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PROTECTION AND THE WORKING MAN.

To no class in Canada was the change of government in 1896, more important than to the workingman. Previous to that time our people had to seek employment across the border, and not only our own people, but a very large number of those who had emigrated to our shores. Now all is changed. Emigrants are coming in from the United States at the rate of 50,000 per year. The constant cry from every part of the Dominion, and from almost every branch of industry in Canada is for more men. The workingman from the farm laborer to the skilled mechanic is in demand and commands the highest wages.

This phase of the situation is accentuated by some recent occurrences in Canada. A short time since the Canadian Manufacturers Association put forth a statement to the effect that more than 11,000 skilled laborers were needed in Canada. The Trades and Labor Council through their vice-president wrote the Association and undertook to supply men for all the positions that the Association could show vacant. A list was immediately supplied to the Labor Unions. After considerable delay the Labor Unions notified the Manufacturers that up to that time they had been unable to secure men to fill the positions and asked for further time to enable them to do so. The Labor Unions of the upper provinces are still struggling with the problem.

Just think what the conditions above mentioned disclose as to the great industrial development of Canada under Liberal rule. It must be borne in mind that those conditions exist in face of the fact that more workingmen have been added to our population during the eight years of Liberal rule than in the whole eighteen years of Tory rule, and still the cry is for more, more to work in our factories, more to till our farms, more to work in our mines, more to cut down and manufacture into timber our vast and valuable forests.

It needs no statistics to convince the workingmen of Canada that there is plenty of employment and at highly remunerative wages. But to measure the increase during the seven years of Liberal rule, with the increase during the last seven years of Tory rule is a most interesting study for all.

Total value of exports of Canadian products:

1889.....\$80,272,456
1896.....109,707,803

Total increase during last seven years of Tory rule \$29,435,347 or at the rate of \$4,205,049 per year.

1896.....\$109,707,803
1903.....214,401,674

Total increase during first seven years of Liberal rule \$104,693,871, or at the rate of \$14,956,267 per year.

Those figures ought to gladden the heart not only of every working man but of every Canadian. These products are from our fisheries, mines, forest, farms and manufactures, and mean not only increased employment to the working man, but that the people of Canada under Liberal rule have more money in their pockets than they had under Tory rule. But why is it that the loyal Tory press of Canada are not proclaiming these facts and figures to the world? Be-

cause it condemns them and their policy.

Instead of doing so the Tory party and press are calling out for higher protection such as they had before the Liberals came into power. The figures above quoted show that the people of Canada under Liberal rule are putting in their pockets \$3 where they only put \$1 in under Tory rule, and is a sufficient answer to that cry. If any further answer is needed it is only necessary to point to the United States with its high protection and at this moment nearly 500,000 working men walking the streets out of employment, or working at reduced wages and the bloodshed that is entailed thereby, is unknown to Canada.

The above facts should serve as an object lesson to the people at large, and as a rebuke to those discontented Tory politicians who find no better employment than running down the country that gives them and all Canadians a better living and greater freedom and comfort than any other under the sun.

Speaking of the Saturday Review's complaint that "the Canadian frontier is simply undefended and the leaders on both sides have no plan for its defence," The New York World says: "If the Review knows of any plan by which effective defences can be provided along a boundary line of 3,000 miles without bankrupting the empire, the government would probably be willing to consider its plans. It may comfort the Review to know, however, that during a period of more than 123 years Canada has never been successfully invaded from the United States. The best defences the British government has yet erected are the excellent relations between the Empire and the United States."

Under extreme protection statistics were compiled by Conservative workers to show that the country was prosperous. Now under the Liberal tariff statistics are compiled to show that the country is being ruined. The difficulty lies in the fact that prosperity is now general, while under extreme protection there was depression with an exodus. Anyone pointing this out is styled a theorist and a Cobdenite.

THE SPRINGHILL ROAD.

A Correspondent Who Thinks There Is Room for Improvement.

To the Editor of The Herald:

Dear Sir.—Who is responsible? This is a question which has been frequently asked and discussed by those having occasion to drive over the road (so called) between Springhill and the city. What gives rise to the same is the state of the road as being repaired along by what is called the cross road and over Gardener Creek. Certainly we have gone away back to past generations to allow such an imposition as to call this road work. The road has been piled a foot high with black mud from drains and the sides are left perpendicular. This road, none to wide, is now dangerous for teams to pass, and if one should meet with a motor car, which I understand sometimes comes out this way, an accident could hardly be prevented. A little farther along there is a worn out culvert, dangerous to horses, and so right through the piece. Why do the residents of Kingsclear, who pay a very large proportion of taxes, permit this state of affairs to continue. I cannot see.

Some visitors, while enjoying the beauty of the country and city, expressed the opinion that if the roads and drives in the vicinity of the city were looked after and kept in proper condition, especially the road referred to, it would be an advantage in advertising our fair city.

I understand that the government have promised some prominent citizens to give substantial aid in this way, but time goes on and what is being done at present is so much lost money and time.

We want a good, modern road, wide enough for two teams loaded to pass without being ditched, the sides of the road to be kept clear of bushes and obstructions for lurking highwayman, and inducement held out to residents to grade and beautify the land along the road side, doing away with unsightly fences, and we will have a drive not surpassed in the world for beauty and variety and appreciated by those having to travel the same.

Yours respectfully,

KINGSCLEAR.

MASONIC GRAND LODGE.

List of Officers Chosen for the Ensuing Year.

Aug. 23.—The Grand Lodge of Free Masons resumed its work promptly at 8 o'clock. W. A. Trueman, of Albert county, presented his commission as grand representative of Costa Rica and E. J. G. Knowlton as grand representative of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina. They were received with grand honors and both made suitable response to the conferring of the honor upon them.

The grand lodge then proceeded to the election of officers and the grand master appointed A. R. Campbell, John McAllister and F. H. Wetmore scrutineers. The following were elected:

Edwin J. Everett, St. John Grand Master.

R. S. Barker, Fredericton, Deputy Grand Master.

Ralph A. March, Hampton, Sr. Grand Warden.

Rober Morrison, Sussex, Jr. Grand Warden.

Rev. C. D. Schofield, Hampton, G. Chaplain.

F. J. G. Knowlton, Grand Treasurer.

R. Clerke, Grand Tyler.

Consideration of Rev. W. H. Sampson's resolution to change the mode of nomination of elective officers to written nomination, was deferred until 2.30 this afternoon, to which hour the grand lodge took recess.

Mr J Wesley Hoyt, collector of customs at McAdam, was in the city today, a guest at Long's Hotel.

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