat and wheat products into the United States free of duty. Canada at the present time produces about two hundred million bushels of wheat and finds a market at home for one-quarter of it. The rest is available for export and a considerable quantity goes to the British Isles, where it meets competition with wheat from Russia, the Argentine Republic and other countries. Canada is undoubtedly one of the greatest wheat producing countries in the world and our wheat is admitted to be of the very finest quality. The United States millers want it to mix with the softer grades of wheat of Kansas and the Middle West and are willing to pay a good price for it. The wheat-growers of Western Canada want access to the United States market but the Borden government, in its slavish subservience to the big interests, says that this shall not be.

In regard to flour, the Underwood tariff provides for its free admission to the United States from all countries which admit American flour free of duty. The Canadian duty on flour is sixty cents per barrel, which means a heavy tax on every family in this country rich or poor. The larger the family the more flour it consumes and the heavier the tax. That the duty enhances the price and puts more money into the pockets of the miller is shown by the fact that in free trade England, Canadian flour is actually sold at a lower figure than prevails in Canada. No less an authority than Hon. George E. Foster was compelled to admit this to be true in his speech on the budget in parliament last week. Yet the Borden government in order to enable the milling companies to pile up enormous profits, refuses to take advantage of the offer of the United States for reciprocity in flour, when by doing so it would instantly confer a direct benefit upon every family in this country.

The most preposterous of modern fallacies or of ancient fallacies revamped is the Tory contention that people can be made rich by taxation. True, those who are directly benefited by tariff favors can and do get rich, but their wealth is acquired at the expense of the farmers and wage-earners of the country. It is simply a case of robbing Peter to pay Paul and the classes are enriched at the expense of the masses. The manufacturers can roll about the country in their automobiles but the farmers and workingmen who produce the wealth are not privileged to enjoy such luxuries. There is nothing for them but hard work and a barbarous tariff enables others to reap the reward of their labors. The necessity for a revenue to efficiently carry on the government of the country furnishes the only justification for taxing the people. Canadians now maintain hundreds of branch customs houses throughout the country and what is it done for? It is done in order that they may be mulcted to the tune of fifteen to thirty-five per cent. on all goods imported or manufactured in this country. It is done in order that one class may flourish at the expense of another. With all

due deference to the big interests, it is beginning to look as if the time will soon arrive when the people will demand a change.

### SOME STATISTICS AND A MORAL

It is noticeable that during the present debate on the tariff the Conservative speakers have steered clear of discussing the problem of the high cost of living. But although they may ignore the problem and talk in general terms about the necessity of developing manufacturing industries in Canada by continuing the protective tariff or even increasing it in order to shut out foreign competition, the people of Canada cannot ignore the fact that the cost of living has gone up in this country at a more rapid rate than any other country. In the last twelve years the cost of living has increased in the various countries as follows:

Belgium, thirty-two per cent.  
France, twenty-eight per cent.  
Germany, twenty-eight per cent.  
Japan, twenty-eight per cent.  
United States, forty-three per cent.  
Great Britain, fifteen per cent.  
Canada, fifty-one per cent.

In the last five years the average increase in the cost of living throughout the civilized countries of the world is ten to twelve per cent. In Canada it has increased by thirty-five per cent.

In Canada the cost of living is still steadily going up. In all the other countries, according to the latest returns, the tendency is now in the other direction. In the United States especially, where the Underwood tariff is now beginning to show its effect, there has been during the last two or three months a marked drop in the average cost of the necessities of life. The people of the United States have free food, free agricultural implements and lower tariffs generally on the things which the poor man has to provide for his daily sustenance. At the present time the index number, showing the average cost of living in the United States, is the lowest reported since October, 1911. In Canada it is the highest. And Canada is the only country where tariff revision upwards is now being attempted. Liberalism is busy in the Commons drawing the moral from cause and effect.

### NAVIGATION BEGINS TODAY

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a position with the Fredericton S. S. Company as accountant and W. F. Hatheway will be agent for the Crystal Stream S. S. Company as last year.

It is expected that it will be some days before the ice is all out. There is a considerable amount of drift ice at the present time. The ice which formed in a small jam near Springhill after the Macnaquac jam broke, went out yesterday afternoon, and the river now is clear except above Grand Falls.

Several coal-laden sailing vessels bound for this port which have been held at St. John awaiting the opening of river navigation will arrive next week.

### BULL MOOSERS

### BOLT TORY CAUCUS

Ottawa, April 28—At the crack of the party whip, the Conservative caucus this morning formally endorsed the government's proposals practically giving MacKenzie & Mann, and their associated forty-five million dollars of the people's money in return for forty million dollars par value of Canadian Northern stock of unknown or doubtful intrinsic value.

The bargain is still to be completed in parliament and the government has still to face not only the opposition of the Liberals but also the opposition of some of its own followers who are openly protesting against swallowing the pill at the behest of party discipline and temporary political expediency.

Two of the leading Conservatives, Messrs. R. B. Bennett and W. F. Nickle kicked over the traces at once as soon as the proposition was placed before caucus and they left the gathering to make a public declaration of the fact that they were irrevocably opposed to a proposition which considered only the interests of the railway promoters and not the interests of the public.

William Carpenter of Pawtucket, R.I. has sent Junie Mace, 214 to John Page at Narragansett.

### Notice

The price of milk delivered by H. F. Fisher in Marysville will continue as it is for the summer months, seven cents per quart.

## FRECKLES

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### LITTLE MOVING

According to report changes of residence on May 1st will be much fewer than they usually are. The demand for suitable dwellings in Fredericton is greater and removals are made only when circumstances absolutely compel.

### TEA WHEN YOU'RE SICK

It is tea and toast, not coffee and toast, that go to the sick room. Neither the stomach or the nerves of the sick are strong enough to endure coffee.

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### HE LACKS METHOD.

The Fredericton Correspondent of The Chatham Commercial who according to the Woodstock Press is supposed to be George Bidlake writes of Premier Flemming as follows:—

"It is not unlikely that this session has seen the last of the Government as at present constituted. It has been common knowledge for some time that Mr. Flemming wished to retire, for the work has told upon him. Five years ago his hair was barely grey; today it is almost snow white, at 46. He is a man, who has an infinite capacity for work. He has tried not only to run his own particular department, but keeps his hands on all other departments at the same time. This is more than any man can do, without it telling on him."

Eddie Haywood is training at Cleveland.

### APPLY FOR INCORPORATION

Application for the incorporation of Atlantic Constructions, Limited, is made in this week's Royal Gazette. The capital stock is to be \$49,000 and the head office is to be at St. John. The applicants are J. H. Gorman, Evelyn Gorman, R. C. Gilmour, Oscar King and E. G. Weyman of St. John.

### SOMETIMES

Sometimes the prodigal son comes back wearing a monocle.

## GO AT YOUR HOUSECLEANING RIGHT

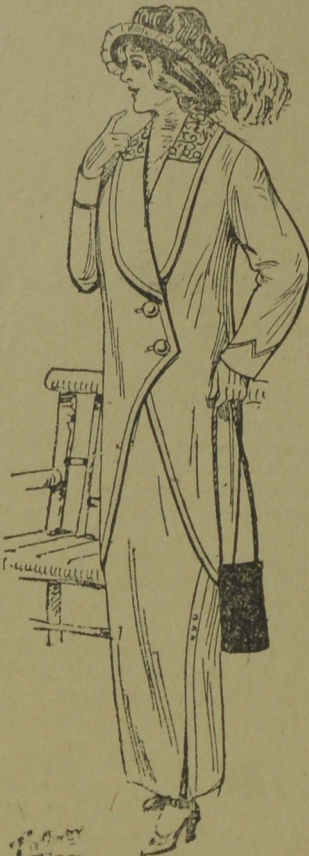
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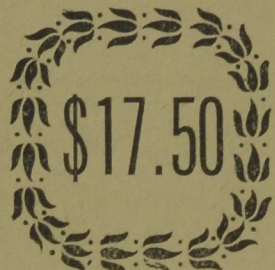
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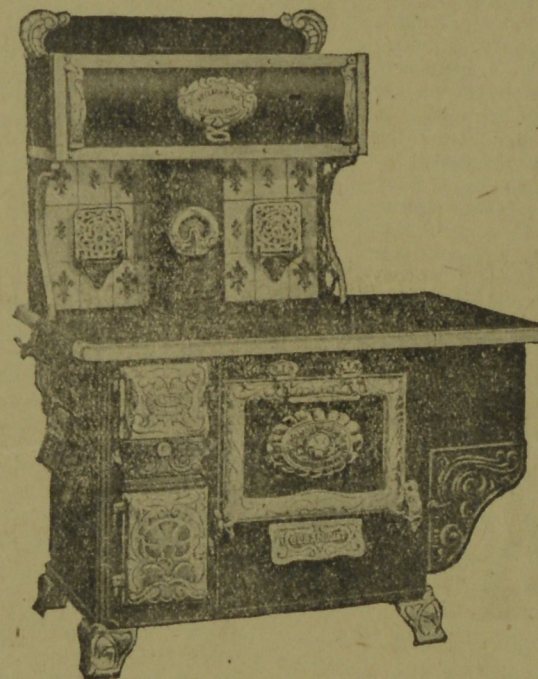
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